



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME TC Anderson

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE
Cody & Meg Balk, Phil & Courtney Lewis

✦ **“PREPARE THE WAY”** *Hall & Giglio*
“COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS” *Wesley & Prichard*

✦ **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 15:1-6

MESSAGE “The Light of Hope” Alex Lang
Scripture: Romans 8:22-25

SHARING OUR GIFTS “Ghosts that We Knew”
Mumford, Dawne, Lovett, & Marshall

INVITATION TO THE TABLE TC Anderson/Alex Lang
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
(All are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. There is a station with wafers that are free of common food allergens with a separate cup located on the main floor.)

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ **“IN CHRIST ALONE”** *Getty & Townsend*

✦ **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
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“Hope is called the anchor of the soul, because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a “wish”; rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made.”
— R.C. Sproul

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 2, 2018
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "An Advent Suite" *Gilbert Martin*

- I. Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
- II. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- III. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE
Jan Niemeyer and Vicki, Henry, and James Juneau

✠HYMN 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of Hope, forgive our despair. Forgive us when we lose sight of all that you are doing in our world. Forgive us when we lean on tangible things for our security. Give us the capacity to look beyond what the world offers as hope and focus on hope that is grounded in you. Bring us back from the brink of despair into the light of your hope.

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
One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
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COMMUNITY LIFE

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 15:1-6
(Pew Bible, p. 10) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:22-25
(Pew Bible, p. 919) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Light of Hope" 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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Heavenly Star" *Pepper Choplin*
"Rising, shining, soaring overhead as the world goes on below. But very few, very few will lift their eyes to see the star, heavenly star. Searching, praying, staying on the path the star leads on before. So come and join as we seek the holy Child. We will follow the star, heavenly star. Star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright. Star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy light, thy perfect light! Searching, yearning, learning, all who seek will surely one day find. And all who will search with open eyes, who will pray with open hearts, they will see the light and find the Lord."
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING
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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
(All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please partake of the bread as it is served. We will hold the cup and drink together. There are wafers provided on each tray that are free of these common food sensitivities: gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, soy, low/no sodium.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠HYMN 353 (vv.1, 2, 3) "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Solid Rock

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Truro'" *Gilbert Martin*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Greeters: (10:30 am) Bill Hamilton, Kristin Lindstrom
Ushers: (9:00 am) Bob & Liza Churchill
(10:30 am) Jeff Leach (head usher), Mike Beecher, Barbara Martin, Pam Miller, Frank Morrone
Flowers: **Rob and Nancy Lincoln**—In celebration of Jayne Louise Martinka's fifth birthday
Jack and Helen Martin—In loving memory of our daughter, Lori Martin, and Jack's mother, Libby Martin
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