



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Haines Family

One: We light the second candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring.

One: For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

✠ “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

TC Anderson

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

ISAIAH 11:1-10

MESSAGE

“The Messenger”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

SONG

“Dare You to Move”

Jonathan Foreman

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

“Go Light Your World”

Chris Rice

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠ “I WON’T BACK DOWN”

Petty & Lynne

✠ BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Ellen Anderson, vocals; TC Anderson, guitar/vocals;
AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Beth Osborn, vocals

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

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) 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*



“See, I am sending my messenger to prepare
the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the
covenant in whom you delight — indeed he is coming.”
— Malachi 3:1

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 8, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Hayes & Gaspard
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Susan Kogan & Matt Kogan
One: We light the second candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God
can bring.
One: For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his
righteousness.
All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

✠HYMN 88 (vv. 1,5,7) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We
have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in
our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew
your covenant within us.

SILENT CONFESSION
...in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠RESPONSE (Refrain to Hymn 88)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

✠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.

COMMUNITY LIFE
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10
(Pew Bible, p. 558) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “The Yearning” Craig Courtney
“There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,
a yearning for tomorrow. There is a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of
creation. A yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned,
to bring to us salvation. Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.
There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of his appearing.
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see the One
who placed within our hearts the yearning.”
Men’s Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-12
(Pew Bible, p. 784) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Messenger” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith)
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone
we worship and serve. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem
creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a
covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God
makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not
forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal
home, God is faithful still. Alleluia.

✠HYMN 163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” Aberystwyth

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

LORD’S PRAYER
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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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “I Saw Three Ships” Mark Riese
“I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning. Pray whither
sailed those ships all thee? On Christmas day in the morning. O, they sailed into
Bethlehem, on Christmas day in the morning! And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas day, on Christmas day. Our savior Christ and his lady on Christmas day
in the morning! And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas day.
Then let us all rejoice again, on Christmas day in the morning!”
Men’s Chorus

✠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 96 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Winchester New

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘Picardy’ ” Michael Helman

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Greeters: (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens, Tom Carroll
Ushers: (9:00 am) Kevin Kelley, Bill Lyon
(10:30 am) Jan Cakra, Dave Crim, Bill Hamilton, Frank Morrone,
Kaori Ozaki, Kazue Sono
Flowers: Lynn Carroll—In loving memory of my brother, Scott Wertke
Ralph Larsen and Family—In loving memory of Cathy Larsen
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