



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 103)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: God forgives our iniquity.

One: God heals our diseases.

All: God redeems our lives from the pit.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

✦ **“10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)”** Myrin & Redman

✦ **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

LUKE 17:1-4

MESSAGE “Forgiving the Unforgiven” Alex Lang/TC Anderson
Scripture: Matthew 18:23-35

SONG “Forgiveness” Matthew West

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“An Evening Prayer” Battersby & Gabriel

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“MIGHTY TO SAVE”** Fielding & Morgan

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Amy Carroll, keyboard; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Beth Osborn, vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Madison Treppa, vocals

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

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) 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

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Organized in 1855*



“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”
— C.S. Lewis

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Highland Cathedral" *arr. Mark Schweizer*
First Pres Brass and J. Kevin Chapman, bagpipes
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 363 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" Darwall's 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways.

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.**

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COMMUNITY LIFE

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:1-4
(Pew Bible, p. 852) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" *David Ashely White*
"There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:23-35
(Pew Bible, p. 800) Alex Lang
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SERMON "Forgiving the Unforgiven"
Alex Lang/TC Anderson

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.

✦ HYMN 444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" Detroit

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" *arr. Mack Wilberg*
Text from Hymn 649
Chancel Choir, First Pres Brass and J. Kevin Chapman, bagpipes

✦ 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 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Angel's Story

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Ellacombe'" *Thallander, arr. Morrone*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang/TC Anderson
Usher: (10:30 am) Jan Cikra
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
Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)
First Pres Brass: Eric Allen and Matt Baker, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Andy & Sam Sturgeon, trombone

WORSHIP NOTES