



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Judy Hockenberry

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

✦ **“PREPARE THE WAY”** *Hall & Giglio*
✦ **“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”** *arr. Adam Hendrickson*

✦ **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

ISAIAH 57:18-21

MESSAGE “The Light of Peace” *Alex Lang*
Scripture: Luke 1:67-79

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 “Peace on Earth”
Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen, Jr.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”** *arr. Adam Hendrickson*

✦ **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).

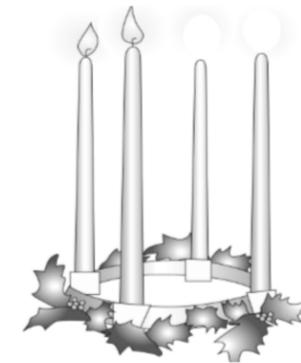
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call 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

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Organized in 1855*



“Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.”
— Unknown

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 9, 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 "Amid the Cold of Winter" *arr. Bret Rhoades*
Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
The Lincoln and Martinka Families

✠HYMN 88 (vv. 1, 6, 7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Peace, we confess to you that we are far from peaceful. We are anxious with worries about our health, our family, our work, our church. We are filled with self-doubt and lack of trust. We allow our fears to dictate the way we live. We strive for things thinking we will find happiness. We disappoint ourselves, our neighbors, and you. We find ourselves stuck in an infinite loop of negativity. Forgive us. Show us how to turn stones that cause anxiety into stones that can build peace. Bring to us a sense of well-being that surpasses any human understandings of peace.

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.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Judy Hockenberry

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 57:18-21
(Pew Bible, p. 600) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Prayer for Peace" *Mary Lynn Lightfoot*
"Precious Jesus, loving Savior, our Redeemer, Lord of all. Precious Jesus, loving Savior, grant us everlasting peace. Lamb of God, our help and our salvation, Lamb of God, hear our prayer, grant us everlasting peace."
Men's Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:67-79
(Pew Bible, p. 832) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Light of Peace" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.097, 6.099)

Those who truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in a state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God: which hope shall never make them ashamed. And therefore it is the duty of everyone to give all diligence to make their calling and election sure; that thereby their hearts may be enlarged in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience.

SONG "Let There Be Peace on Earth" *arr. Jay Althouse*
"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."
Men's Chorus; Karen Lindquist, piano

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Calypso Lullaby" *arr. Joel Raney*
"On a clear and starry night, on a hillside far away, shepherds saw a golden light, and they heard the angels say: Alleluia, shout for joy, sweet music fills the sky, The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby. Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one, rest your head. Dream of peace on earth in your manger bed. Angels filled the evening sky and with joy began to sing: Glory be to God on High! Let the bells of heaven ring! It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold."
Men's Chorus and Chancel Handbell 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 87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Genevan 42

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "A Festal Fanfare" *J. S. Bach*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: (10:30 am) Tom Carroll, Chris Pendley

Ushers: (9:00 am) Kevin Kelly, Bill Lyon

(10:30 am) David Crim (head usher), Jan Cikra, Frank Morrone,

Kaori Ozaki, Toshiro Sono, Kazue Sono

Flowers: **Ralph Larsen**—In loving memory of Cathy Larsen

Don and Barb Larson—Celebrating the birthday of Ellery Shaw

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