

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

**Thank you for worshipping 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](https://www.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](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream). To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon (available soon), visit [firstpresah.org/media/podcast](http://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

“America's freedom of religion, and freedom from religion, offers every wisdom tradition an opportunity to address our soul-deep needs: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, secular humanism, agnosticism, and atheism among others.”

—Parker Palmer

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JULY 15, 2018  
10:30 AM**

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**Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.**

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

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## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

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PRELUDE “Rondeau” *Joseph Mouret*  
“Air” *G. F. Handel*

WELCOME Alex Lang

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24)

One: Lift up your heads,  
**All: the earth belongs to God.**  
One: Be lifted up.  
**All: God has established the seas and the rivers.**  
One: Lift up your heads and be lifted up.  
**All: We come to worship the King of glory.**

✠HYMN I “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” Nicaea

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Merciful God, we close our hearts and our minds to new understandings. Forgive us and open our hearts and minds. We think there is only one way to be your church. Forgive us and help us to embrace new ways of being your church. We gather with people who think and look the same as we think and look. Forgive us and make us intentional about seeking new ideas and different ways of thinking.**

SILENT CONFESSION  
...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.  
Amen, Amen.**

✠PASSING THE PEACE  
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

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## HEARING GOD’S WORD

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 3:14-17  
(Pew Bible, p. 967) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Ye Servants of God” *Arr. Dick Bolks*  
*“Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name.  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.  
God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still He is nigh, His presence we have.  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.  
‘Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!’ Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the  
Lamb. Then let us adore and give Him His right; All glory and power, all wisdom and  
might; all honor and blessing with angels above; and thanks never ceasing,  
and infinite love. Amen!”*  
Double Quartet

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:13-17  
(Pew Bible, p. 984) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Constantine & Athanasius” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scripture; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✠HYMN 50 “Deep in the Shadows of the Past” Shepherds’ Pipes

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## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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

OFFERTORY “Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester” *Malcolm Archer*  
*“Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us,  
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us, which thou hast borne for us.  
O merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen.”*  
Double Quartet

✠DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)  
**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

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## GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

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✠HYMN 315 “In the Midst of New Dimensions” New Dimensions

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Postlude on ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ ” *Robert Hebble*

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✠Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang  
**Greeters:** Tom Carroll, Jo Christian  
**Flowers:** **Walter Meyer**—In memory of Seaman Sandy Rivers—USS Benewah APB-35  
**Wendell and Rosalie Stoike**—In celebration of 50 years of marriage  
**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson  
**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson  
**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban  
**Double Quartet:** Megan Hendrickson & Kathy Sobeski, soprano; Gayle Kitteridge & Marjorie Lock, alto; Chuck Beech & Nick Pulikowski, tenor; Larry Olson & Dan Richardson, bass