

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Alex Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us to worship from far and near. We gather separately and still together. God is in our midst providing an endless stream of mercy. Come, we will worship God together.

HYMN 421

“Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”

Irish

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TC Anderson

Holy God, thank you for your boundless mercy and your unconditional love. We are sinners. We have fallen short of your best hopes and intentions for us. We break the commandments regularly. Yet, you respond to us with forgiveness every time. Show us the way to live out of your mercy, to forgive as you have forgiven us, and to practice your justice in our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXODUS 25:10-16

MESSAGE

“Just Mercy”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Exodus 25:17-22

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.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Distant Land (Recorded on 9/9/2018)”

John Rutter

“I see a distant land; it shines so clear. Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so near. Come, join together, take the dusty road; Help one another: share the heavy load. The journey may be long; no end in sight; There may be hills to climb, or giants to fight: But if you’ll take my hand, we’ll walk together t’ward the land of freedom. I hear a distant song; it fills the air. I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer: O Lord we are many; help us to be one. Heal our divisions: let thy will be done. I know the time will come when war must cease: A time of truth and love, a time of peace. The people cry, How long till all our world can join the song of freedom. I touch a distant hand and feel its glow, The hand I hoped was there: at last I know. Swords into plough shares: can it all come true? Friends out of strangers: start with me and you. I see another time, another place where we can all be one, one human race. The walls will melt away, we’ll come together on the day of freedom.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson, Chris Urban, Chancel Choir, Eric Allen, Colin Stanhope, Courtney Lewis, Phil Lewis, Joan Morrone, Sam Sturgeon, and Andy Sturgeon

Flowers: **Betty Launer**—For all who are ill due to the pandemic and for all who have lost family and friends

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesday Engage & Encounter: The Power of Restorative Justice in Our Communities and Our Lives — Wednesdays, through 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/join/zoom/register/tJoldeGgrDspHt3rG6X39HQFag5fYGWSt1DW)

Sunday Adult Education: Out of Exile — Sundays, November 15 - December 20 / 10:00 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! Register in advance for this meeting by clicking the link in Weekly Highlights or by going to

[zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAoduGtpjMuHNVni8owoYlXyc4jkkJ4Pww8](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAoduGtpjMuHNVni8owoYlXyc4jkkJ4Pww8)

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. 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.

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. If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at padsfood@firstpresah.org.

GUEST PREACHER — Sunday, November 22, 2020 — Rev. Rich Havard, Pastor & Executive Director of the Inclusive Collective. A native Southerner, Rich grew up in Gloster, Mississippi - a small town with a population of 960. After calling Alabama and Georgia home for seven years, Rich moved to Chicago in 2014 and now serves as Pastor and Executive Director of the Inclusive Collective, a Christian community for young adults at the University of Illinois at Chicago and throughout Chicagoland. He strives to create faith spaces that are spiritually vibrant, inclusive, and justice-oriented. To learn more about the Inclusive Collective, visit LetsGetInclusiveUIC.org or [@LetsGetInclusiveUIC](https://twitter.com/LetsGetInclusiveUIC).

THE WISE and SAGE THANKSGIVING DINNER — Yes, you read that right. This year, we're going to do the Wise and Sage Thanksgiving Dinner a little differently. The high school youth of First Pres invite all of you who are 65 years old and over to sign up to get a Thanksgiving meal prepared by the youth. We will be having meal pick up from 5:00pm-6:00pm on Sunday, November 22 and if you can't make that we will have youth/families deliver your meal to you after 6:00pm that night. We are excited that we will be able to keep this tradition alive and hope you all sign up to enjoy our cooking. Sign up by calling the church office and letting Carol know, or sending back the rsvp most of you should have gotten in the mail this past week! Please rsvp no later than Wednesday, November 18. Questions? Contact Rev. TC Anderson at TCAnderson@firstpresah.org.

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 or 847-255-4364. You can donate in one of two ways—online or by check.

Online:

1. Go to 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, 847-767-2334 or Liz Thompson at 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.
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:

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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.

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.

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 or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

November 22, 2020: Christ the King
Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)

Scriptures: Mark 4:1-20
Preacher: Richard Havard
Sermon Title: God is Wasteful

Prayer Requests

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
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
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

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