

# 10:00 AM WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

Alex Lang

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is the one God who brought us out of slavery. There are no other gods worthy of our praise. We do not worship idols but a living God.

### HYMN 66

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Pentecost

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judy Hockenberry

Living God, no matter how righteous we imagine ourselves to be, the truth is we fall short of your best hopes for us. No matter how hard we try to fulfill your law, we fail. We forget that righteousness and perfection come through you alone. It is your grace that makes us whole. Open our hearts so that we seek only you. Forgive our sins and enable us to hold fast to our faith, knowing you hold our lives secure. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer requests can be texted to this number 224-688-6657, prior to the sermon.

### EXODUS 19:16-18, 23-25

### MESSAGE

“Road Rules”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

### 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.**

### SHARING OUR GIFTS

“God of Justice”

*Tim Hughes*

*“God of Justice, Saviour to all. Came to rescue the weak and the poor. Chose to serve and not be served. Jesus, You have called us. Freely we've received, now freely we will give. We must go.*

*Live to feed the hungry. Stand beside the broken. We must go. Stepping forward,*

*keep us from just singing. Move us into action. We must go. To act justly every day.*

*Loving mercy in every way. Walking humbly before You God. You have shown us what You require.*

*Freely we've received, now freely we will give. Fill us up and send us out.”*

### BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

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**Worship led by:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

**Music:** Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

**Flowers: Walter Meyer**—To honor the sailors and soldiers of the MRF–Viet Nam

## CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY** — When you give of your resources to the church, you allow those gifts to be made new. With your help, First Pres can continue to be that solid foundation in an ever-shifting landscape. Thank you for making a commitment to our stewardship campaign and helping us to ensure that First Pres continues to be the calm in the midst of the storm. Please return your commitment card to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

### NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES COMING SOON

**Wednesday Engage & Encounter: The Power of Restorative Justice in Our Communities and Our Lives**  
— **Wednesdays, November 11 - December 16 / 7:00 pm / via Zoom / Instructor: Michele Holifield**

The term restorative justice is often misunderstood as a softer form of punishment meant to replace the current criminal justice system in the United States. In fact, restorative justice has roots back to the beginning of history and is used still today in schools and churches, just to name a few, to bring wholeness and healing to the affected community. We will look at the origins and principles of restorative justice and discover how these concepts parallel the concepts of justice in the Bible, and how this allows for a transformative approach to wrongdoing in our communities. We will also look at what it means to live restoratively in our own lives. Register in advance for this meeting by clicking the link in Weekly Highlights or by going to [zoom.us/meeting/register/tJoldeGgrDspHt3rG6X39HQFag5fYGWSt1DW](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJoldeGgrDspHt3rG6X39HQFag5fYGWSt1DW)

**Sunday Adult Education: Out of Exile** — **Sundays, November 15 - December 20 / 9:00 am / via Zoom** —  
**Instructor: Dr. Donald Kaasch**

The Babylonian exile, along with the exodus from Egypt, are the pivotal experiences of the Jewish people. What led up to this event? Who were targeted by the Babylonians for removal to Babylon? How long did the exile last? Something was produced during and after the exile that would forever define Judaism, to this day. When the exile was ended and return to Judah and Jerusalem was open to everyone, what happened? Who freed the exiles? Don't miss this exciting look at what might well be the single, most important, period of Jewish history! Contact Mary Fino in the church office for the link.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** — **Sign up through Tuesday, November 17** — Volunteer to serve as a driver, delivering meals to homebound elderly and disabled people during the month of December for Wheeling Township's Meals on Wheels program. It only takes about an hour or so and you will be given a route, map included, with about six to eight homes to deliver to. There are three routes to choose from: Route 1: Arlington Heights, Route 2: Buffalo Grove/Wheeling and Route 3: Mt. Prospect/Prospect Heights. You can sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/10c044ca4a623a0f85-meals1](https://signupgenius.com/go/10c044ca4a623a0f85-meals1). New safety protocols have been put in place to protect the safety of drivers and clients. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Orzechowski at [Mission@firstpresah.org](mailto:Mission@firstpresah.org).

**JOURNEYS MEAL DONATION AND DELIVERY HELP WANTED** — First Pres continues to deliver meals to two Arlington Heights hotels where guests from our PADS program are currently staying. We anticipate providing these meals for the foreseeable future. Through your generosity, we continue to provide three meals a day, once per week, for 90 people. Also, we will provide 24 people with a box of food that will provide breakfast and lunch for a week. We need food donations, cash donations, and volunteers to pack and deliver. To get involved, sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-winter](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-winter). If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at [padsfood@firstpresah.org](mailto:padsfood@firstpresah.org).

**FOOD DRIVE FOR FIRMAN AND CHRISTOPHER HOUSES — *Monetary donations accepted through Wednesday, November 11*** — This year, in support of both the Firman House and Christopher House food drives, we will be collecting monetary donations. These communities are in need more than ever. Please be generous to ensure they have a special holiday and every day. Donations will be equally divided between the two organizations. Questions? Contact Gladys Holtz at [gladysholtz@comcast.net](mailto:gladysholtz@comcast.net) or Kathy Doering at [doering.kathy.m@gmail.com](mailto:doering.kathy.m@gmail.com). You can donate in one of two ways—online or by check.

**Online:**

1. Go to [www.firstpresah.org](http://www.firstpresah.org).
2. Click on "GIVE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Click on the GIVE NOW link in blue.
4. Select "PW-Food Drive" from the drop-down menu.

**By check:**

Send a check, made out to First Presbyterian Church, to the church office. On the memo line, indicate Food Drive.

**WINTER ITEMS DRIVE** — Last year, the winter items collected were valued gifts to the children of Firman House and the donations were greatly appreciated! Please keep these young children in mind this year. Instead of purchasing hats, mittens, and scarves, think about the amount you would have paid and donate that so these items may be purchased and given to the families of Firman House. Your donations mean so much to these children. Questions? Contact Kathy Doering at [doering.kathy.m@gmail.com](mailto:doering.kathy.m@gmail.com) or 847-255-4364. You can donate in one of two ways—online or by check.

**Online:**

1. Go to [www.firstpresah.org](http://www.firstpresah.org).
2. Click on "GIVE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Click on the GIVE NOW link in blue.
4. Select "PW-Firman House-WINTER" from the drop-down menu.

**By check:**

Send a check, made out to First Presbyterian Church, to the church office. On the memo line, indicate Firman Winter Items.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHRISTOPHER HOUSE** — Many of us have enjoyed providing wrapped Christmas gifts for Christopher House families in past years, but because of the pandemic, that cannot happen this year. Instead, please consider donating to the Christopher House Thrive Fund. These funds assist families with bigger ticket items like rent and utilities, needs that have spiked since March because of COVID-19. By August, Christopher House had helped over 60 families from this fund. Between **November 1 and December 15**, you may contribute to the Thrive Fund. Your donation can make a huge difference in the life of a Christopher House family. Questions? Contact Fran Spencer at [fran109spencer@yahoo.com](mailto:fran109spencer@yahoo.com), 847-767-2334 or Liz Thompson at [lizht85@yahoo.com](mailto:lizht85@yahoo.com), 847-537-9087. You can donate in one of two ways—online or by check.

**Online:**

1. Go to [www.firstpresah.org](http://www.firstpresah.org).
2. Click on "GIVE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Click on the GIVE NOW link in blue.
4. Select "Christopher House Thrive" from the drop-down menu.

**By check:**

Send a check, made out to First Presbyterian Church, to the church office. On the memo line, indicate Christopher House Thrive Fund.

**SANCTUARY ENHANCEMENTS** — During these last months, we have been busy working on a project to enhance the Chancel area of the Sanctuary. Work is currently underway to construct a permanent stage at the front of the Chancel area. With this addition, there will be acoustical improvements for the organ, choir, and instrumental ensembles, easier set-ups for handbells and orchestra ensembles, and a brighter space for weddings, baptisms, memorial services, and other special services. We expect work to be complete in mid-December and cannot wait for you to see this beautiful addition to our worship space when we are all able to gather again.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT** — As we continue to stream worship services until further notice, we ask that you keep your giving to the church up-to-date by mailing in a check or by going online. By continuing to give, you continue to help your church pay its bills, make its payroll, and be a light in the world. To give online:

1. Go to [www.firstpresah.org](http://www.firstpresah.org).
2. Click on "GIVE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Click on the GIVE NOW link in blue.

Online giving can be done on a one-time basis or you can set up a recurring gift. It is easy and our website uses Secure Socket Layering (SSL) to protect personal credit information before it travels over the Internet. By continuing to give, you continue to help your church pay its bills, make its payroll, and be a light in the world.

**BUILDING UPDATE** — The Session has adopted a working plan to begin the re-opening of our facility. We will continue to keep you informed on any revisions to the current plan. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to [pandemic@firstpresah.org](mailto:pandemic@firstpresah.org).

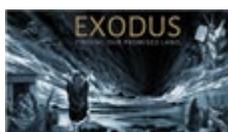
The staff continues to be in the office Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. If you wish to speak to a staff member in person, please call the appropriate staff member and set a day and time for your arrival or appointment. Pre-scheduled entry to the building is only through Door 9 (the door near the main office on St. James Street). In order to monitor building use, key cards have been disabled. When you arrive, you can ring the bell on the wall or call the office at 847-255-5900. Masks are required in the building, and you will be required to sign a visitor's log.

**THE CHIMES** — The November/December 2020 *Chimes* is now available to read or download at [firstpresah.org/chimes-bulletins/novemberdecember-2020-edition-the-chimes/](http://firstpresah.org/chimes-bulletins/novemberdecember-2020-edition-the-chimes/).

**PASTORAL CARE** — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at [judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org](mailto:judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org) or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

#### **ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

November 15, 2020: 24th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship ([firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/))



Scriptures: Exodus 25:10-16, Exodus 15:17-22  
Preacher: Alex Lang  
Sermon Title: "Just Mercy"

# Prayer Requests

If you want your prayer request announced in service, please text 224-688-6657 prior to the sermon.

## **Healing & Comfort**

Mario Alberico  
Brian Aldrich  
Pat Almblad  
Liz Armstrong  
Dave Berkow  
Dawn Bruce  
Samuel Bruce — brother of Lee Bruce  
Betty Lou Bukowski  
Brian & Jennifer Butler — brother-in-law and sister  
of Dawn Bruce  
Barbara Carlson — mother of Dan Carlson  
Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow  
Mary Clarbour  
Sally Costello  
Carol Dahn  
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward  
Sr. Sharon Dillon — friend of Kris Ward  
Roger Fick  
Michael Fischer — grandson of Dave and Pat Almblad  
Bobbi Freres  
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura  
George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes  
Bill Ginnodo  
Gloria — friend of June Johnson  
Dorita and Houston Godfrey  
Ermina Gomez & daughter — friends of Elaine Chen  
Kit Graham — friend of Betty Sanders  
Barbara Hayes  
Bob Jackson — friend of Hal Stern  
Rich Jacobs — son-in-law of Barbara MacDowell  
Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne  
Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne  
Marylyn Jirsa

Marjorie Kalivoda  
Barbara Langer — mother of Laura Carlson  
Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong  
Penny Lumsden — mother of Stu Lumsden  
Quentin Mare'  
Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico  
Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario and  
Claudia Alberico  
Lee Nelson  
Gloria Oak  
Elizabeth Postell — aunt of Janet Powers  
Denise Poy  
Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson  
Betty Roach  
Jim Rohe — friend of Jo Christian  
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad  
Susan Scott  
Dee Sievertsen  
Ed Slivovsky  
Je'Anna Paris Smith  
Wendell Stoike  
Arne Stollfuss  
David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen  
Norma Syms  
Sue Taflinger  
Jaquan Thompson  
Jewell Truskowski  
Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow  
Dan Tsutsumi  
Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen  
Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers  
Gary Walker

## **Sympathy to**

**Jan Niemeyer**, on the death of her sister, Dr. Peggy Garrett

**Janet and Ray Powers**, on the death of Janet's brother, Gary McCabe

## **Serving in the Armed Services**

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling  
Maj. Michael B. Ford, US Army Reserves — stepson of Kris Ford  
Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen  
Geoffrey Martineau — brother of Lisa Martineau  
E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz  
2 LT Kristen Reese, Army — daughter of Jim and Becky Reese, sister of Adam and Brian Reese  
Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz  
Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse