

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](https://www.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

“Humility is the foundation of all
the other virtues hence, in the soul in
which this virtue does not exist there cannot be
any other virtue except in mere appearance.”

—Saint Augustine

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY PALM SUNDAY

**MARCH 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 “Lift High the Cross” *arr. Joel Raney*
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

WELCOME Alex Lang

✠CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

One: O, give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: Bind the festal procession with branches.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

✠HYMN 197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Ellacombe

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed are you, O God. You are good and steadfast. Your love endures forever. Forgive us for our prideful behavior. Remind us that you are the giver of life. Forgive us when we think we know it all. Forgive us when we think our opinions or thoughts are more important than others. Open us to new ideas and save us from our fear of being wrong. Create in us a spirit of humility that we might more faithfully serve you.

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 Luke 18:9-14
(Pew Bible, p. 853) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” *William Mathias*
“Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-13
(Pew Bible, p. 802) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Pride & Humility” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:6-8)

We believe that Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

✠HYMN 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Rockingham

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 “Hosanna to the Living Lord!” *Howard Helvey*
“Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the incarnate Word! To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, Let earth, let heaven hosanna sing! Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! ‘Hosanna, Lord!’ your angels cry. ‘Hosanna, Lord!’ your saints reply. Above, beneath us, and around, The dead and living swell the sound: Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Be honor, praise and glory given By earth and all in heaven.
Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!”
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 198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” St. Drostane

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘All Glory, Laud, and Honor’ ” *M. Burkhardt*

✠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: **Betty Lou Bukowski**—Honoring the memory of ministry of Rev. Paul and Winnie Stumpf

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban