

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 Nacher

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

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

December 4

December 7

December 11

December 15

December 18

December 22

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December 24

December 25

December 29

December 31
- Concert — Messiah Sing-Along

Wednesday@Noon

Men’s Breakfast

PW Christmas Gathering

Concert — The Glory of Christmas

Family Night Christmas Party (no programming)

No Sunday School

YM Cookie Walk

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Eve — Worship at 4:00, 8:00, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day — Office closed through December 27

Worship — 10:00 am only (No Sunday School)

Office closes at 12:30 pm

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 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.

Church Life

December 1, 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. 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.



MESSIAH SING-ALONG / Today / 4:00 pm / in the Sanctuary — First Pres and the Northwest Symphony Orchestra are bringing Handel’s *Messiah* to the Arlington Heights community in sing-along form. The many will become one as the audience serves as the chorus. Warm up your vocal chords and join in the audience participation, as we fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, such as the “Hallelujah Chorus,” honoring the birth of our savior.

WEDNESDAY @ NOON — Wednesday, December 4 / 12:10 pm / in the Sanctuary — Carol Frieburg, piano; Kris Ward, handbells

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.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CHIMES DEADLINE — The deadline for the January/February Chimes is tomorrow, Monday, December 2. Submit articles to maryfino@firstpresah.org.

- Sunday, December 1 — First Sunday of Advent
- 8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 209/211 (Red Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing

9:00 am — Worship with Holy Communion — Chapel

10:00 am — Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium

10:00 am — Coffee & Fellowship — Parlor, Narthex

10:05 am — Children’s Choir—Chapel

10:30 am — Worship with Holy Communion — 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 — K-5th Grade Sunday School — Chapel, 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

4:00 pm — Concert Series: Messiah Sing-Along — Sanctuary

5:30 pm — Just Friends Planning Meeting — Off-site (Corner Bakery)

6:00 pm — HSYG — High School Lounge, Gym



Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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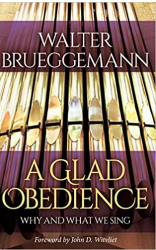
Upcoming Events

MEN’S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Meet the guys tomorrow, 6:30-7:30 am, in the Parlor. Read Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12. Enter at Door 9 (St. James Street). For more information, contact Bill Dillon.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL — There will be NO Sunday adult education the month of December. Join us for a new class *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 PROGRAMMING — *Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May*
Weekly Schedule:
6:00-7:00 pm: Drop-in dinner time for all ages
7:00-8:00 pm: Classes and programs, including:

- Conversation Classes
- ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
- Kids Connect (grades K-5)
- Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)
- Free nursery care
- ACT & SAT test preparation course on math subject areas (\$50) (*Spring Session:* March 4, 11, 18, and April 1) — register through the church office



ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: Wednesday Evening Adult Christian Education / Wednesdays through December 11 / 7:00 pm / in the Chapel — *What and Why We Sing* — Led by Ken Hockenberry, Pastor, Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Skokie; Stated Clerk of Chicago Presbytery; and singer of hymns old and new — Author Walter Brueggemann believes that though most church folks sing old hymns with gusto, and new hymns with a sense of “can we please get this over with,” we usually do not pay much attention to the words we are singing. Many hymns in our hymnals contain incredible poetic jewels of theology and faith, which can fuel our journeys of faith, if only we focused more on what we are singing. Our class will focus on several hymns, old and new, which we will sing and then discuss. Come, sing, and find some fuel for your journey of faith.

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.



CONCERT SERIES: THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS — *Sunday, December 15 / 4:00 pm / in the Sanctuary* — 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.

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.

Serving, Giving, and Growing



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.

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.



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 DECEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS — Morning Circles will be hosting their holiday celebrations on *Wednesday, December 18*. Circle 1 will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am, Circle 2 will gather at the home of Bonnie Schaap, and Circle 3 will gather at the home of Nancy Lincoln. The evening circle, Circle 7, will celebrate at Palm Court (1912 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights) on *Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 pm*. Please RSVP to Karen Wilson.

SPECIAL OFFERING — *December 1-24* — The Christmas Joy Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA), supports leaders from Presbyterian-based schools and colleges educating communities of color, to reflect the wideness of God’s intended diversity. The offering also supports church leaders and their families dealing with critical financial need. Please give generously.



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 — *Today / 5:30 pm* — Join us at Corner Bakery to help plan the events for January. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. *Saturday, December 7 / 4:15 pm*— Join us at the Botanic Gardens for Lightscape, where we’ll wander into a festive world of wonder and light. Along a mile-long path, the night comes alive with color, imagination, and sound, from a playful choir of singing trees to a spectacular waterfall of light. Contact and RSVP: Toni Eaton.

Worship Next Sunday

December 8, 2019: Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Men’s Chorus



Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12
Preacher: Alex Lang
Sermon Title: “The Messenger”

LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS — Worship services are webcast each Sunday on the church website, 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. Sermon videos are available at firstpresah.org/media/sermons. Sermon podcast archives are available at 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 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

GOING DEEPER: SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP — *Sunday, December 8 / 10:00-11:00 am in Room 101/103* — If you attend the 9:00 am Chapel service, join our sermon discussion group where you can reflect on the issues, topics, and themes from Pastor Alex’s sermon of the day.