



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

TC Anderson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 19)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

All: The earth proclaims God's handiwork.

One: May the words of our mouths,

All: and the thoughts of our hearts,

One: be acceptable to God whom we gather to worship.

✦ **"THIS IS AMAZING GRACE"**

Riddle, Farro, & Wickham

✦ **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

1 CHRONICLES 20:1-5

MESSAGE

"The Purge"

Alex Lang

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-45

SONG

"Pride (In the Name of Love)"

Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen Jr.

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 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

"Love One Another"

Robin Mann

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **"GOD OF JUSTICE"**

Tim Hughes

✦ **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.

**First Presbyterian Church
of Arlington Heights**

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



**"We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace,
we need love and compassion."
— Mother Teresa**

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 27, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Peace, Perfect Peace" *Diane Bish*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 653 (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries" Morning Song

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are created by you and made in your image. Too often we act in ways that are destructive to ourselves, others, and all that you have created. Our desire to be right makes it hard to listen to another perspective. Our trust in weapons of war leaves us unable to beat our swords into plowshares. Forgive us, O God. Create within us a desire for peace in our lives, in our families, in our churches, and in our country.

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.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Margaret Marie Lopuszynski, born July 17, 2018—daughter of Nicholas and Allison Lopuszynski

✦ 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Chronicles 20:1-5
(Pew Bible, p. 314) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "A Canticle of Peace" *Joseph Clokey*
"And it shall come to pass in the latter day that the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountain, and many shall go and say: Come ye and let us go into the house of the Lord. And He will teach us His way, and we will walk in His paths. And He shall judge between the nations. And shall reprove many nations. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares. Nation shall not lift sword against nation. Neither shall they learn war any more, Come ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Come."
Chamber Singers

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38-45
(Pew Bible, p. 786) Alex Lang
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SERMON "The Purge" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The World of Our Dreams" *Jeffery Ames*

"There is a day I long to see, when we will live in perfect peace; when war and strife no longer reign, and kingdoms of hatred cease; where freedom rings for every soul, and love is shown to all. Can you dream a world for our future? Can you dream within your heart? It is a world without distress, the God of peace is there; He wipes away all tearful eyes, He banishes every care; the joys within this world are full, the songs are ever new. Can this be our world in the future? If, you dream within your heart! Dream of a world, and lift your eyes to glorious visions on the skies. Oh, trust in faith and by His hand, we shall reach our promised land. This world I dream will meet the needs of every living soul; it reaches from the highest star, to the darkest depths below; within my world are days of hope, of peace, and harmony. May this dream forever live, and become reality."

Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers;
Becca Dora, oboe; Megan Hendrickson, soprano

✦ 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 372 "O for a World" Azmon

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Festal Flourish" *Gordon Jacob*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: (10:30 am) Tom Carroll, Bill Hamilton

Ushers: (10:30 am) Peter Bukowski (head usher), Buzz Detrick, Bob Harrald, Karen Hughes, Karen Lindquist, Frank Morrone

Flowers: **The Beihoffer Family**—In loving memory of Warren Beihoffer

David McLaughlin—In loving memory of my wife, Donna

Bob Webb—In memory of Karen Webb

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