



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Katy Allen

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's steadfast love extends beyond our imagination.

All: God's decisions are fair and just.

One: God restores the world and all living creatures.

All: God's steadfast love knows no limit.

One: Let us worship God.

✦ "GOD OF WONDERS"

Byrd & Hindalong

✦ 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

JOHN 8:1-11

MESSAGE

"Opening the Box"

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5

Alex Lang

SONG

"Weak and Powerless"

Keenan & Howardel

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

"Amazing"

Supa & Tyler

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ "YOU NEVER LET GO"

Beth & Matt Redman

✦ 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](https://twitter.com/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

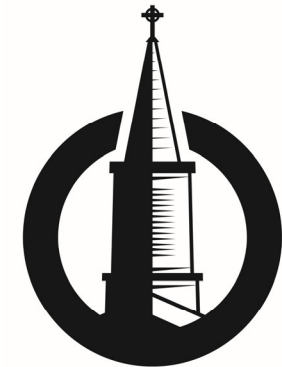
Large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers are available from the ushers.

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 great many people think they are thinking
when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."
—William James

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 20, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” arr. Diane Bish
“Cantabile” Enrico Pasini
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✠HYMN 436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” O Quanta Qualia

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
In your mercy, O God, forgive us, for the things we do and the things we fail to do. When life becomes too stressful, we often engage in negative behavior in an effort to feel better. Forgive us and help us to rely on your grace and compassion. We make poor decisions and we blame others. Help us to take responsibility for the decisions we make and to live with the consequences in ways that are life-giving. Forgive us for our prejudices and judgements that trap others. Open our hearts to new possibilities.

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
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COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 8:1-11
(Pew Bible, p. 870)
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “You Are Mine” David Haas arr. Hayes
“I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice, Be still, and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light, Come and rest in Me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine. I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, And all will know My name. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now, walk, and live!”
Chancel Choir; Leane Snyder, flute

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:1-5
(Pew Bible, p. 788) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Opening the Box” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)
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 692 “Spirit, Open My Heart” Wild Mountain Thyme

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Things That Never Die” Lee Dengler
“The pure, the bright, the beautiful, That stirred our hearts in youth, The impulses to wordless prayer, The dreams of love and truth; The longing after something's lost, The spirit's yearning cry, The striving after better hopes—These things can never die. The timid hand stretched forth to aid a brother in his need, A kindly word in grief's dark hour, That proves a friend indeed; The plea for mercy softly breathed, When justice threatens nigh, The sorrow of a contrite heart—These things shall never die. Let nothing pass for every hand, Must find some work to do; Lose not a chance to waken love—Be firm, and just, and true; So shall a light that cannot fade beam on thee from on high. And angel voices say to thee—These things shall never die.”
Chancel Choir

✠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 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” In Babilone

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Rigaudon” Gordon Young
✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Greeters: (10:30 am) Tom Carroll, Bill Hamilton
Ushers: (9:00 am) Sharon Ferdinand, Dawn McGrath
(10:30 am) Kate McVay (head usher), Peter Bukowski, Rob Lincoln, Frank Morrone, Kirsten Olson, Walt Meyer
Flowers: Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In celebration of Juanita Reinhard’s 98th birthday, January 18, 2019
Earl and Gloria Oak—In memory of Dr. David Oak
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