

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 obey to the point of death requires the ability to die,
and for this, Jesus had to be human.”

— Bruce A. Ware,

*The Man Christ Jesus: Theological Reflections
on the Humanity of Christ*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**APRIL 29, 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 “Carillon” *Leo Sowerby*

WELCOME Alex Lang

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

One: We gather to praise the Lord.

All: The poor will eat and be satisfied.

One: All the ends of the earth will turn to God.

All: All the families and nations will worship God.

One: Future generations will be told about the Lord.

All: We gather to praise the Lord!

✦ HYMN 625 “How Great Thou Art” How Great Thou Art

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Risen Christ, we gather to praise you with strong voices and open hearts.

You have conquered death. Nothing can separate us from your love.

Draw us closer. Keep us safe from the deceivers and show us how to live

by your example. We long to know your presence day and night. You are

the way for us. Bring us into the circle of your light and love. Walk with

us in our doubt and in our certainty. We pray in the name of Jesus

Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TC Anderson

One: Christ is risen indeed; we are not afraid.

All: For we know the One in whom we trust.

✦ CELTIC ALLELUIA! (Hymn 587)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦ 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 2 John 1:7-11
(Pew Bible, p. 992) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” *Gilbert Martin*
“*Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire; purge me with your holy fire. Holy Spirit, pow’r divine,
fortify this will of mine; by your will I strongly thrive, bravely bear, nobly strive.
Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly thine; Be my guide,
and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. Amen.*”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 2:18-25
(Pew Bible, p. 990) Alex Lang
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SERMON “Doppelganger” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed
the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the
captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing
the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the
world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life
eternal.**

✦ HYMN 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” Beecher

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE TC Anderson

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 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” *John Carter*
“*I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back. The world behind me, the cross before
me, no turning back. He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort
fraught! Whate’er I do, where’r I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me. He leadeth
me, by His own hand, He leadeth me; His faithful follow’r I would be, for by His hand,
He leadeth me. Though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back.
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back.*”
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 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” Assurance

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Toccata in Seven” *John Rutter*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Ushers: Tom Carroll (head usher), Ron Baker, Susan Carroll, Ingrid
Kaufman, Jim Kaufman, Bonnie Schaap, Dave Schaap

Flowers : **Presbyterian Women**—In honor of those who serve

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban