



Joel Schoon-Tanis, "Pentecost"

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**

**Day of Pentecost**

**Sunday, May 23, 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

The day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place.

**We are transformed by the wind and flame of God's Spirit.**

Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts.

**Come Holy Spirit!**

Come, Spirit of joy, and transcend our circumstances.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

OPENING HYMN NO. 278 - *Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire* (vs 1, 3, & 4)

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

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

Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, or both, to be but one,  
That through the ages all along this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the gathered disciples 2,000 years ago, we are waiting for God's Spirit to show up. We don't know when or how or in what manner the Spirit will come, but we trust it will be just what we need. Yet we are leery of what it will require of us. What if we are not up to the task? In humility and honesty, let us confess our sin to our gracious and always present God, first in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, on this day of Pentecost, we are ready to receive your Spirit, but we are afraid. We are open to change and growth, but we are uncertain about the consequences. Forgive us for harboring a small vision for your church - a church that meets our needs instead of yours. Help us to put that all aside this morning as we embrace your vision of a church of all languages, cultures and locations. Give us a strong voice to speak your words of truth and acceptance to everyone we meet. Shake us up with your Pentecostal joy. Liberate us with your Pentecostal freedom. Send us with your Pentecostal power. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May God's Spirit forgive us, renew us and enable us to grow in love.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PEACE OF CHRIST

Friends, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

COMMON LIFE

## COMMON LIFE

### SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 2:1, 42-44

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.  
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common;

### SERMON

“On One Accord”

Rev. Dr. Robert L. House Sr.

### RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 322 - *We Are One in Christ Jesus*

(You are invited to hum during the hymn reflection)

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together (repeat)

We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one abiding love,  
One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

### 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* - (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SENDING HYMN NO. 285 - *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

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

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager night:  
Come Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,  
To the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:  
Come Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
Come Holy Spirit, come

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE - *Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH*

Peter Pindar Stearns

### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Dr. Robert L. House Sr., preaching

Rev. Jeff Lehn, pastoral liturgist

Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist

Matt Peckham, soloist

Peggy Massello, music director

# *Reflections*



Please use this space to write any reflections you may  
have during todays worship service.



## Our Common Life

Week of May 23rd, 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.

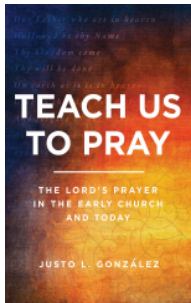
Two ways you can participate in worship are by (1) sending an email with a “God sighting” you've experienced this week to [godsightings@fpcw.org](mailto:godsightings@fpcw.org) (2) sending an email to [prayersofthepeople@fpcw.org](mailto:prayersofthepeople@fpcw.org) with any prayer, joy, or concern you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

### Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Robert L. House Sr., as our guest preacher.

Rev. House is the pastor of New Life Baptist Church, one of our longtime mission partners, and his congregation runs a vibrant ministry to the unhoused in their neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. We're excited to be with him and some members of his church who will also join us for worship.

### 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)

Join us for 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 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).

### Church Zoom Account

The church recently opened a Zoom account with two 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 Offering

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. **Three Ways to give:**

- 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 Producersmobile 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**

Men's Hour consists of a brief group reading, a silent 5-minute meditation, and an opportunity for each attendee to share thoughts and experiences in turn. No homework or reservations required, and drop-ins are always welcome! Questions? Contact Paul Traynor at [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 23rd, 2021

### Sunday, May 23rd Day of Pentecost

8:30 am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Live-streaming Worship	YouTube
4:00 pm	Tower Youth Benefit	Fellowship Garden

### Monday, May 24th

No meetings scheduled

### Tuesday, May 25th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
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### Wednesday, May 26th

6:00 pm	Book & Dinner Group	via Zoom
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### Thursday, May 27th

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

### Friday, May 28th

No meetings scheduled

### Saturday, May 29th

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
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### Sunday, May 30th

8:30 am	Adult Study	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube



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.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- For those with health concerns: Katie Jacobs, 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,

Special birthdays this week!

- Kim Russell has been in the hospital for 18 weeks, and could use some cheer. Her birthday is May 27th. Cards can be sent via Lisa Russell at 800 Sheridan in Wilmette.
- Shirley Lahr is turning 95 on May 24th, and is missing her fpcw family. She's been living with her daughter since the pandemic began. Cards can be sent to: Shirley Lahr, 1245 Aldin, Rockton, IL 61072

**STAY CONNECTED**

**If you are unable to attend worship**

Please note: Sunday worship services are livestreamed each week, and 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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**CALENDAR**

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## 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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