

# WELCOME, GUESTS!

## Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon!

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Additional information about First Pres is available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) and at [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org). You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresah), and Twitter, at [@FirstPresAH](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAH). We look forward to connecting with you again.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording this worship service.

### CHILD CARE

On this Holy Night, all infants, children, and adults are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship. The wonder of the birth of Jesus Christ is something for all to experience. No child care is offered during this service.

Child care is available on Sunday mornings (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am). On Sunday mornings 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](http://firstpresah.org) or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Large print hymnals and hearing amplifiers are available from the ushers.

### 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](mailto:tcanderson@firstpresah.org).

## Worship Participants

### Sheep

Mallory Grochocki  
Myles Grochocki  
James Gutzmer  
Lily Hendrickson  
Ellie Lindstrom  
Mary Martinka  
Connor Palla  
Patrick Palla  
Audrey Tyler  
Hannah Tyler  
Bennett Wheatley  
James White  
Jonathan White

### Angels

Mikayla Carlson  
Jackson Gutzmer  
Lucas Lang  
Abby Lindstrom  
Jayne Martinka  
Brennan Palla  
Rilla Puckett  
Claire Tyler  
Nicholas Wheatley

### Shepherds

Andrew Haines  
Nolan Halley  
Ben Nowak  
Nash Puzen

### Magi

Henry Lopuszynski  
Tyler Plummer  
Grant Swaim

### Mary

Delaney Lopuszynski

### Joseph

Harrison Swaim

### Starbearer

Elijah Lang

### Liturgists

Laina Halley  
Cleo Puckett  
Eliza Puzen  
Harrison Swaim

### Ushers

The Carlson Family  
The Childs Family  
The Haines Family  
The Lopuszynski Family  
The Swaim Family

### Pageant Volunteers

Laura Carlson  
Allison Lopuszynski  
Kristi Wheatley

Artwork by Cleo Puckett

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP CHILDREN'S PAGEANT A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 24, 2019  
4:00 PM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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*As we gather to worship on this holy night, O God, brighten our hearts with the message of your love, even as the angels filled the skies with the glory of your lasting gift for the world in the birth of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

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## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

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PRELUDE Chris Urban

WELCOME Katy Allen

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Harrison Swaim

One: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

**All: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.**

One: Our souls sing out God’s praise.

**All: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.**

One: Tonight, the Light of God’s Love is given to us!

**All: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.**

✠HYMN 133 (vv. 1, 3, 4) “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *Adeste Fideles*

FIRST LESSON Harrison Swaim

**Isaiah 9:2-7 A Prophet Speaks Words of Promise**

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Cleo Puckett & Eliza Puzen

The prophet Isaiah wrote of a time of darkness and promised that the people who walked in this darkness would see a great light. We light the candle of hope.

Matthew wrote of the Magi who followed the light of the glorious star in the east that led them to the promised King. We light the candle of peace.

Luke wrote of the night when the sky lit up with an army of angels to shout the news that the promised Messiah had been born. We light the candle of joy.

John declared that this great light is Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We light the candle of love.

CALL TO CONFESSION Laina Halley

God came to us as an infant, surprising the wise, encouraging the faithful, and bringing hope to all. God came to know us, to teach us, to heal us, and to save us. Again and again, we have fallen short of what God hopes for us. But again and again, God offers us grace and unconditional love. Recognizing our faults and God’s unfailing goodness, let us pray together in one voice.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors.” This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We come together on this holy night, gathering as the family of God, to seek the light, the hope, the good news of Christ’s birth. Hear again this good news: God so loved the world that God sent his only son to save the world. In this we find hope, we find grace, we find love, we find God! Let us rejoice!

✠HYMN 583 “Glory to God” *Gloria*

*“Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!”*

✠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.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD:

### WITNESSING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THROUGH STORY

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SECOND LESSON Eliza Puzen

**Isaiah 11:1-6 The Peace Christ Will Bring Is Foretold**

HYMN 119 (vv. 1, 3) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *Mendelssohn*

THIRD LESSON Cleo Puckett

**Luke 1:26-32 Mary Finds Favor With God**

HYMN 145 (vv. 1, 3) “What Child Is This” *Greensleeves*

FOURTH LESSON Cleo Puckett

**Luke 2:1-7 Christ Is Born**

HYMN 115 “Away in a Manger” *Mueller*

FIFTH LESSON Eliza Puzen

**Luke 2:8-14 Shepherds Hear the Good News**

HYMN 136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Go Tell It*

SIXTH LESSON Laina Halley

**Luke 2:15-18 The Shepherds Go to See the Child**

HYMN 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Gloria*

SEVENTH LESSON Cleo Puckett & Eliza Puzen

**Matthew 2:1-11 (portions) A Star Shines in the East**

HYMN 147 (vv. 1, 3, 5) “The First Nowell” *The First Nowell*

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

### OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY “A Christmas Calypso” *Dale Peterson*

First Pres Children’s Choir  
Nick Pulikowski, director

## GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

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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; let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.”

*(To avoid dripping wax on clothes or furniture, please remember to keep your lighted candle upright at all times. Dip your unlit candle to your neighbor’s lit candle. All children are invited to come forward at this time to sing “Silent Night.” They will remain up front through the Benediction.)*

✠HYMN 122 “Silent Night, Holy Night!” *Stille Nacht*

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin, mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✠HYMN 134 (vv. 1, 2, 4) “Joy to the World” *Antioch*

*Children will return to their seats during hymn.*

POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘Adeste Fideles’ ” *Richard Purvis*

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✠Please stand as you are able.