



## 9:00 AM WORSHIP

### WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

### LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Kim Hogan, Carol Kelley, Amy Welzenbach

One: We light the third candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

One: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

### ✠ "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

*Chadwick & Barnes*

### ✠ 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

Judy Hockenberry

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

### ISAIAH 35:1-10

### MESSAGE

"The Mother"

Alex Lang

Scripture: Luke 1:47-55

### SONG

"The Inner Light"

*George Harrison*

### 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

"You Will Know"

*Adam Hendrickson*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### ✠ "MARY DID YOU KNOW"

*Greene & Lowry*

### ✠ BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Compass:** Amy Carroll, keyboard; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Beth Osborn, vocals; Madison Treppa, vocals; Andy Sturgeon, guitar; Samantha Sturgeon, guitar

## 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

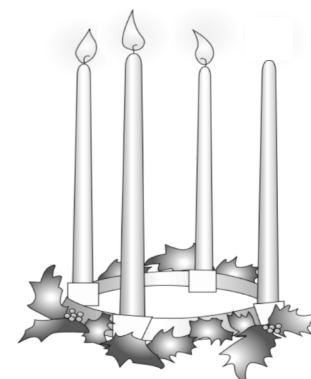
For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

### 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

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Organized in 1855*



"Prophets point in directions no one wants to look.  
They hear God when everybody has concluded  
that God is silent. Prophets sing God's song  
and sometimes interrupt  
the program with a change of tune."  
— Deborah A. Block

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019  
9:00 & 10:30 AM

Choose bve .Be the light.Change the w orld .

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Diane Bish  
“Noel, Noel, Noel, Tidings Now We Bring” Carolyn Hamlin  
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation  
for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Richard Hamilton, Sandy Naeher  
One: We light the third candle as a symbol of God’s love for us and our love for one another.  
One: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.  
All: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

✠HYMN 102 (vv. 1, 3, 4) “Savior of the Nations, Come” Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world.

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM  
Clara Belle Duffy, born June 29, 2019—daughter of Kyle and Ali Duffy

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4)  
We trust in the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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 gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10  
(Pew Bible, p. 578) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Lux Aurumque” Eric Whitacre  
“Light, warm and heavy as pure gold, and the angels sing softly to the new-born baby.” Chamber Singers

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:47-55  
(Pew Bible, p. 832) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Mother” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Es Ist Ein’ Ros’

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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 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 “Christmas Lullaby” John Rutter  
“Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem: Angels are singing, their sound fills the air. Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah; But only a mother and baby lie there. ‘Ave Maria’: Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sings. ‘Ave Maria, Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King.’ Where are his courtiers, and who are his people? Why does he bear neither scepter nor crown? Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people, with peace as his scepter and love for his crown. What though your treasures are not gold or incense? Lay them before him with hearts full of love. Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother Who bore us a Savior by grace from above.” Chancel 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 99 (vv. 1, 2, 5) “My Soul Gives Glory to My God” Morning Song

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Gaudeamus” Sidney Campbell  
✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang  
Greeters: (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens, Tom Carroll  
Ushers: (9:00 am) Sharon Ferdinand, Dawn McGrath  
(10:30 am) Peter Bukowski, Rob Lincoln, Kate McVay, Walt Meyer, Frank Morrone, Kirsten Olson  
Flowers: Fay Cole—In loving memory of Joe Cole; husband, father, grandfather  
Richard Hamilton—In memory of my mother and father  
Susan, Robert, and Matt Kogan—In loving memory of Steve Kogan  
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