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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Sunday, May 30, 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

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the triune God be praise in all times and places!**

### OPENING HYMN NO. 4 - *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (vs 1, 2, & 4)

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

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;

Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heavens with sweet accord; "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,

While in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,

And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

When God looks at us, God sees hope, joy, grace and life. But all too often, we see ourselves and others as broken, hurtful, sinful and not enough. Let us confess our words and deeds to the God who loves us and longs to repair the world right here and right now, first in silent prayer.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and vulnerable God, it has been another week of highs and lows and everywhere in between. We are grateful for the gift of waking up this morning, for joining in worship, for being clothed and mostly in our right minds. On this day, we need to confess the things we've done and left undone that do not reflect your kingdom. We need to confess the things we've said and left unsaid that harm ourselves, our neighbors and your creation. We need to confess that we have been tired, disoriented, afraid and callous. We need to confess not just for ourselves, but for all of your weary world. Call us back to you and to one another. Center us in your love, your hope, your courage and your humility. Renew us for your service. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lives that are chaotic become cradles of peace; hearts malformed by meanness are reshaped into goodness; souls filled with despair are cleansed with grace.

**This is the good news: the God who created us is the same God who redeems us. Amen.**

### SUNG RESPONSE

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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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

### SCRIPTURE READING - Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

### SERMON

Rev. Jeff Lehn

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION - *Thy Will Be Done*

Hillary Scott

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Testimony of Faith" by Lisa Frenz

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see; who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Spoken prayers interspersed with 3 iterations of "Jesus Be With Us" refrain.**

*Jesus, be with us, help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.*

*Send us your Spirit and show us your way, Jesus, be with us today.*

**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. 1 - *Holy, Holy, Holy* (vs. 1 & 2)**

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

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - *Postlude on* NICAEA**

arr. Alice Jordan

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching

Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist

Bill Bishop, liturgist

Jordan Roulo, soloist

Peggy Massello, music director

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## Our Common Life

Week of May 30th, 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 [god sightings@fpcw.org](mailto:god sightings@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.

### *Congregational Meeting*

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 6, following the 10 am worship service in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of electing slates of nominees for Elder and Deacon at fpcw. You're welcome to join this meeting in person or via Livestream, as it will begin right at the close of worship. We have a wonderful

lineup of leaders, once again, to vote on. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for the faithful ministry of discernment!

### 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.

### Graduate Recognition Sunday

What a year it's been for teachers and students and administration and support staff - everyone involved in the crucial work of education. On Sunday, June 6, during worship we're going to recognize those who are graduating among us (from high school, college, tech programs, graduate programs, etc.) and give thanks to God for their hard work. We also want to bless them as they embrace whatever the next chapter of their life will look like! Please reach out to Pastor Jeff ([jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org)) to let us know if you will be able to attend worship in person that day to be recognized. If not, we'd still love to include you in the bulletin and celebrate you, anyway!



### Sukkat Shalom to Worship Outside at FPCW

This summer, Sukkat Shalom will be gathering in person to worship for the first time in 15 months. They are working to install Livestream capacity in their worship space, but are not quite ready yet. As an expression of our interfaith partnership, we are delighted to share that the Session has approved them holding Shabbat services on Friday evenings in our Fellowship

Garden outdoors here at FPCW. The services begin at 6 pm and they will be meeting from June 4 through August 27, weather pending. We are grateful for the opportunity to offer hospitality to our friends at Sukkat Shalom

### Gillson Park Beach Service

This summer we will gather again for our unique worship service along the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan. The beach services begin on June 20th (Father's Day) at 8:00 am. Bring a lawn chair, or a blanket, a cup of coffee, and join us for worship.

### Fpcw Church Gardens

It is time to beautify our lovely church garden. We have 8-10 garden areas where church provided flowers can be planted. We are hopeful that families, individuals or small groups will come and plant the flowers in an assigned plot. Planting times will be Saturday, June 12th after 3 pm and Sunday, June 13th after the church service from 11 am to 1pm. Please email the church office ([office@fpcw.org](mailto:office@fpcw.org)) or call the church office to sign up with your name and email by Sunday, June 6th. We hope to see you with your garden trowel !!



**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.



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*.

**On behalf of the Racial Justice Task Force**, we've invited four local speakers to share more about their work in the area of racial justice. As you recall, we're following the advice of Jemar Tisby who encourages us to think of our racial justice ministry through the lens of the acronym ARC (awareness, relationships, and commitment). We believe these four speakers will help us engage in all three areas of racial justice, as we work to integrate the "doing of justice" into our church's life and ministry.



**On June 2. 7:30-8:30 pm**, we're delighted to have Evanston resident, Meleika Gardner, as our first speaker. She will discuss her work co-authoring two pieces of legislation recently passed by the state of Illinois that expand curriculum in K-12 schools to include Black history pre-enslavement and to ensure American history includes voices from all communities. Gardner also runs Evanston Live TV, an outlet that promotes and organizations on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Channel 6 Evanston News. In 2021, Gardner received the Person of the Year Award from the Evanston Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held over Zoom.



**On June 23 from 7:30-8:30 pm**, we're delighted to have John Jacoby as our second speaker. Jacoby is a two-term former Wilmette Village President and longtime resident. For many years, he wrote a weekly column for the Wilmette Beacon on local history and issues. In his time with us, Jacoby will discuss his work researching and writing about housing discrimination in Wilmette and help us think about how to be a more just and inclusive community today. The event will be held over Zoom.



### **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. 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 30th, 2021

### Sunday, May 30th Trinity Sunday

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

### Monday, May 31st Memorial Day

Church office closed

### Tuesday, June 1st

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
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### Wednesday, June 2nd

6:00 pm	Book & Dinner Group	via Zoom
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### Thursday, June 3rd

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

### Friday, June 4th

6:00 pm	Sukkat Shalom service	Fellowship garden
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### Saturday, June 5th

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
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### Sunday, May 6th

8:30 am	Adult Study	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary



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.

### Fpcw 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.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- For the joy of HS students graduating today,
- For the marriage of Erin McElhenie to Andrew Schwinke,
- For all who have served in the military and given their lives, we remember and honor them on Monday,
- For those with health concerns: Katie Jacobs, Kim Russell, Eileen Albright and Jenny Gemmel's mom,
- For those who are grieving: the family of Nancy Kaatz at her recent passing,
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them,



Longtime dedicated member Bill Tempelmeyer passed away on February 26, 2021. A memorial service for Bill has been scheduled for Saturday, June 12th, at 11 am in our Sanctuary.



Susan Eby's dear daughter, Gail Eby, passed away last spring on May 30, 2020. A memorial service to remember and celebrate Gail's has been scheduled for Saturday, June 19th at 11 am in our sanctuary.

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### CALENDAR

[www.fpcw.org/events-calendar](http://www.fpcw.org/events-calendar)



## 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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