

9:00 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING "Just as I Am" Joel Raney

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is sovereign; let the earth rejoice!

All: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

One: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

All: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all peoples behold

One: For the Lord is most high over all the earth; God is exalted above all gods.

All: Let us worship God!

†"HOUSE OF THE LORD"

Phil Wickham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and they are many. Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again...(silent prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

†SUNG RESPONSE "Glory to God" Paul Vasile

†TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Rev. Laura Sherwood

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REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

MESSAGE "The Prayer That Holds Us"

Scripture: John 17:20-26

†"MAKE US ONE"

Twila Paris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

"They'll Know We are Christians" Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†"JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL"

Paul Oakley

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Laura Sherwood

Music: Kristen Walter, vocals; Chris Urban, piano; Bill Kidera, guitar; Tom Kidera, drums

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 QR 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

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SOURCES FOR WORSHIP

All litanies are from Call to Worship Journal, PC(USA); scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).



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"God is the still point at the center, holding us in love and prayer, now and always." — Julian of Norwich

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE 1, 2025 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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Please stand as you are able.

10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

"Steal Away"

Robert Haan

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

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Sherwood

INTROIT

"Siyahamba"

Victor Johnson

"Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkos. We are marching in the light of love." Children's Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director; Tom Kidera, drums

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†HYMN 620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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: Neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

♦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

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTER

Julie Hennessy

COMMUNITY LIFE

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (Pew Bible, p. 1009) Rev. Barbara Gorsky The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Howard Helvey

"Steal Away" "Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder, The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here."

Chancel Choir Howard Green, clarinet; Myroslav Mykhailenko, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26

(Pew Bible, p. 880) Rev. Laura Sherwood The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Prayer That Holds Us"

Rev. Laura Sherwood

†HYMN 649

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Fred Bock

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.

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

OFFERTORY "And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord"

"And did those feet in ancient time walk upon Israel's mountain green? And did the Christ of heaven come down? Was God in flesh both heard and seen? And did He die to prove His love? And did He rise more powerful still? And was His rule on earth started there upon Golgotha's tragic hill? Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my Chariot of Fire! I will not cease to spread His light: My faith a shield, His Word my sword; 'Til Christ, my God, is crowned as King, And all the earth shall own Him Lord.

Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY (Hymn 607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Laura Sherwood

One: Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory, in the name of Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

♦CHARGE **&** BENEDICTION

Rev. Laura Sherwood

†CHORAL RESPONSE "Peace I Leave with You" Matthew Glandorf

"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"

Michelle Leclerc

Please stand as you are able.

Fellowship Hosts: Nominating Committee

Flowers: Donald & Helen Ross—In memory of loved ones

Preaching: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Liturgists: (9:00 am) Revs. Rebekah Anderson & Barbara Gorsky

(10:30 am) Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico Nancy Johnson Carole Anderson Connie Leach Denise Beihoffer Mollie Lumsden Laura Carlson Kathy Miles Jo Christian Stu Olin Patty Richard Mary Clarbour Nancy Conning Kathy Sobeski Bill Dillon Bea Sonderegger Mary Hebden Terry Wade

Friends & Family

Henry Hagemann, Ir. — uncle of Lauren Kelleher John Hayes — friend of Mary Kiepura Judy — family of Mark Bishop Monica Kotas — sister of Mario Alberico Jason Krigas — brother of Lauren Kelleher

Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia 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 Thompson

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

About First Pres

STAFF

Laura Sherwood

Barbara Gorsky

Nick Pulikowski

Interim Pastor / Head of Staff:

Associate Pastor of Children, Youth

and Families: Rebekah Anderson

Associate Director of Music and

Organist: Christopher Urban

Director of Children's Choirs:

Interim Associate Pastor:

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

| Today | Pride Parade |
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| June 8 | Pentecost Offering / Volunteer Appreciation |
| June 14 | Summer Concert: Christopher Urban |
| June 15 | Trinity Sunday |
| June 19 | Office Closed for Juneteenth |
| June 28 | Summer Concert: Myroslav Mykhailenko |
| June 30 | Last Day to Order Inscribed Bricks |
| July 4 | Office Closed for Independence Day |
| July 9 | Wednesday Produce Market & Community Dinner Begin |
| July 12 | Summer Concert: Bruce Blanck and Friends |
| July 26 | Summer Concert: Marianne Kim |
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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

June 1, 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.

COME MEET THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Today / During

Fellowship Time — Strong leadership is essential to the health and mission of any church. At our church, the Nominating Committee plays a vital role in identifying members who feel called to serve and who demonstrate spiritual maturity, a heart for ministry and the willingness to lead. One of the committee's core commitments is to recommend leaders who reflect the diversity of our church in age, gender, background and life experience. The committee receives suggestions from the congregation, reviews each nominee's gifts and readiness for service, and confirms their understanding of the responsibilities involved. Ultimately, they present a slate of nominees to the congregation for a vote. If you feel led to serve, or if you know someone whose gifts would bless our church in leadership, please speak with a committee member. Your input is both welcome and important as we plan for the year ahead. Come meet the Nominating Committee members today during Fellowship Time.

TIME TO SHOW YOUR PRIDE! — Today / 11:00 am / Come to worship at 9:00 am and travel together - parking is limited! — 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 familyfriendly event. Questions? Contact Kim Hogan K Hogan2003@yahoo.com or 847-641-1407.

MUSIC AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: WORSHIP & BRUNCH — Sunday, June 8 — We celebrate our music ministry and all who volunteer their time and gifts to make all the ministries at First Pres possible. Please join us after worship on Sunday, June 8, for brunch in Fellowship Hall hosted by our children and youth to say thank you. If you can't stay for brunch, please stop by the Parlor after worship for some fellowship time and continental breakfast offering.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP REFURBISHING OUR HANDBELLS — Our request to fund the refurbishment of the handbells has been fully funded. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and it will keep our bell choirs equipped to ring well into the future. The bells will be packed up and sent to Pennsylvania in time for their return in August for the start of our next choir season.

<u>Iune 1 — Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>

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 — Chapel

10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium

10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

10:30 am Worship — Sanctuary

11:00 am Buffalo Grove Pride Parade — Off-site

11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

6:00 pm HSYG — Fellowship Hall, HS Lounge

Upcoming Events

PENTECOST SUNDAY: WEAR RED, ORANGE OR YELLOW — Sunday, *Iune 8*— Help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday by wearing red, orange or yellow in recognition of the liturgical colors of the Spirit and Fire. This is also the last Sunday to give to the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering.

TRINITY SUNDAY — Sunday, June 15 — Trinity Sunday is a special time in the church year when we remember who God is: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian and yet very difficult to believe that God can be one and three. Plan to be in worship to celebrate the Trinity on Sunday, June 15.

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 26, 5:00 pm — Marianne Kim, organ and piano

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 July 19 through 27. If you're interested in joining either mission trip this summer, please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson.

REGISTER NOW! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) for 4-vear-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.

CALLING ALL VETERANS—AND ALL WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE

— Church member, Tom Carroll, took part in a deeply meaningful 3-day Honor Flight experience last summer. He'll be sharing about that journey in a special evening presentation at the church this July or August at 7:00 pm (exact date TBD). We'll also welcome a representative from Honor Flight Chicago (a 1-day experience) to share how veterans can sign up for either future flight. Veterans are especially encouraged to attend, but everyone is welcome! To help us choose the best date, let us know you're interested by contacting Rev. Laura Sherwood at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org or signing up in the Narthex.

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!

NEW! CONNECTIONS ON CALL — Would you consider yourself a handy person? Do you enjoy fixing things? Do you have any plumbing, carpentry or electrical knowledge? Would you like to offer your expertise and time to First Pres? If so, we invite you to consider having your name included on our "Connections on Call" list. What is "Connections on Call"? It is a recently formed list of First Pres members who are willing to contribute and consult on small projects and repairs around the church; think of it like a handyman (woman) type of service. We are always grateful for the contributions of members who are generous in sharing their expertise. Should you be willing to have your name added to the list or if you would like to learn more, please contact President of the Trustees, Steve Miller. Thank you for your consideration.

DONATE BACKPACKS FOR CHRISTOPHER HOUSE — Sundays, through *June 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 soon. Questions? Please contact Carolyn Selke at 847-977-3865.

ALL-AGES SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — We cannot wait for Summer Sunday School to begin! This summer we will have Sunday School from 10:30-11:30 am that is open to all children and youth. We'll be working together in the Loaves and Fishes Garden, learning Bible stories and playing games. Allages Summer Sunday School will meet on June 8 (Volunteer Appreciation Brunch Preparation), June 15, June 29, July 6, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10 and August 17. All-ages Sunday School will begin by meeting in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am before going to the Loaves and Fishes Garden (weather permitting). In cases of inclement weather, we will remain in Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for a great summer!

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP — The school year may be ending, but that doesn't mean programming for our youth is over! Throughout the summer, middle and high school youth will continue to meet for games, lessons and fellowship! Middle School Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm on June 11, June 18, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13 and August 20. High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm today, June 8, June 29, July 6, July 13, August 3, August 10 and August 17. We hope to see you there!

Worship Next Sunday

June 8, 2025: Day of Pentecost / Volunteer Appreciation

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir, Chancel Handbell Choir, First Pres Brass

Preacher: Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27 Scriptures:

Sermon Title: "The Promise of Connection"

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 | \$918.00 |
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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.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is ready for the summer season. If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for your graduation party, backyard BBQ or any event you are hosting. What exactly is Mary and Martha's Lending Closet? It's a one-stop shop for all things entertaining, from tables and chairs to serving dishes, dishes, glassware, vases, centerpieces, outdoor games and even a giant movie screen and projector for that fun backyard movie viewing. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, graduation party, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. What are the fees? Make a donation to benefit causes and organizations supported by First Pres. To make an appointment to reserve your items, email maryandmartha@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.

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!