



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 34)
One: Expand your lungs with praise for God!
All: God has freed us from anxious fears.
One: Blessed are those who run to God.
All: We are invited to live and breathe God!
One: Together we will spread the news of God's love.

✦ **"10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)"** Myrin & Redman

✦ **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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

ECCLESIASTES 9:7-12

MESSAGE "Chances" Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40

SONG "Everyday" Ballard & Matthews

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
"Put a Little Love in Your Heart"
Shannon, Holiday, & Meyers

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **"FOREVER"** Chris Tomlin

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Guest Musician: Greg Schultz, saxophone

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**

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Organized in 1855*



"Every one of us have inside of us the innate,
infinite power to heal and help another
through the impact of our love."
— Deeya

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

**OCTOBER 28, 2018
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Trumpet Tune" Frederick Swann
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✠ HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Ein' Feste Burg

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, in this hour of worship we recognize our disease in body, mind, and spirit. We need your forgiveness. We need your healing love in every area of our lives. Forgive us for priorities that are out of order. Forgive us for thinking we are in charge or in control. Forgive us for turning away from those in need of our time and our compassion. Forgive us when fear gets in the way of reaching out to someone in need. You invite us to care for the sick and the isolated and the lonely. Restore in us a desire to follow you more closely and work as your healing presence in our world.

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 Ecclesiastes 9:7-12
(Pew Bible, p. 541) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-40
(Pew Bible, p. 807) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "For the Least" Wayne L. Wold
"What can we offer to a God who lacks nothing? How are we to serve a God our eyes cannot see? Jesus has given us an answer to ponder: 'What you do unto others, you do unto me.' For the least of our brothers and the least of our sisters have a place that is special in our Savior's heart. As we welcome and greet them, as we clothe them and feed them, we serve Jesus, who calls us now to listen and do our part. Hear our vows and our pledges to serve those at the edges, those who suffer and cower in the dark night. May God give us the Spirit, may we all clearly hear it: how our God is still calling us to listen and make things right."
Chamber Singers

SERMON "Chances" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

✠ HYMN 693 "Though I May Speak" Gift Of Love

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sing a New Song" Michael Haydn
"Sing a new song. Sing to God a song; Sing a new song. All the earth break forth in praise. Sing your joyful praise. God is our lasting hope; God is our lasting joy. Unending praise we sing."
Chamber Singers

✠ 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 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" Wareham

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress" Charles Ore

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: (10:30 am) Tom Carroll, Pam Miller

Ushers: (9:00 am) Karen Sundquist, Rick Sundquist

(10:30 am) Bob Harrald (head usher), Peter Bukowski, Ruth Howard, Karen Hughes, Frank Morrone

Flowers: Bob Hanlon and Barbara MacDowall—With thanks for First Presbyterian Church

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