



## 9:00 AM WORSHIP

### WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Lee, Dawn, Jordan, Floyd, and Tyler from the Bruce Family

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

One: my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

One: The Mighty has done great things.

One: Holy is God's name!

One: The fourth Advent candle is a symbol of the joy to be found in God's kingdom on earth.

One: For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faith to all generations.

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

### ✦ "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

*Wesley & Mendelssohn*

### ✦ 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 7:10-16

### MESSAGE

"The Father"

Alex Lang

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-23

### SONG

"Love is Bigger Than Anything in Its Way"

*Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen, Jr.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TC Anderson

### 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

"Get Together"

*Chet Powers*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### ✦ "FOREVER"

*Chris Tomlin*

### ✦ BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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

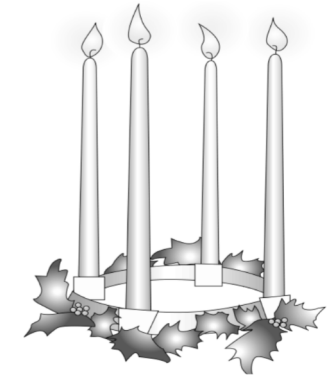
For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

### 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

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



"What Jesus tells us is that the moment we encounter a person who doesn't fit our preconceived notions of what a neighbor is supposed to be, that is exactly when we are to double-down and love them even more."

— Alex Lang

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

DECEMBER 22, 2019

9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Tidings”

Douglas Wagner

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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Mike, Sarah and Thomas Parrish

One: My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

One: The fourth Advent candle is a symbol of the joy to be found in God’s kingdom on earth.

One: For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faith to all generations.

All: Come, Lord Jesus come!

✠HYMN 143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Regent Square

CALL TO CONFESSION

TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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.

ANTHEM

“A Christmas Calypso”

Dale Peterson

First Pres Kids Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TC Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-16  
(Pew Bible, p. 554) TC Anderson  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

arr. Gerald Custer

Text from Hymn 108

Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-23  
(Pew Bible, p. 783) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Father”

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.

✠HYMN 110

“Love Has Come”

Bring a Torch

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

“The Sun Never Says”

Dan Forrest

“Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth, You owe Me’.  
Look what happens with a love like that, It lights the Whole Sky.”

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 119 (vv. 1, 3)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Mendelssohn

✠BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

POSTLUDE

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”

Keith Chapman

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens

Ushers: (9:00 am) Susan Schuffler

Flowers: Jan Niemeyer—In loving memory of Don Niemeyer

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