

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](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. 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

“To be diligent means to be serious
and devoted to the work of God”
— Sunday Adelaja

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 25, 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 “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” *arr. Caudill & Nelson*
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

WELCOME Alex Lang

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord!

All: We will stand in awe of our God.

One: God hears us when we cry our to God.

All: When we seek God we are satisfied.

One: Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” Lauda Anima

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, so often we find our value in what we do or what we can accomplish. We push ourselves and others to work hours. Forgive us when we put accomplishments ahead of compassion. Forgive us when we judge others based upon what they can do. Forgive us for devaluing those who grow old and tired or who are too young to earn their way. Remind us that our value comes in being your children.

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 Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 6:6-11
(Pew Bible, p. 513) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “I am Bound for the Kingdom” *arr. Richard Dinwiddie*
“Come, Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! O to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be. Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:1-16
(Pew Bible, p. 801) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Sloth & Diligence” 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 36 “For the Fruit of All Creation” Ar Hyd Y Nos

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 “Come, Labor On” *arr. Richard Fitzgerald*
“Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Mast say, ‘Go work today.’ Come, labor on. The enemy is watching night and day, to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away; while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not. Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here: by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will. Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share to young and old the Gospel gladness bear: redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly, The night draws nigh. Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, ‘Servant, well done.’ ”
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 372 “O for a World” Azmon

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Work, for the Night is Coming” *Seth Bingham*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeter: Bill Hamilton

Ushers: Peter Bukowski (head usher), Kurt Ahlers, Bob Harrald, Karen Hughes, Frank Morrone

Flowers: **Jerry Bolin**—In loving memory of Sue; remembering you on your birthday and everyday

Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In loving memory of William F. Rieckhoff

Gordon and Vivian Palmer—In celebration of our 62nd wedding anniversary

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban