

8:00 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING

"Morning Has Broken"

Ioel Raney

WELCOME

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

AWAKENING OF LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let Israel say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let the house of Aaron say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let all who fear the Lord say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship the risen God!

†"ALL THE EARTH WILL SING YOUR PRAISE"

Paul Baloche

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

On this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you, loving God, honestly naming the truth about our lives. In our lives we often sink under piles of shame, judgment, and self-pity, at times feeling closer to hell than heaven. Awaken us, oh God. Bring us back to life. Restore, refresh, and renew us in body, mind and heart. In the name of the risen Christ we pray...(silent prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

†SUNG RESPONSE

"Glory to God"

Paul Vasile

†TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUKE 24:1-12

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

MESSAGE

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

"Coming Back to Life: Awakening" Scripture: Luke 24:13-32

†"MORNING HAS BROKEN"

Gaelic Melody

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Laura Sherwood

SHARING OUR GIFTS (See back for other giving options.)

"I Will Rise" Giglio, Tomlin, Reeves and Maher

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†"HE LIVES"

Alfred Ackley

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Please stand as you are able.

Music: Sam Baker, guitar/vocals; Todd Smith, drums; Chris Urban, piano

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, X, at @FirstPresAh, and Instagram, at @firstpresah. We look forward to connecting with you again. Please scan the OR code to visit our website for more information.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship. Child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am - 11:45 am).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags for children are available at the Sanctuary and Chapel entrances. Please put used bags in the basket after worship.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/experience/ livestream. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon, search Apple podcasts for The Word @ First Pres. Past sermons are available at firstpresah.org/experience/sermons.

SOURCES FOR WORSHIP

All liturgies are from Call to Worship Year C, Presbyterian Publishing; scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).



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LENTEN SEASON 2025

"Awakening is found in our pleasure and our pain, our confusion and our wisdom, available in each moment of our weird, unfathomable, ordinary everyday lives." —Pema Chödrön

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD **EASTER DAY**

APRIL 20, 2025 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

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9:30 & 11:00 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

"An Easter Celebration" First Pres Brass and Organ

The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Rev. Rebekah Anderson

AWAKENING OF LIGHT

Introit "Fanfare for Easter" Kenneth Walton

> "Christ is risen, Alleluia! Death hath no more dominion over Him, Christ is risen, Alleluia!' Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

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EASTER HYMN

Joel Raney

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"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

†HYMN 232

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear this good news: The Son of Man is not among the dead, but is among the living! The risen Lord wipes away all shame and casts light over every shadow. We are drenched in radiating mystery: God is with us. Receive the wonderful news: Through Christ, each of us is awakened and restored. In Jesus Christ you have come back to life.

♦GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

†TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE Rev. Barbara Gorsky

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

(Pew Bible, p. 860) Rev. Barbara Gorsky The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"No More Night"

Camp Kirkland

"The timeless theme, earth and heaven will pass away. It's not a dream, God will make all things new that day. Gone is the curse from which I stumbled and fell; evil is banished to eternal hell. No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again. Praises to the great "I Am", we will live in the light of the risen Lamb. See all around, now the nations bow down to sing. The only sound is the praises to Christ, our King. Slowly the names from the book are read; I know the King, there's no need to dread. See over there, it's a mansion prepared for me where I can live with my Savior eternally. Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!" Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-32

(Pew Bible, p. 860) Rev. Rebekah Anderson The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

"Coming Back to Life: Awakening"

†HYMN 664

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Sherwood

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING (See back for other giving options.)

OFFERTORY "And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth" F. Mendelssohn "And then, then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and your health shall speedily spring forth then; And the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you, the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord our creator, how excellent they Name is in all the nations, thou fillest heaven with thy glory. Amen!' Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

♦DOXOLOGY (Hymn 609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Laura Sherwood

One: Gracious God, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!"

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

C. M. Widor

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

†CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Is My Light"

Frances Allitsen "The Lord is my light, and my salvation. Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?" Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from the Fifth Organ Symphony First Pres Brass and Organ

Fellowship Time Hosts: The Grochocki Family

Preaching: Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Liturgists: Revs. Laura Sherwood & Barbara Gorsky

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban Tech Support and Livestream: Amy Senior and Jonah White

First Pres Brass: Eric Allen and Damian Guillen, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Todd Smith, trombone; Zachary Singer, percussion

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico Nancy Johnson Carole Anderson Connie Leach Denise Beihoffer Mollie Lumsden Laura Carlson Stu Olin Mary Clarbour Patty Richard Margie Conner Bea Sonderegger Terry Wade Nancy Conning Lin Willour Bill Dillon Mary Hebden

Friends & Family

John Hayes — friend of Mary
Kiepura
Judy — family of Mark Bishop
Monica Kotas — sister of Mario
Alberico
Lisa — daughter-in-law of Launa
Ismail
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie
Cerniglia

Betty Sanders — friend of the congregation

Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields

James Vasiliades — brother-in-law of Carolyn Nunley

Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law

of Al & Karen Wilson

Sympathy to

Bob Blaseck, on the death of his wife, Sally Blaseck Rev. Barbara Gorsky and family, on the death of her brother, Dave Weiss

Serving in the Armed Services

MU2 Wesley Carroll, Navy — son of Kevin and Amy Carroll, grandson of JoAnn Thompson

Lt. Col. Michael B. Ford, US Army Reserves — stepson of Kris Ford Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen

About First Pres

STAFF

Amy Senior, Jonah White

Interim Pastor / Head of Staff: **Business Administrator:** Debbie Walter Laura Sherwood **Interim Associate Pastor: Senior Administrative Assistant:** Barbara Gorsky Mary Fino Associate Pastor of Children, Youth Administrative Assistant / and Families: Rebekah Anderson Receptionist: Carol Vega Director of First Pres PDO & Associate Director of Music and **Organist:** Christopher Urban Preschool: Coleen Anzalone Director of Children's Choirs: Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson Nick Pulikowski **Custodian/Facility Monitors:** Worship Technicians: Joe Webb (mornings)

Save the Date

Iden Jajou (evenings)

Today	Easter Sunday Worship: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
April 21	Office Closed
April 27	Children's Musical (One worship service 10:30 am)
April 27	New Members Received
May 4	Celebration Sunday
May 7	Wednesdays@Noon
May 18	Baccalaureate Sunday
May 18	Concert Series: Organ Crawl
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PASTORAL CARE — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky, at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org, or 847-255-5900, extension 225 or Rev. Laura Sherwood, at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, extension 229 or call the office to share your pastoral needs.

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Church Life

April 20, 2025

We believe in building the kingdom of God in this world. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive church that celebrates the diversity existing in our community. That means bringing good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, welcoming the stranger, and loving one another as Jesus loves us. We do this by choosing love and being the light that changes the world. Thank you for worshiping with us in this spirit.

WRITE NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS —

As our Confirmands embark on new journeys of faith, we invite you to share words of encouragement and love with each of them. Decorated paper bags with the names of both our 8th grade Celebrants and our 10th grade Confirmands will be placed in the Narthex before and after worship and in Fellowship Hall during Family Night. We invite you to share words of encouragement, prayers and kindness to uplift our Confirmands. These will be given to them in worship on Celebration Sunday, May 4.

NEXT SUNDAY! CHILDREN'S MUSICAL DURING WORSHIP — Sunday, April 27 / 10:30 am / Sanctuary — Kindergarten-5th graders present Storms by Mark Burrows. Through music and fun, children will share about where God is during the storms in our lives. There will be only one worship service at 10:30 am.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED — Sunday, April 27 / 10:30 am / Sanctuary — Please join us in welcoming our newest members of the First Pres family of faith, who will be received during worship on Sunday, April 27.

April 20—Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

6:30 am Community Sunrise Service — North School Park
7:45 am – 12:15 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207
(Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
8:00 am Easter Worship — Chapel

9:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium

9:30 am Easter Worship — Sanctuary

10:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

11:00 am Easter Worship — Sanctuary

12:00 pm Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex



Upcoming Events

Family FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May — Come and share dinner and fellowship with families from First Pres and the broader community. This program includes dinner, adult education and programs for children and vouth.

Weekly Schedule:

6:00-7:00 pm: Drop-in dinner time for all ages 6:30-7:00 pm: Children's Choir (grades K-5) 7:00-8:00 pm: Classes and programs, including:

- ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
- Kids Connect (grades K-5)
- Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER CLASS: Let's Talk Gardening! — Wednesdays, April 23 & 30 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Chapel / Instructor: Pete Landwehr, Master Gardener — Join First Pres' own master gardener, Pete Landwehr, for a discussion about successful gardening of vegetables (April 23) and shrubs and perennials (April 30).

GARDENERS WANTED — Thursday, May 1 / 7:00 pm / Parlor — The church's gardeners are looking for additional volunteers to help maintain our landscaping. This meeting is a chance to meet other gardeners and ask any questions you may have. Please contact Walt Meyer at 847-253-1701 or aw5171@eathlink.net for more information.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY — Sunday, May 4 / During Worship Services — Join us to celebrate important milestones in the lives of our youth. We will celebrate their hard work and dedication learning about their faith and celebrate the culmination of their discernment following their time in Confirmation by welcoming them as members of the church. This is a special Sunday. We hope you'll join us!

WEDNESDAYS@NOON — Wednesday, May 7 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary — Join us for an afternoon recital featuring Christopher Urban, organ.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY — Sunday, May 18 / During Worship Services — Join us in celebrating our graduating students during worship at 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, May 18! We'll celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students and wish them well as they embark on new journeys. Do you know someone graduating from high school, college, graduate studies or a technical program? We want to recognize them in worship on Baccalaureate Sunday and give them a special gift. Please send information for your graduate by email to Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org or the church office. We look forward to celebrating with you in May!

CONCERT SERIES: ORGAN CRAWL — Sunday, May 18 / 4:00 pm — Join us for four, 20-minute organ concerts at four different Arlington Heights churches. We will begin at St. Peter Lutheran at 4:00 pm and conclude around 6:00 pm at First Pres with a light reception. The organ crawl will

Matthew Doran at St. Peter's Lutheran Matt Haider at Our Saviour's Lutheran Eunice Son at Southminster Presbyterian Christopher Urban at First Presbyterian

Serving, Giving, and Growing

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING COLLECTION — Final Day to Give — Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighborsin-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

CELEBRATING OUR PADS SUPPORTERS — Sunday, May 11 — Another successful PADS season is in the books and that calls for a celebration—of you! Join us on Sunday, May 11, for PADS Thank You Sunday. If you worked a shift, brought food, made linen bundles or donated money, we are grateful for your support. Volunteers will be recognized during each service, and everyone is invited to enjoy cake and community at Fellowship Time. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our church's long-standing commitment to serving the homeless in our community.

WE NEED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND MISSION FACTORY **VOLUNTEERS** — We need volunteers of all ages to make VBS and Mission Factory happen! VBS and Mission Factory will take place July 7-11. Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to help with VBS and youth in grades 9-12 are invited to help with Mission Factory. Mark your calendar, VBS and Mission Factory training will take place on Sundays, June 22 and June 29, following worship at 11:45 am in the Boardroom, and on Tuesdays, June 24 and July 1, at 6:30 pm in the Boardroom. We appreciate your generosity and hope you can join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — July 7-11 / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm — Calling all 4-year-old preschool children through incoming 4th graders: This year we'll embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9, "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all "travelers" on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous pup, Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Get ready for twists, turns and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip! We'll discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends and experience God's goodness together. Register online or contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson.

MISSION FACTORY — July 7-11 / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm — Calling all incoming 5th and 6th graders: Join us for Mission Factory where we'll learn about sharing God's love through mission. This summer, we'll focus on living with peace and non-violence with friends from Novi and Young Peacebuilders. You won't want to miss this opportunity to grow in God's love and have fun together. Register online or contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson.

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS — Mark your calendars! Summer will be here before we know it, which means we'll have one of the most exciting experiences of our year: Summer Mission Trips! Middle schoolers will be going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from June 22 through 27 with Youthworks. High Schoolers will go to North Carolina to help with natural disaster relief July 20 through 26. See the Youth Ministries Weekly News email for more information. If you're interested in joining the Middle School or High School Mission Trip this summer, please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson.

JOIN THE FIRST PRES GOLF LEAGUE — The First Pres Golf League is organizing teams for the season at Palatine Hills Golf Course. During May through August, we will have Tuesday evening tee-times for 9-hole rounds. Whether you are already a great golfer or just learning how to play, you are welcome to join the league. We also need substitutes! Please contact Arlene Bullerman at 847-670-0319 or abullerman@earthlink.net.

Worship Next Sunday

April 27, 2025: Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 am — Children's Musical (Sanctuary)

Music: Children's Choir

Scriptures: Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7; Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Title: "Storms"

If you give electronically but would like to put something in the offering plate, we invite you to use the laminated bookmarks available in the pew rack in front of you. We will be keeping you abreast of your generosity.

> Bookmarks \$295.00

GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) — Our second quarter bookmarks will go to support PDA's California fire relief efforts. PDA has been actively engaged in responding to the devastating wildfires affecting communities within the Pacific, San Gabriel, and San Fernando Presbyteries.

WEDDING & FUNERAL GUILD VOLUNTEERS WANTED — Please consider joining our newly created Wedding & Funeral Guild and be a part of something special. For more information, please contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org.



爾琴德 PADS NEEDS HELP! FINAL WEEKS! — We need your help! We are a church that has supported PADS for over 30 years, and we need volunteers to step up and sign up to work the various shifts. The QR volunteers to step up and of the sign up page.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HOST SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME — Fellowship Time takes place after worship services for about 30 minutes. Anyone can host! Gather your family, a group of families, a group of friends, your book club, or your committee and scan the QR code to sign-up.

FAMILY NIGHT HELP WANTED — There are many ways to help support this vital ministry to church and community members. Please consider ways you could help:

- Sponsor the full or partial cost of dinner for one night (average cost is \$400 for 100 people). Contact Debbie Walter in the Church office or choose "Family Night" from the dropdown on our Giving page.
- Bring Dessert
- Wash Dishes & Cleanup
- Attend! Your presence is the best gift of all!!

FOOD BARREL COLLECTION — The Mission Committee has voted to direct the donation of nonperishable food items to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. Please place items in the barrels located in the Narthex and outside the Chapel. Thank you for your past and continued support!