



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 24)

One: Lift up your heads and be lifted up.
All: **The King of glory is in our midst.**
One: Who stands in this holy place?
All: **All who receive the blessing of the Lord.**
One: Come and worship.

✦ **“ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME”**

Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Eriksen, Hermansen, & Martin

✦ **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 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4

MESSAGE “Collective Talents” Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

SONG “A Head Full of Dreams”
Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Eriksen, Hermansen, & Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE TC Anderson

There are 25 votive candles on our communion table today. These candles are lit in memory of the saints from our congregation who have died in the last year. Eleven stones are also on our table to represent the saints whose lives were taken during worship in a synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27, 2018. The stones are in keeping with Jewish custom for honoring their dead.

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

“Paradise”
Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Eno, & Martin

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“UP & UP”** *Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Eriksen, Hermansen, & Martin*

✦ **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*



“Use what talents you possess;
the woods would be very silent if no birds sang
there except those that sang best.”
—Henry Van Dyke

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2018
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator” *C. Hamlin*
First Pres Brass and Organ
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” St. George's Windsor

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God whose mercy never ceases, we ask for your forgiveness. You have given us talents and we have buried them. You have bestowed upon us gifts too numerous to name and we hoard them. You give us more than we need and invite us to share. We hold on and say “mine”, like toddlers. Forgive our reluctance to offer what we have to others and to your church. Create in us generous spirits that willingly give to build your kingdom. Encourage us to let go of the talents you have given us, sharing them for the benefit of all your people.

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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All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

ANTHEM “I'm Gonna Walk With Jesus” *Nancy M. Roberts*
Children's Choir; Nick Pulikowski, Director; Carol Frieburg, piano
Soloists: William Haines, Laina Halley, Charlotte and Susanna Landwehr

COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
(Pew Bible, p. 937) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30
(Pew Bible, p. 807) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “The Ship that Sails” *Larry Shuen Lai-yin*
“I'd rather be the ship that sails and ride the billows wild and free; than to be the ship that always fails to leave its port and go to sea. I'd rather feel the sting of strife, where gales are born and tempests roar; than to settle down to useless life and rot in dry dock on the shore. I'd rather fight some mighty wave with honor in supreme command; and fill at last a well earned grave, than die in ease upon the sand. I'd rather drive down sea storms blow, and be the ship that always failed where it would go, than be the ship that never sailed.”
Chancel Choir

SERMON “Collective Talents” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. 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.

✦ HYMN 700 “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” I'm Gonna Live

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 “Festival Hymn of Thanksgiving” *Paul Sjolund*
*“Thanks be to God; Alleluias we raise! Thanks be to God, All glory and praise!
We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glory be thine. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation: Thy name be praised! O Lord, make us free.
With voices united our praises we offer; To thee in thanksgiving, glad anthems we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us; Through all thou art beside us: To Father, Son,
and Spirit, forever be praise! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!”*
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

✦ 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 321 (vv. 1, 3, 5) “The Church's One Foundation” Aurelia

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Rejoice, Give Thanks” *Roberta Bitgood*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

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

Ushers: (9:00 am) Bob and Liza Churchill

(10:30 am) Jeff Leach (head usher), Kurt Ahlers, Mike Beecher, Barbara Martin, Frank Morrone

Flowers: Don and Lois Hartung—In loving memory of our fathers

The Henderson, Jegier, Allen, & Holifield Families—In loving memory of our son and brother, Jimmy

Witold and Betty Launer—In thanksgiving for families

Jan and Sandy Richardson—In loving memory of our daughter, Julie Ann Flattich

Bill and Liz Thompson—In memory of Eddie, Jimmy, and William Huntley, Liz's brothers

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

First Pres Brass: Eric Allen, Mark Morris, & Colin Stanhope, trumpet;

Joan Morrone, horn; Todd Smith, Andy & Sam Sturgeon, trombone

Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)