



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**10:00 am Worship Service**

***Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives.***

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette! We're so glad you're here. Whether you're a long-time member or first-time visitor, we are blessed to have you with us. We hope joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. You are loved and never alone!

Our mission statement here is "Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives." As a church, we strive to be about that simple and challenging work day after day, in season and out of season. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically altered our lives, but it has also revealed what is most important. As we lean into what the weeks and months ahead will be like, we will continue to pray for one another. We will keep growing as followers of Christ. We will keep loving and listening to our neighbors. We will keep the hand to plow, working to embody God's dream for the world. We will keep reminding ourselves that we are a work in progress.

As we resume in-person and livestreamed services in the Sanctuary, we are committed to keeping everyone safe and finding fresh and creative ways to worship together. We value your feedback – let us know what is going well and what could be better!

- Masks are required to be worn during in-person worship
- Please maintain physical distancing from people outside your household or pod
- A worship bulletin will be available (hardcopy in person or pdf online)
- Please join in the liturgy and prayers and passing of the peace, as directed
- You may pick up a pew Bible or hymnal if you wish, but the lyrics and scripture is also printed in the bulletin for your convenience
- Our air exchange system will be running during the service, pulling air in from outside – please keep your coat with you to stay warm
- We will not be singing as a congregation indoors quite yet - a soloist will lead us and you are invited to hum along! If you are worshipping at home, you may belt out the hymns for the rest of us.
- Worship leaders will wear masks, even while they are leading, until 14 days after their second vaccination dose – once they are fully vaccinated, they will remove masks only while leading portions of the service
- You are strongly encouraged to send God Sightings to [godsightings@fpcw.org](mailto:godsightings@fpcw.org) by 9am on Sunday morning to be included in the worship service
- Same thing for prayer requests: please send in prayer joys and concerns to [prayersofthepeople@fpcw.org](mailto:prayersofthepeople@fpcw.org) by 9am on Sunday to be included in the worship service (only first names will be spoken and limited details offered)
- Please linger and fellowship with one another after worship by heading out to the parking lot or church yard – we would be delighted to catch up with you!
- Restrooms are available for use with appropriate precautions
- The offering plate will be available to place a cash or check gift in before or after the service in the narthex
- We're so glad to be worshipping with you in person and online! You are loved and never alone, friends.

With gratitude in Christ,  
Pastor Jeff

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of the past, who has created and nurtured us.

**We are here to thank you.**

God of the future, who is always ahead of us.

**We are here to thank you.**

God of the present, who is here in the midst of us.

**We are here to thank you.**

God of life, who is beyond us and within us.

**We are here to thank you.**

**OPENING HYMN NO. 321 - *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1, 2. & 5)**

AURELIA

(You are invited to hum while the soloist sings the words)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator God, by your design we are whole people, yet we deny this gift of wholeness when we have been willing to be entertained but not changed. We have allowed our insights to harden into cliches. We have seen our youth as "the future of the church," but not as valuable members of the church today. We have called on you only to hear the sound of our own voices. Forgiving God, who makes community from the raw materials of our lives, teach us the humility to learn from those who know a true rejoicing. Restore us to wholeness through the belovedness we have in your Son, our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE - *Celtic Alleluia***

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

Friends, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## COMMON LIFE

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,<sup>[a]</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

### CHARGE TO CONFIRMANDS

Amy Lyon and Rev. Jeff Lehn

### INSTRUMENTAL HYMN OF REFLECTION - *Take My Life*

Cleland B. McAfee, arr. M. Mier

(You are invited to hum during the hymn reflection)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

### RITE OF CONFIRMATION

#### WELCOME

These ten gifted teenagers, by publicly professing their faith, have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in baptism. Let us welcome them as they officially join us in Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in this ministry, for we are all one in him.**

#### BAPTISM OF GILLIAN HARO

#### CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do, with God's help.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?  
**I will, with God's help.**

#### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**We promise our continuing friendship and prayers as we follow the ways of Jesus together and strive to embody the love and justice of the kingdom of God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in faith, hope and love, to be witnesses to our risen Lord and Savior.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **GIVING OF GIFTS**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary;*

*Pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 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.

## **CALL FOR OFFERING**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - The Doxology - LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **SENDING HYMN NO. 700 - *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (vs. 1, 3, & 4)**

I'M GONNA LIVE

(You are invited to hum while the soloist sings the words)

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

## **POSTLUDE - *Here I Am***

arr. Charles Callahan

## **WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Confirmants: Ainsley Flintz, Pierce Hedstrom, , Zoe Hedstrom, Gillian Haro, Lukas Leonardson, Addison Lundgren, Clark Lundgren, Kate Todd, Daphne Traynor and Margaret Zimmer

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching

Amy Lyon, preaching

Nick Lin, soloist

Peggy Massello, music director





## Our Common Life

Week of May 16th, 2021

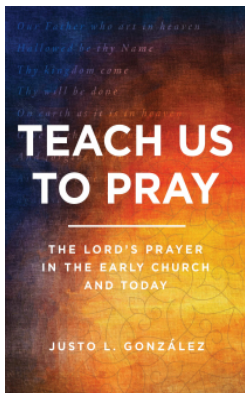
Join us Sundays for in-person worship or via Livestream. The service will begin at 10 am. If you're joining us in person, check out the email from Pastor Jeff, which includes protocols and guidelines to make your worship experience meaningful and safe. We're excited to see you!

If you're joining us via Livestream, a video link will be included in the Saturday evening email. Peggy will begin prelude music at 9:55 am and we'll get underway after that, so please join us as you're able.

Two ways you can participate in worship are by (1) sending an email with a "God sighting" you've experienced this week to [godsightings@fpcw.org](mailto:godsightings@fpcw.org) (2) sending an email to [prayersofthepeople@fpcw.org](mailto:prayersofthepeople@fpcw.org) with any prayer, joy, or concern you have this week. Please send them in by 9 am on Sunday for inclusion in the worship service that morning.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

(age 3 - 4th grade) Lindley Traynor, Director of Children and Family Ministries, along with Peggy Massello and Scott McElhenie have developed a creative and interactive video for our children. This video is available for families on Sundays in the worship email sent to you each week.



### Adult Faith Formation Class:

"Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer in the Early Church and Today"

(Through – May 30, 8:30 am over Zoom)

Have you ever wondered why we recite the Lord's Prayer every Sunday? What did it mean for the early church? Why are we still reciting it today? What do all of its phrases mean? Why are Luke's and Matthew's version of it a bit different? Join us for this seven-week class as we explore this famous and formative prayer together. The recent book by Justo Gonzalez, *Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer in the Early Church* will be our guide. Led by Pastor Jeff, we'll gather over Zoom each Sunday for an hour beginning at 8:30 am. We'll begin our study by diving into the uses of the Lord's Prayer in the early church. Then, we'll spend the remaining six weeks walking through the prayer phrase by phrase. Scanned chapters from Gonzalez are available for your edification, but reading them in advance is not required to attend the class. We are all students here – come and deepen your prayer life with us! (Zoom Link; Meeting ID: 832 3379 4440; Passcode: 389051; Call-In: 312-626-6799)



### Flowers for the Sanctuary

As we move to in-person worship, and live-streaming our worship services we will again have flowers on our communion table. If you would like to offer flowers in memory of or in celebration of a loved one please reach out to Linda Malstrom [lindamalstrom@gmail.com](mailto:lindamalstrom@gmail.com).



The church recently opened a Zoom account with three licenses. We'd like to offer to members the use of our Zoom account. Contact Madeline Weston in the church office if you would like to schedule a meeting. Madeline will set up your meeting and send you the Zoom link and passcode.



PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Sunday, May 23** - Each year we recognize this special offering on Pentecost Sunday. With our gifts, we join together to build God's house with our children, youth, and young adults and help our children begin life with a strong solid foundation of faith

- Through your congregation (envelopes in the bulletins)
- Text PENTECOST to 91999
- Give online ([specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/](https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/))



**Connections for the Homeless** have several opportunities for volunteers to help support their mission. One option is to make breakfast sandwiches for their guests. To check out their website google Connections for the Homeless, Evanston. You'll find a full array of opportunities to help support this important organization.



Interfaith Action of Evanston Is launching SNAPGap for 2021! We know the federal SNAP program is a great way to help people below the poverty line with grocery items, but it doesn't cover toiletries, soap, shampoo, etc. Please help us fill in the gaps. This month we're collecting shampoo, body wash and disinfecting wipes.

Contribute any or all 3 and whatever quantity works for you. We appreciate all donations. Items will be distributed to more than 250 households through the monthly ProduceMobile in James Park.

**Items needed:** Shampoo (such as Pantene Pro-V Daily Moisturizing), Body Wash (Dove Body Wash), Disinfectant Wipes (such as Lysol Wipes). Order online or buy at your favorite store, either our brand or your favorite one. Please drop off your contribution at the outside bins in the FPCW parking lot or you can make a donation through Amazon. Click here to access their Amazon wish list.



Our mission partner and friends at **C24/7** have set up a free store to serve those in their neighborhood who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Let's help stock their store! Here's what they need:

Hand and dish soap, deodorant, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet paper, spaghetti, pasta sauce, cereal, cooking oil, diapers, wipes, laundry detergent. Please put donations in the black box, labeled C247, outside the parking lot door at *fpcw*.



**The Family Matters** community house in Rogers Park is looking for tutors. The school year has begun and there is a waiting list of students who need support. With remote learning it is more important than ever to help students keep up with their studies. A tutor's commitment is 1 ½ hrs per week, in one-on-one evening tutoring sessions. Interested in making a difference in a young student's life? Please contact Greg Korak (847-256-7251) and learn more about this opportunity.

JOIN US TO SUPPORT TOWER AS THEY HIT THE TRACKS AND RACE OFF TO KENTUCKY TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST!

FIRST PREBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE INVITES YOU TO:

**Tower Benefit Dinner**

SUNDAY, MAY 23 @ 4PM

FPCW, 600 9TH STREET, WILMETTE

FREE ADMISSION

*SILENT AUCTION, GAMES, PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS*

*ACTIVITIES & TONS OF FAMILY FUN!*

**\*\*ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT FPCW TOWER WORK TRIP TO HAZARD, KY\*\***

**\*\*PLEASE EMAIL SCOTT McELHENIE AT youth@fpcw.org WITH DONATIONS OR QUESTIONS\*\***



### **Slowing Time**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. Questions? Contact Sue Sklansky. ([suesklansky@gmail.com](mailto:suesklansky@gmail.com))

### **Moms and Psalms**

This group is on hiatus until the group can meet in person. Questions? Contact Sue Sklansky. [suesklansky@gmail.com](mailto:suesklansky@gmail.com)

### **Lunch Group**

(without lunch during this time): 2nd Wed of the month at noon. Currently meeting via Zoom (Mary Watt), each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. [mhw1117@gmail.com](mailto:mhw1117@gmail.com) Nancy Freeman coordinates [njwfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:njwfreeman@gmail.com).

### **Book and Dinner**

(without dinner during this time): 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, Carol Korak provides the Zoom link. [carolkorak@gmail.com](mailto:carolkorak@gmail.com).

### **Senior Suppers**

(discussion without supper): 3rd Tuesday Greg Michel provides the Zoom link. [michelga@me.com](mailto:michelga@me.com)

### **Men's Hour**

Every Thursday at 7 pm via Zoom (Paul Traynor) The group will discuss The Prodigal Son Returns by H. Nouwen. No homework required! [paultraynor@haymoon.com](mailto:paultraynor@haymoon.com)

### **Men's Council**

Meets every Saturday morning (8-9:30 am) via Zoom. Frank Panzica [Frank.d.panzica@gmail.com](mailto:Frank.d.panzica@gmail.com)

### **Bible Study**

Thursdays at 10 am via Zoom, Jeff provides the link. [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org)

### **Adult Faith formation**

Sunday, 8:30 – 9:30 am, (January 10 - January 31) In-depth discussions on the impact of the Pandemic.

### **Pres Homes Spoke**

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am via UberConference. Jeff provides the link and discussion includes a Bible Study guide. Coordinator: Joyce Dunn. [redun1@juno.com](mailto:redun1@juno.com) [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org)

### **Abigail Group**

This group has not been active for the past year, but there is likely a need to restart it, with new members. If they are women in the church or outside of the church that are in the process of separation and/or divorce, join this group for support, caring and strength through your faith journey. We will meet over zoom, date and time TBD Interested, email Sue Sklansky at [suesklansky@gmail.com](mailto:suesklansky@gmail.com)

### **Loop Group**

We are rebooting the "Loop Group" that meets monthly for fellowship, connection and prayer. We know many of us are stressed at work and could use a small group to be supported and encouraged by. Led by Pastor Jeff, our first gathering will be held on Wednesday, March 3, from 12 - 1pm, over Zoom. Our plan is to gather on the first Wednesday of the month going forward (April 7, May 5, etc). There is nothing to prepare. We hope to "see" you there! The Zoom Link is available in the Daily Bread. (Meeting ID: 834 2370 6195; Passcode: 680391; Call In: 312-626-6799)





# Church Calendar

## Calendar for the week of May 16th, 2021

### Sunday, May 16th

8:30 am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Live-streaming Worship	YouTube

### Monday, May 17th

### Tuesday, May 18th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	via Zoom
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### Wednesday, May 19th

6:00 pm	Book & Dinner Group	via Zoom
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### Thursday, May 20th

10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Group	via Zoom

### Friday, May 21st

No meetings scheduled

### Saturday, May 22nd

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
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### Sunday, May 23rd

8:30 am	Adult Study	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
4:00 pm	Tower Youth Benefit	Fellowship Garden

# OFFICE HOURS

Now that the staff is almost completely vaccinated we will begin to have regular office hours, 10 am - 2 pm Monday - Friday. If you need to swing by the church outside of these times let us know and we can accommodate you.



**Today's Flowers** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the confirmation of Addison and Clark Lundgren and in memory of their grandparents, Janet and Jim Lusk.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For our Confirmands who join our family of faith today!! And for their parents who support them.
- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- For those with health concerns: Kim Russell, Nancy Kaatz, Eileen Albright and Jenny Gemmel's mom,
- For those who are grieving,
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them,
- For parents who tirelessly juggle work, schooling children and all the challenges that the pandemic has brought.

## STAY CONNECTED

### If you are unable to attend worship

Please note: Sunday worship services are recorded each week along with the worship bulletins are posted on our website at [www.fpcw.org](http://www.fpcw.org). Click on Worship Services under the Worship & Music tab.

### Stay connected to *fpcw*

Make sure you download the *fpcw* phone app and stay up to date and connect to all the church activities.

Questions? Contact Sue Sklansky at [ssklansky@fpcw.org](mailto:ssklansky@fpcw.org).

**To make a one-time donation to *fpcw***, from any smart phone you can type "wilmette" to the number 779777. Feel free to do this during the offertory or after the service.

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# Reflections

A stylized graphic element consisting of a blue and green wave-like shape that appears to be a reflection or a ripple, positioned below the word 'Reflections'.

Please use this space to write down any reflections you may have during today's worship service.



## INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we are a vibrant and supportive Christian family whose welcoming spirit reflects God's love for all people. We invite participation in all aspects of our church life by persons of every race, language, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, or faith background. FPCW is a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole.



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