

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

Large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, 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. 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*



HERITAGE

“God is limitless in His love and asks that
we at least make the effort to be limitless in ours.”
— Marianne Williamson

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**JANUARY 21, 2018
11:00 AM**

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Paean” *Robert Lau*

WELCOME Alex Lang

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 47)

One: Clap your hands and shout to God with songs of joy!

All: Our God is awesome and mighty.

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises.

All: God is bigger than we can imagine; greater than we can comprehend.

One: We gather to worship God. Clap your hands, all people!

✦ HYMN 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, forgive us when we try to limit you according to what we can understand. Forgive us for judging others by our personal standards. Forgive us for trying to create a community where others think like us, talk like us, and believe like us. Open our hearts and minds to diversity. Show us again the inclusivity of your love. Remind us of the limitless nature of your love. Help us to share the wideness of your mercy rather than the narrowness of our judgment.

SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

✦ 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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION TC Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:5-11
(Pew Bible, p. 957) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Abide in Him” *Shirley Porter*

“Abide beneath the shelter of the Lord Most High; Abide within the love of Christ our Lord; Abide where gentle spirit wings will cover you, and guard you and keep you and give you safe refuge. Abide where fears of night shall not overwhelm you, and days of dark despair shall not prevail. Ten thousand may fall at your side, but evil plagues shall not consume nor stain the child of God! Sing alleluia to your King; Sing alleluia, let praises ring. Alleluia! He will deliver you; His love will cover you through all your days! Abide in Him, the mighty God Jehovah! Abide in Him, ye chosen seed of Israel. Abide in Him, O ye weary one, abide, and find in Him your strength and song. Abide in Him whose name is Jesus.”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:1-5a, 15-20
(Pew Bible, p. 956) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Church Talk” 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 308 “O God in Whom All Life Begins” Noel

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 “Glory to the King of Kings” *Van Denman*

Thompson

*“Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One! Gloria! While eternal ages run!*

Glory to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain!

Glory be to him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign.

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the church’s King! Glory to the King of nations!

Heaven and earth your praises bring! Gloria in excelsis! Glory, blessing,

praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, power, dominion!

Thus its praise creation brings. Gloria! Glory to the King, The King of Kings!”

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 318 “In Christ There Is No East or West” St. Peter

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Prelude in C Major” *J. S. Bach*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeter: Tom Carroll

Ushers: Kate McVay (head usher), Peter Bukowski, Rob Lincoln, Frank Morrone, Kirsten Olson

Flowers: **Earl and Gloria Oak**—In memory of David E. Oak

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

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