

9:00 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Marianne Kim

WELCOME

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our shepherd,

All: we lack nothing.

One: Though we may walk through the darkest valley,

All: we fear no evil, for God is with us.

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,

All: and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

One: Let us worship God!

†"LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH"

Matt Redman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS Rev. Anderson Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Iesus just as he does at his table...(silent prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

†SUNG RESPONSE

"Glory to God"

Paul Vasile

†Time of Greeting

Rev. Laura Sherwood

PADS RECOGNITION

Cathy Mataloni

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Laura Sherwood

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

PSALM 23

MESSAGE

"Through the Eyes of Faith"

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Scripture: John 10:22-30

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

"Come Just As You Are"

Joseph Sabolick

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Revs. Gorsky & Anderson

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All are invited to share the Lord's Supper. There is a station with wafers that are free of common food allergens with a separate cup located on the main floor.)

COMMUNION PRAYER

†"LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH"

Rick Founds

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Please stand as you are able.

Music: Sam Baker, guitar; 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, Presbyterian Publishing; scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 11, 2025 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

"Beside Still Waters"

Joe Utterback

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

WELCOME Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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†HYMN 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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SILENT CONFESSION

(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time) ...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the sound of your Shepherd's voice: Jesus says, I give you eternal life. You will never perish. No one can snatch you out of my hand. Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured and safe.

♦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

PADS RECOGNITION

Cathy Mataloni

COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Laura Sherwood

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

(Pew Bible, p. 435) Rev. Laura Sherwood The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

(Pew Bible, p. 873) Rev. Barbara Gorsky The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Through the Eyes of Faith"

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

† HYMN 803"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

CALL AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

(See back for other giving options.)

OFFERTORY "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Thomas Matthews

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths on righteousness for His name's sake. Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Chancel Choir; Diana Richardson, soprano

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Revs. Barbara Gorsky & Laura Sherwood

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please partake of the bread as it is served. We will hold the cup and drink together. There are wafers provided on each tray that are free of these common food sensitivities: gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, soy, low/no sodium.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Matthew Glandorf

†CHORAL RESPONSE "Peace I Leave with You"

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give unto you." Chancel Choir

Postlude

"Toccata on 'Diademata' "

Nancy Hill Cobb

Fellowship Hosts: PADS Steering Team

Preaching: Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Liturgists: (9:00 am) Revs. Laura Sherwood & Rebekah Anderson

(10:30 am) Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Carole Anderson
Denise Beihoffer
Laura Carlson
Mary Clarbour
Nancy Conning
Bill Dillon
Nancy Johnson

Connie Leach
Mollie Lumsden
Kathy Miles
Stu Olin
Patty Richard
Bea Sonderegger
Terry Wade

Friends & Family

congregation

John Hayes — friend of Mary
Kiepura
Judy — family of Mark Bishop
Monica Kotas — sister of Mario
Alberico
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie
Cerniglia
Betty Sanders — friend of the

Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields James Vasiliades — brother-in-law of Carolyn Nunley Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law

of Al & Karen Wilson

Serving in the Armed Services

MU2 Wesley Carroll, Navy — son of Kevin and Amy Carroll, grandson of JoAnn ThompsonLt. Col. Michael B. Ford, US Army Reserves — stepson of Kris Ford

Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen

About First Pres

STAFF

Today

Mar. 12

Laura Sherwood

Barbara Gorsky

and Families: Rebekah Anderson Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Associate Pastor of Children, Youth

Interim Pastor / Head of Staff:

Interim Associate Pastor:

Director of Children's Choirs: Nick Pulikowski

Worship Technicians: Amy Senior, Jonah White **Business Administrator:**

Debbie Walter

Senior Administrative Assistant:

Mary Fino

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega

Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Custodian/Facility Monitors: Joe Webb (mornings)

Save the Date

May 13	Summer Chimes Deadline
May 14	Family Night Year-end Celebration
May 18	Baccalaureate Sunday
May 18	Concert Series: Organ Crawl
May 21	Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon
June 1	Pride Parade
June 8	Pentecost Offering
June 14	Summer Concert: Christopher Urban
June 28	Summer Concert: Myroslav Mykhailenko
July 12	Summer Concert: Bruce Blanck and Friends
July 26	Summer Concert: Marianne Kim

PADS Thank You Sunday

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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

May 11, 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.

CELEBRATING OUR PADS SUPPORTERS — *Today* — Another successful PADS season is in the books and that calls for a celebration—of you! 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.

SUMMER *CHIMES* **DEADLINE** — *Tuesday*, *May* 13 — Deadline for articles for the combined June, July & August issue of the Chimes is Tuesday, May 13. Please submit articles to maryfino@firstpreash.org.

NEXT WEEK: 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 call the church office. We look forward to celebrating with you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED — Are you passionate about crafts and working with children? We are still in need of one volunteer to lead the Craft Station for VBS this summer. Interested? Contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY HELP WANTED — Monday, May 26 — First Pres will once again extend hospitality to parade viewers on Monday morning, May 26. If you are interested in helping, contact Arlene Bullerman at abullerman@earthlink.net or 847-670-0319.

May 11 — Fourth Sunday of Easter / Holy Communion

8:45am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion — Chapel

10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium

10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion — Sanctuary

11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

5:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Bell Choir Room 5:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir/HSYG Dinner — Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym



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 youth.

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)

FAMILY NIGHT YEAR-END CELEBRATION — May 14 — Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by special activities for all!

May 21 / Special Program Dinner for Children, Youth, and Families — Contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — Presbyterian Women (PW) is a community of women helping to make a difference in the lives of others. Join us for the last meetings of the season. For more information, contact Ingrid Kaufman at ingridkaufman@icloud.com.

Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, May 14 / 9:30 am / Parlor Circle 7: Tuesday, May 20 / 7:00 pm / Parlor

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, 111 W. Olive Street at 4:00 pm and conclude around 6:00 pm at First Pres with a light reception. The organ crawl will feature:

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S (PW) SALAD LUNCHEON — Wednesday, May 21 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall — Please bring a dish to pass. Following the luncheon we will welcome Amanda Moller, owner of a new store in Arlington Heights called Greener Good. Amanda will explain her vision for this creative reuse shop which receives and shares second hand arts and craft supplies to support schools, non-profits and workshops. All are welcome!

TIME TO SHOW YOUR PRIDE! — Sunday, June 1 / 11:00 am — The Mission Committee is again sponsoring an entry in the 7th Annual Buffalo Grove Pride Parade. Come out and show your support of our LGTBQ+ community at this fun family-friendly event. Questions? Contact Kim Hogan *K_Hogan2003@yahoo.com* or 847-641-1407.

NEW SUMMER CONCERT SERIES — Mark your calendars for these exciting artists and concerts this summer! These concerts will take place on a Saturday afternoon, with a light reception following. Each concert is free and open to the community. Bring a friend!

Saturday, June 14, 4:00 pm — Christopher Urban, organ Saturday, June 28, 4:00 pm — Myroslav Mykhailenko, piano

Saturday, July 12, 4:00 pm — Bruce Blanck and Friends

Saturday, July 27, 5:00 pm — Marianne Kim, organ and piano

Serving, Giving, and Growing

PENTECOST OFFERING — Sunday, June 8 — The Pentecost offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start — a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church. Congregations keep 40% to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. Please consider giving generously!

DONATE BACKPACKS FOR CHRISTOPHER HOUSE — Sundays, June 1, 8 & 15 — We are again collecting monetary donations to purchase backpacks for the students at Christopher House. When school begins in the fall, we want the children to have the excitement of new supplies. The suggested donation is \$20, but all donations are welcome! Please donate cash or checks (made payable to Presbyterian Women) or use the church's website choosing Christopher House Backpacks from the drop down menu. Your support is needed now more than ever! Thank you!

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY DINNERS & PRODUCE MARKET — This year we'll be offering produce and dinner for eight Wednesday evenings, from July 9 to August 27, from 6:00-7:00 pm. We'll be asking for volunteers in *June.* Ouestions? Please contact Carolyn Selke at 847-977-3865.

FAMILY NIGHT – THANK YOU!! — We want to say a big THANK YOU for everyone's help and support with Family Night. What a great program and year! Your support really meant a lot and we couldn't have pulled this off without all of you. Whether it was helping in the kitchen (cooking and cleaning), donating (desserts and money) or just showing up with a great attitude, you all made a big difference. It has been such a blessing continuing to be part of Family Night and having all you be part of it, too. We are deeply grateful! With heartfelt thanks, Betsy and Jenna

REGISTER NOW! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) for 4-year-old preschoolers-4th graders — July 7-11 / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm — 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, taking all "travelers" on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. 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.

REGISTER NOW! MISSION FACTORY for 5th & 6th graders — July 7-11 / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm — 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 — 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, WI, from June 22 through 27 with Youthworks. High Schoolers will go to Asheville, NC, to help with natural disaster relief July19 through 27. If you're interested in joining either mission trip this summer, please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson.

Worship Next Sunday

May 18, 2025: Fifth Sunday of Easter / Baccalaureate Sunday

9:00 am — Worship (Chapel) Music: Bruce Blanck Jazz Trio

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary) Music: Chancel Choir and Youth Choir

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood Psalm 148; John 13:31-35 Scriptures: Sermon Title: "Celebrate Our Graduates"

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	\$585.00
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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.

INSCRIBED BRICKS — Inscribed bricks in the Memorial Prayer Garden honor loved ones, living or deceased, in a beautiful setting. You can order an inscribed brick for a donation of \$50 for two lines (of 12 characters and spaces each) or \$65 for three lines. Forms are available in the church office or at firstpresah.org/ contact/forms/. For installation this fall, all orders are due in the church office by Monday, June 30. Questions? Please contact the church office.

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.



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.

LAST WEEK (MAY 14)! 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!