

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

- Mario Alberico

Shirley Allen — sister of Hal Stern

Pat Almblad

Betty Lou Bukowski

Kyle Campbell

Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow

Mary Clarbour

Sally Costello

Jonathan Cranfill — nephew of Judy Hockenberry

Jordan Cutshaver — grandniece of Roger Fick

Bree Foley — cousin of Mario Alberico

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura

George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes

Barbara Hayes

Helen Gee — aunt of Elaine Chen

Dorita and Houston Godfrey

Ermina Gomez & daughter — friends of Elaine Chen

Kit Graham — friend of Betty Sanders

Shirley Graham — sister of Marilynn Graves

Addy Hebden — granddaughter of Mary Hebden

Rich Jacobs — son-in-law of Barbara MacDowell

Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne

Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne
- Marylyn Jirsa

Fred Langer — father of Laura Carlson

Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong

Bruce Leonard — brother of Debbie Klein

Quentin Mare’

Paula Ford Martin — daughter of Mary Ford

Sue Minarik

William Palm — boyfriend of Rebecca Chen

Sawyer Peterson — grandson of Barrett and Corinne Peterson

Denise Poy

Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad

Susan Scott

Ed Slivovsky

Je’Anna Paris Smith

David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen

Carson Taylor — member of the Krigas family

Jaquan Thompson

Jewell Truskowski

Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow

Dan Tsutsumi

Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen

Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers

Don Voyles — father of Danielle Voyles

Martha Wade

Wes Wade

Rich Willuweit — brother of Carol Kelley

Doris Woods — friend of Sandy Naehar

Serving in the Armed Services

- AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling

Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen

Geoffrey Martineau — brother of Lisa Martineau

E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz

2 LT Kristen Reese, Army — daughter of Jim and Becky Reese, sister of Adam and Brian Reese

Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz

Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse

Sympathy to:

- The family of **Jane Kuntz**. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 1, at Luther Village.

The family of **Joe Lyon**. A service was held on Saturday, November 23.

**Don and Jody Rowley**, on the death of their daughter-in-law, Michelle Rowley. A service was held on Saturday, November 16.

Congratulations to:

- Phil and Courtney Lewis on the birth of their son, Calder Bennett Lewis, born September 19.

About First Pres

STAFF

- Pastor / Head of Staff: Alex Lang

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Judy Hockenberry

Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families: TC Anderson

Pastor Emeritus: Harry Thompson

Associate Pastor Emerita: Dianne Shields

Director of Children’s Ministries: Katy Allen

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Director of Parents’ Day Out: Coleen Anzalone

Director of Operations and Technology: Brian Larson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
- Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Worship Technician: James Thompson

Business Administrator: Debbie Walter

Senior Administrative Assistant: Mary Fino

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega

Facilities Coordinator: Michele Holifield

Community Liaison: Teri Stanley

Coordinator of Volunteers: Liz Armstrong

Volunteer Librarians: Bob Hanlon, Mary Hebden, Barbara MacDowall, Matt Meisterheim

Save the Date

- Today

November 27

November 28 & 29

November 30

December 1

December 4

December 7

December 11

December 15

December 18
- Wise & Sage Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Holiday — Office Closes 12:30 pm

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All-Church Decorating

Concert — Messiah Sing-Along

Wednesday@Noon

Men’s Breakfast

PW Christmas Gathering

Concert — The Glory of Christmas

Family Night Christmas Party (no programming)

**PASTORAL CARE** — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at [judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org](mailto:judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org) or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

**COMMUNITY LIFE AT FIRST PRES** — Do you have questions about Sunday worship, education hour, mission opportunities, committees, music, or something else? If you are visiting or new and want to know more about how to get involved, or if you have been here a while and are looking for new ways to connect, contact our Community Liaison, Teri Stanley, at [communityliaison@firstpresah.org](mailto:communityliaison@firstpresah.org).



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Church Life

November 24, 2019

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights!** We are glad you are here! We know that you have a lot of choices about where and how to spend your time on Sunday. We are happy that you chose to spend it with us this morning. We want you to feel special and welcome here. We are an open and inclusive congregation. Our hope is that as you worship with us, you will be inspired to choose love, be the light, and change the world. We invite you to participate in building the kingdom of God. Thank you for being here.

**HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD?** — If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your Commitment Card for 2020, you are invited to place your card in the offering plate today. Or, you can drop it off or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Debbie Walter, business administrator. You can also enter your commitment online at [firstpresah.org/giving](http://firstpresah.org/giving). If you have not received a card in the mail, they are available in the pews. Contributions for outstanding 2019 pledges need to be received in the office by December 31, 2019.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THE WISE AND SAGE — Today / 5:30 pm / in Fellowship Hall** — This annual dinner is a gift from the high school youth to the wise and sage (65+) of First Pres.



**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING — Saturday, November 30 / 9:30 am** — Be a part of this wonderful tradition of decorating the church. All participants are welcomed as a variety of tasks need to be fulfilled. Families can participate together. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and be a part of our church family. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Meet in the Narthex at 9:30. We plan to be finished by noon. **Questions?** Contact Marty Kraybill

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** — Pick up your family Advent Devotional today in the literature rack in the back of church. If you’d like a copy emailed to you, contact Carol Vega at [carolvega@firstpresah.org](mailto:carolvega@firstpresah.org).

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY CHIMES DEADLINE** — The deadline for the January/February Chimes is Monday, December 2. Submit articles to [maryfino@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryfino@firstpresah.org).

Sunday, November 24

- 8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 209/211 (Red Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing

8:30 am K-5th Grade Sunday School — Off-site (Feed My Starving Children)

9:00 am **Worship** — Chapel — Installation/Ordination of New Officers

9:00 am Adult Sunday School — Boardroom

10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium

10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship — Parlor, Narthex

10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary — Installation/Ordination of New Officers

10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion and Service — Room 110/112

10:30 am Preschool Sunday School — Green Room, CE Wing

10:30 am Y-Search (Grades 6 & 7) — Middle School Lounge

10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111

10:30 am High School Sunday School (Grades 9-12) — High School Lounge

11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship — Parlor, Narthex

5:30 pm Wise & Sage Thanksgiving Dinner — Fellowship Hall

# Upcoming Events

**MEN’S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** — Meet the guys tomorrow, 6:30-7:30 am, in the Parlor. Read Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44. Enter at Door 9 (St. James Street). For more information, contact Bill Dillon.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL / 9:00-10:00 am / in the Boardroom** Final Week!  
— **Biblical Literacy: The Often High Price of Knowing Your Bible** —  
**Dr. Donald Kaasch** — So often we take what we’ve heard about and from “the bible” and assumed it to be biblical and true. How important is it to you to know the difference between the Bible and mere “Christianese”?


**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMING SOON! Beginning January 12 / 9:00-10:00 am / in the Boardroom** — *Foundations of Faith* — **Rev. Judy Hockenberry** — This class will offer the opportunity to discuss what Presbyterians *really* believe in some big areas like Jesus’ death on the cross and resurrection, as opposed to what many Presbyterians *think* they believe. Come and join Pastor Judy for a lively discussion and some informative study of basic reformed principles.

**FAMILY NIGHT** — There will be NO Family Night or Engage and Encounter adult education on Wednesday, November 27, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Full Family Night programming will resume on Wednesday, December 4.

**UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS** — *Sunday, December 1 / 4:00 pm / in the Sanctuary / Messiah Sing-Along* — First Pres and the Northwest Symphony Orchestra are bringing Handel’s *Messiah* to the Arlington Heights community in sing-along form. *Wednesday, December 4 / 12:10 pm / in the Sanctuary / Wednesday @ Noon Recital* — Carol Frieberg on piano and Kris Ward on handbells. *Sunday, December 15 / 4:00 pm / in the Sanctuary / The Glory of Christmas* — Experience “The Dawn from on High” through Dan Forrest’s *Lux*. First Pres adult choirs and orchestra will present their annual Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of the Messiah.


**20s/30s BIBLE STUDY** — *Monday, December 2 / 6:30 pm* — Are you in your 20s or 30s? Come join the 20s/30s Bible Study as we hang out, eat snacks, chat about life, and eventually talk about our topic, too. For the next few months we will be diving into the book of James and seeing it’s application in our lives. *Questions?* Contact Rev. TC Anderson at tcanderson@firstpresah.org.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST** — *Saturday, December 7 / 7:30-10:30 am* — The Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study invites you to the annual Men’s Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 7. A delicious breakfast will be served by Scout Troop 32. Come and enjoy food, coffee, fine conversation, and fellowship. *Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, November 26.*




**PATHWAYS CHRISTMAS PARTY** — *Sunday, December 8 / 3:30-7:30 pm* — Join the Pathways group for a Christmas potluck at the home of Robert and Kristen Lindstrom. The entire family is invited to attend. To sign up for a dish to pass and to RSVP, contact Amy Gutzmer or Sarah White.


# Serving, Giving, and Growing



**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** — *Final day to donate* — Today is the last day to drop off healthy, nonperishable food items for families served by Christopher House and Firman Community Services, two local organizations that help families in need. Deposit items into the containers in the Narthex. Lighter, boxed items (not expired) are easier for these agencies’ clients to carry on public transportation. Thanks for helping many families have a joyful holiday! *Questions?* Contact Jody Stanhope.




**CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY-TO-FAMILY PROGRAM** — *Final day to sign-up* — Today is the last chance to select a Christopher House family to brighten their Christmas with your gifts! Stop by the Forum at 10:00 am or the Narthex at 11:30 am. *Questions?* Contact Fran Spencer.




**FIRMAN HOUSE WINTER ITEMS COLLECTION** — *Collecting through December 15* — Thank you for your generous donations of winter items last year for the children of Firman House. The hats, gloves, and scarves kept many children warm. Please keep these children in mind this year! We will once again have collection boxes in the Narthex for new winter items. These much needed items will be donated to the families of Firman House during their Christmas party. Thank you for your generosity. *Questions?* Contact Kathy Doering.

**PW CHRISTMAS GATHERING: “THE WONDERFUL LIFE OF JAMES STEWART”** — *Wednesday, December 11 / 1:00 pm / in the Parlor* — Celebrate a Christmas Tea in the Parlor, followed by a program by historian, Jim Gibbons, who will discuss the life and career of James Stewart, who impacted and changed the lives of many others, much like the character he played in the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Learn about a man who demonstrated his strength of character when he left a quickly growing acting career to serve in the United States Air Force during World War II. For more information and to RSVP, contact Gladys Holtz.



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE** — The church office will close at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 27, and will remain closed through Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal business hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) will resume on Monday, December 2.



**ALL-AGES CHRISTMAS CAROLING** — *Sunday, December 22* — *Gather in Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm; Depart in Caroling Groups; Return for Pizza Dinner at 6:00 pm* — Join this fun activity to help spread cheer to church members throughout our community! Children’s Ministries will also collect donations of \$10 McDonald’s, Jewel, and gas station gift cards to be given as Christmas gifts to guests of the First Pres PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) ministry.


**JUST FRIENDS** — *Saturday, November 30 / 5:30 pm* — Join us for Cutting Hall’s production of *Annie*. Tickets are \$18. We’ll have dinner at Baker’s Square prior to the performance. *Contact and RSVP:* Pam Miller.

# Worship Next Sunday

**December 1, 2019: First Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am — Worship** (Chapel)  
*Music:* Compass

**10:30 am — Worship** (Sanctuary)  
*Music:* Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass



*Scriptures:* Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44  
*Preacher:* Alex Lang  
*Sermon Title:* “The Prophecy”

**LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS** — Worship services are webcast each Sunday on the church website, [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org). You can view these services live or at a later time. Access these webcasts directly through the Home page. If you need help with technical problems, please send an e-mail to [webcasting@firstpresah.org](mailto:webcasting@firstpresah.org). Sermon videos are available at [firstpresah.org/media/sermons](http://firstpresah.org/media/sermons). Sermon podcast archives are available at [firstpresah.org/media/podcasts](http://firstpresah.org/media/podcasts). To subscribe to the weekly sermon podcast, search your podcast app for “First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights” or “The Word @ First Pres.”

# More News

If you give electronically but would like to put something in the offering plate, we invite you to use the laminated bookmarks available in the pew rack in front of you. We will be keeping you abreast of your generosity.

Extra giving opportunity and explanation of use:

Bookmarks	\$ 2,128.00
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The bookmark funds will be used for the Mary and Martha Lending Closet.

## MARY AND MARTHA’S LENDING CLOSET IS OPEN!

Mary and Martha’s Lending Closet is open for business. Do you have an upcoming gathering you are planning for? No need to go and buy all you will need. Borrow it from Mary and Martha! We have been stocking the shelves all summer, but we also want to hear from you. A suggestion box is located outside the door.



Donations received from those who borrow from the closet will be used to further our outreach and hospitality ministry. We are partnering with local school districts to make sure that all children have access to lunches they need to succeed through the pay down of student lunch accounts and participation in district summer lunch programs.

*Questions?* Contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) or Amy Hempleman.

**GREG ATHNOS LECTURES** — Members of First Pres are cordially invited to attend lectures presented by Greg Athnos at The Moorings. Programs begin at 7:00 pm in the Odean Johnson Chapel. Upcoming presentation: *December 3:* Edvard Grieg, the Norwegian Nationalist; *December 17:* The 19th Century Russian Musical Nationalists

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CHIMES** — The November/December issue of *The Chimes* is available at [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org) or throughout the church building.