

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshiping with us tonight.

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Then stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. If you have questions, members of the Welcomers Corps will be there to answer them. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, and Twitter, at [@FirstPresAH](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAH). We look forward to connecting with you again.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship tonight and always. On Sundays, child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am). We encourage 3- and 4-year-olds to participate in Preschool Sunday School, offered from 10:30 to 11:30 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. Children's and youth education, as well as adult classes, take place from 10:30 to 11:30 am. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Large print bulletins, large print hymnals, 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. Visit the Webcast Archives page at firstprsah.org to experience this service again. To download or listen to a podcast of tonight'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*



“Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, forgive the guilty,
Welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies,
and do unto others as you would have done unto you.”
— Steve Maraboli

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2019
8:00 PM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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Order of Worship December 24, 2019 ~ Christmas Eve 8:00 pm		
FESTIVAL OF PREPARATION		
SOLO	“Noel, Noel, Bells Are Ringing” Kathy Sobeski, soprano	Wilbur Chenoweth
DUET	“Mary, Did You Know?” JoAnn Thompson, soprano; Nick Pulikowski, tenor	Lloyd Larson
CAROL 123	(vv. 1, 3, 5) “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	Carol
DUET	“I Wonder as I Wander” Kristen Walter, mezzo-soprano; Steve Walter, guitar	John Jacob Niles
DUET	“Let the Bright Seraphim” Megan Hendrickson, soprano; Eric Allen, trumpet	G. F. Handel
CAROL 147	(vv. 1, 2, 6) “The First Nowell”	The First Nowell
DUET	“O Holy Night” Adam Hendrickson, baritone; Nick Pulikowski, tenor	Adolphe Adam
GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE		
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP		Alex Lang
CALL TO WORSHIP		
One: Glory to God in the highest, All: and peace to God’s people on earth.		
OPENING PRAYER		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES		
One: Marty Kraybill, Rich Kraybill We light the Christ candle to symbolize God’s promise fulfilled. One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all on whom his favor rests. All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.		
✠CAROL 133	(vv. 1, 3, 4) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”	Adeste Fideles
THE PROPHECY		
SCRIPTURE READING		Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (Pew Bible, p. 555) Judy Hockenberry Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart. Thanks be to God!
ANTHEM	“I Hear the Prophet Callin’ ” Chancel Choir	Pepper Choplin
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		

THE BIRTH		
SCRIPTURE READING		Matthew 1:18-24 (Pew Bible, p. 783) TC Anderson Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart. Thanks be to God!
SCRIPTURE READING		Luke 2:1-7 (Pew Bible, p. 833) TC Anderson Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart. Thanks be to God
✠CAROL 121	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	St. Louis
PRAYER FOR NEIGHBORS		
THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS		
SCRIPTURE READING		Luke 2:8-14 (Pew Bible, p. 833) TC Anderson Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart. Thanks be to God!
ANTHEM	“Gloria in excelsis” from LUX Chancel Choir; Amy Carroll, vibraphone	Dan Forrest
SCRIPTURE READING		Luke 2:15-20 (Pew Bible, p. 833) Judy Hockenberry Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart. Thanks be to God!
✠CAROL 113	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Gloria
PRAYER FOR THE WORLD		
THE STAR AND THE GIFTS		
SCRIPTURE READING		Matthew 2:1-3, 7-11 (Pew Bible, p. 783) Alex Lang Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart. Thanks be to God!
PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND CHRISTMAS OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	“There Is Faint Music” Chancel Choir	Dan Forrest
THE MEANING		
SERMON	“The Chosen One”	Alex Lang
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT		

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		Alex Lang
One: The prophet declared, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: All: those who dwelled in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.” One: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; All: whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” One: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world; All: let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.”		
SHARING THE LIGHT		
An usher will light the candle of the person at the end of each pew. As your neighbor lights his/her candle from yours, give the greeting, “The peace of Christ be with you.” The congregation will join in singing “Silent Night.” During the last verse, carefully raise your candle. Please extinguish candles following the Benediction and place them in the receptacles in the Narthex as you leave.		
✠CAROL 122	“Silent Night, Holy Night!”	Stille Nacht
BENEDICTION		Alex Lang
CHORAL RESPONSE	“Hallelujah Chorus” Chancel Choir	G.F. Handel
POSTLUDE	“Joy to the World” Eric Allen, trumpet	arr. Nigel Williams
✠Please stand as you are able.		
Preaching: Alex Lang Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban		
DECEMBER 29, 2019 WORSHIP SCHEDULE 10:00 am — Worship in the Sanctuary		
REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 9:00 am — Worship in the Chapel 10:30 am — Worship in the Sanctuary		
LEARN MORE If you are interested in learning more about First Pres, or how to become a member of this congregation, please contact Pastor TC Anderson at 847-255-5900 or tcanderson@firstpresah.org.		