

WELCOME	TC Anderson
✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 103) One: Bless the Lord. Bless God’s holy name. All: God heals us and forgives us. One: God redeems our life. All: The Lord brings justice to those who are oppressed. One: Come, let us worship and bless the Lord.	
✦ “BE THOU MY VISION”	<i>Hull & Byrne</i> <i>additional lyrics by Adam Hendrickson</i>
✦ 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.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
GENESIS 39:19-23	
MESSAGE	“Solitary” Scripture: Acts 12:6-11 Alex Lang
SONG	“Iris” <i>John Rzezniak</i>
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 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.	
SHARING OUR GIFTS	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
✦ “BUILD MY LIFE”	<i>Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, & Barrett</i>
✦ BENEDICTION	Alex Lang
✦ Please stand as you are able.	

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, 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.

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



“I found solitary confinement the most forbidding aspect
of prison life. There is no end and no beginning;
there is only one’s mind, which can begin to play tricks.
Was that a dream or did it really happen?
One begins to question everything.”
— Nelson Mandela

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Cantabile Symphonique”
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

Camille Saint-Saëns

WELCOME

Alex Lang

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✠HYMN 15 (vv. 1-3, 6) “All Creatures of Our God and King” Lasst Uns Erfren

CALL TO CONFESSION

Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and compassion, you have created us for relationship with you and with one another. Forgive us when we isolate ourselves from you and others for extended periods of time. Forgive us when we isolate others for their offenses. Show us a path of compassion with those who have committed crimes. Remind us that they, too, are created in your image. Forgive us when we fail to visit those in prison. Forgive us when we forget to provide paths to restoration. Forgive us for putting others in situations that only make things worse for them. Help us to be the restorers of life you have invited us to be.

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.
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COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 39:19-23
(Pew Bible, p. 32) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“I Lift Up Mine Eyes”
*“I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder from where comes my help?
My help, it comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let you stumble, He will not let you fall, the Lord is your keeper.
The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night, the Lord will keep your life.
The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep your life. He will keep your going out, and your coming in from this time forth, and forevermore.”*
Chancel Choir; Karen Sarasin, flute; Michelle Fielder, oboe

Allen Pote

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 12:6-11
(Pew Bible, p. 896) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Solitary”
Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967, 9.32)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all humanity. His service to us commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on our inhumanity to others and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of our life in society and God’s victory over all wrong.

✠HYMN 708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”
Schumann

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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LORD’S PRAYER

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Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“God Has Work for Us to Do”
*“’Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled; ’til no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled: God has work for us to do, ’til God’s will is done and all things are made new, God has work for us to do! ’Til age and race and gender no longer separate; ’til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do! In tenement and mansion in factory, farm, and mill, in board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still, In classroom, church, and office, in shops, of on the street, in every place where people thrive, or starve, or hide, or meet. God has work for us. By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands, by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands. By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear, by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God’s harvest near: God has work for us to do!”*
Chancel Choir

Mark A. Miller

✠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

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✠HYMN 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”
Festal Song

✠BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”
William Mathias

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeter: (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens

Ushers: (9:00 am) Denise Beihoffer, Bob Hoff
(10:30 am) Tom Carroll (head usher), Ron Baker, Pat Baker, Rob Lincoln, Gale Myers, Bonnie Schaap, Dave Schaap

Flowers: Sue Campbell—In loving memory of Mike Campbell
Saralu Garland—With love for Jeremy Garland

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES