



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** TC Anderson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 104)

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**All: Our God is wrapped in honor and light.**

One: God set the earth on its foundations.

**All: God's creatures and creation will never be forsaken.**

One: Let us worship God.

✦ **"COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP"** Brian Doerksen

✦ **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 6:5-8**

**MESSAGE** "The First Step" Alex Lang

Scripture: Romans 7:14-20

**SONG** "Bad" Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen, Jr.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** TC Anderson

**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**

"Running to Stand Still"

Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen, Jr.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✦ **"STEP BY STEP"** David Strasser

✦ **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*



"Thanks be to God, there is hope today;  
this very hour you can choose God and serve God."  
— D.L. Moody

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 21, 2018  
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 "Sheep May Safely Graze" *J. S. Bach*  
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Alex Lang

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### ✠ HYMN 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" Leoni

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, you love us unconditionally. Yet, we deny that love with our evil inclinations and our self-loathing. We make the same mistakes over and over. We are impatient with ourselves and others and you. Forgive us, O God, for our lives have become unmanageable. We need your help. We need others to walk with us. We want to be better people. We know that is only possible with your forgiveness and mercy.**

### 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 Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 6:5-8  
(Pew Bible, p. 5) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 7:14-20  
(Pew Bible, p. 918) Alex Lang  
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ANTHEM "O Great God" *Bob Kauflin*  
*"O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all, and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice; Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me, Through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your name through me."*  
Chancel Choir; Bailey Dean, flute; Andrew Orals, violin

SERMON "The First Step" Alex Lang

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.3)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten destruction to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

### ✠ HYMN 819 "Be Still, My Soul" Finlandia

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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## OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me" *K. Lee Scott*  
*"Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!"*  
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 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Rondo in G" *John Bull*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Greeters:** (10:30 am) Tom Carroll, Kristin Lindstrom

**Ushers:** (9:00 am) Sharon Ferdinand, Dawn McGrath

(10:30 am) Kate McVay (head usher), Peter Bukowski, Rob Lincoln, Frank Morrone, Kirsten Olson

**Flowers:** Sally Crooker—In loving memory of Brandt Crooker

Jane Horswill and Family—In loving memory of Dr. Weir Horswill

Barbara Nelson—In loving memory of my son, Russell Steven

Shirley Roberts—In loving memory of my husband, Bob

**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