## WELCOME, GUESTS!

### Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. 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, and Twitter, at @FirstPresAH. We look forward to connecting with you again.

### **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).

### **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

Large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers 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/media/live-stream. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon (available soon), visit firstpresah.org/media/podcast. Past sermons and other educational broadcasts are available through the Media section of our website.

## First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Organized in 1855



## **SUMMER WORSHIP**

"It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving."

—John Wesley

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LAY PREACHING SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 10:30 AM

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

One: Come and worship with me. Let us call on the name of the Lord.

All: We will make the deeds of the Lord known among all people.

"Commit Your Way to God the Lord"

Holy God, you are a God of abundance and generosity. You have shared

holding tightly to all that we have. We believe that we earned it ourselves.

Forgive our stinginess. Show us the way of cheerful givers. Prv open our

hands and our hearts. Remind us of what it means to live in abundance.

Forgive us the sin of coveting the possessions of others. Encourage us to

with us so that we may share with others. Too often we walk away

### GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** "Two Antiphons" Richard Clemmitt, organist

**†**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

One: Sing to God; sing praises to God.

All: We will glory in God's holy name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Acts 20:32-35

(Pew Bible, p. 905) Alex Lang The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Marcel Dupré

Alex Lang

Guilsborough

"The Call"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love." Alex Luke, tenor

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

(Pew Bible, p. 942) Kurt Ahlers

The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Better to Give Than to Receive"

Kurt Ahlers

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

**\$\Phi\array{A}FFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)** TC Anderson

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**†**HYMN 716

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Beach Spring

### GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

**OFFERING** 

"How Great Thou Art" arr. Stephen Paulus "O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder, consider all the works Thy hand hath made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration,

Alex Luke, tenor

And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!"

**DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

**OFFERTORY** 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** 

### GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**†**HYMN 714 "God of the Fertile Fields" Italian Hymn

**†**BENEDICTION TC Anderson

**POSTLUDE** "Fugue in G Major" Nicolaus Bruhns

Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Kurt Ahlers

**Greeters:** Jim and Mary Mayer

Jeff Leach (head usher), Barbara Martin **Ushers:** 

**Presbyterian Women**—In honor of those who serve Flowers:

Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson **Pastors: Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

## SILENT CONFESSION

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

WELCOME

**†**HYMN 706

...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

♦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.

live fully into your story of baskets left over.

**PASSING THE PEACE** 

Amen, Amen.

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

COMMUNITY LIFE