



Jan Richardson, "The Domestic God"

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 6th, 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 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 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

PRELUDE - *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr.

Zach Unke

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is a good day to be here.

It is a good day to tell stories.

It is a good day to give thanks.

It is a good day to ask for help.

It is a good day to be in community.

It is a good day to worship God.

OPENING HYMN NO. 4 - *Non Nobis, Domine* (Not Unto Us, Lord)

William Byrd, arr. J. Bartle

Not unto us, Lord, not to us, but to Thy name give glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

As God's beloved children, we are invited to come to approach God with the fullness of our lives, to admit our love and our hate, our hope and our fear, our generosity and our selfishness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Vulnerable God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the greed that plagues us, the impatience that wearies us. Help us in this season, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, have faith that you are with us. Help us to be sources of healing and hope. This we pray through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, who is Lord of all the earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The only thing that can separate you is the thought that you are separate. You are forgiven. You are empowered. You are part of new creation.

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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

High School Graduates:

Annalise D'Angelo – Regina Dominican High School
Jack Hairston – New Trier High School
Lilly Harris - New Trier High School
Miles Johnson - New Trier High School
Hayden Mills - New Trier High School
Russell McGrath - New Trier High School
Lucy Traynor - New Trier High School
Amelia Tam - New Trier High School

College Graduates:

Kevin Baer – Vanderbilt University
Guerin Holtermann – University of Illinois at Chicago
Matthew McJoynt – University of Wisconsin, Madison
Sophia Holt – Lehigh University
Margaret Hughes – Elon University

Graduate Programs:

Caroline Drake – University of Pittsburgh, Doctorate of Occupational Therapy
Melani Ortiz – University of Chicago, Booth School of Business

SUNG RESPONSE

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

SCRIPTURE READING - Mark 3:20-25

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Lehn

HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 530 - *One Bread One Body* (vs. 1 & 2)

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these sisters and brothers, we give ourselves to you. Take us out as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Keep us on your paths of life this week, so that we might remember we are loved and never alone. 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*The purpose of this brief meeting is to vote on slates of nominees for Elder, Deacon and Nominating Committee.
Please see the bulletin for the new leaders we will be voting on this morning.*

SENDING HYMN NO. 547 - *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

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

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins for given, at peace and pure.

Go my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Postlude on AR HYD Y NOS*

arr. John Ferguson

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching

Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist

Amy Russell, liturgist

Linnea Jacobs and Carol Moss, soloists

Peggy Massello, music director

Congregational Meeting

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
- II. Declaration of Quorum
- III. Report from the Nominating Committee
 - a. Vote on Slates of Elders
 - b. Vote on Slates of Deacons
 - c. Vote on Members of 2021-2022 Nominating Committee
- IV. Adjournment with Sending Hymn

Elder:

Brian Hughes for another 3 year term
Stephanie Phelan for another year term
Betsy Crosswhite for another year term
Greg Michel
Steve Reinhart
Guyneth Sharp
Adam Panzica for a one year youth term

Deacon:

Amy Miller for another 3 year term
Julie Fogarty for another 3 year term
Wendy Lundgren for another 3 year term
George Vandervoort
Mercy Ndungu
Addy Lundgren for a one year youth term

Nominating Committee 2022:

Rick Baer
Paul Traynor
Bill Sharp
Stefanie Rupp
Kim McElhenie

Elders



Adam Panzica is a rising senior at New Trier. He is an active member of Tower, an Eagle Scout and a swimmer. He enjoys expanding his horizons and learning about geography and the sciences.

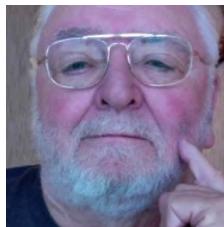


Steve Reinhart and his wife, Leanne, joined FPCW in 1998. Their children, Abbey and Colin were baptized and participated in the youth programs. Steve is an usher, and served as an elder. Steve works on the Ambulatory Quality team at NorthShore University Health System and when he's not at FPCW, he's riding his bike or attending a concert.



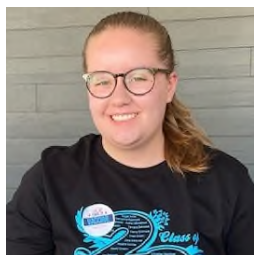
Guyneth Sharp has been a resident of Wilmette for 36 years with her husband Bill and 3 sons, now married, and 2 granddaughters. Guyneth is a grad of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and sang professionally for many years.

She also has been a private voice teacher at New Trier for over 40 years. Golf, music, sporting events, and granddaughters fill most of her life!



Greg Michel, moved to Chicago in 2006, and joined fpcw shortly thereafter. Greg has a degree in journalism, and was on the fpcw staff as the system coordinator before retirement. His children and grandchildren live Wilmette. Greg enjoys photography, fine dining, and coordinate the Senior Supper group.

Deacons

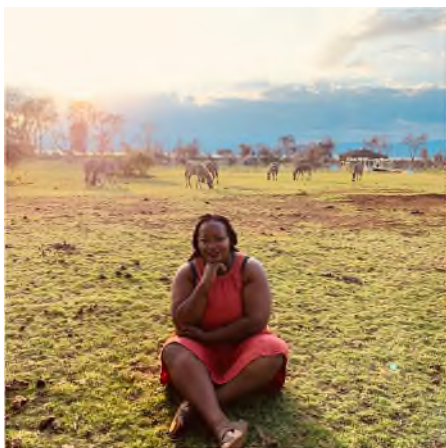


My name is **Addison Lundgren** and I am 14 years old. This fall I will be a freshman at Loyola Academy. I was just confirmed in the church last month. I am looking forward to severing as a Deacon for the upcoming term.

My grandmother was a Deacon and my mom currently is a Deacon.



George Vandervoort has been a member of FPCW for 40 years, serving as Elder, Men's Council president, and Head Usher. George has a wife Mimi, a son Bob, and granddaughter Sophie.



Mercy Ndungu is married to Wycliffe and a mum to Chloe, who is in 3rd grade at Central School, and Liam is an incoming kindergartener at Central. Mercy currently works as a paraprofessional at McKenzie School, in the comprehensive needs class. She is also in her final year of graduate school working towards a master's degree in special education at Northeastern University. Mercy's hobbies include traveling and discovering new foods



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 godsightings@fpcw.org (2) sending an email to 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.

Sukkat Shalom to Worship Outside at FPCW

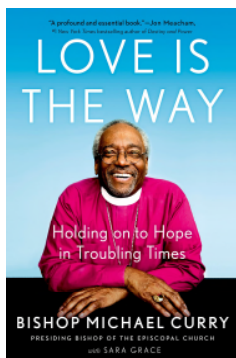
This summer, Sukkat Shalom will be gathering in person to worship for the first time in 15 months. They are working to install Livestream capacity in their worship space, but are not quite ready yet. As an expression of our interfaith partnership, we are delighted to share that the Session has approved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



This summer, you're invited to join in reading and reflecting on the recent book from Michael Curry, “The Way of Love: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times.” Curry is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and has been promoting the “way of love” as taught by Jesus since his ministry began. He is well-known for his powerful homily at the royal wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on the redemptive power of love a couple of years ago. You may buy a copy from the church for \$15 or purchase one from your favorite bookstore. We'll read one chapter each week together for the next twelve weeks (June 8 - August 24). Each Tuesday, you'll receive a brief video in the Daily Bread email summarizing that week's chapter, along with questions for reflection. We hope you'll join us as we strive to live this “way of love” together! Take a listen to the video below as I describe it a bit more.



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 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.

Stock the Shelves Update:

For more than three years, Stock the Shelves had been helping the Chicago refugee community by distributing household and hygiene products that are not covered by the SNAP program (formerly food stamps.) Volunteers from FPCW, Sukkat Shalom, and the First Congregational Church of Wilmette have collected donations of products & money, purchased products and then trucked them down to the West Ridge neighborhood of Chicago on the 4th Wednesday of every month to distributed these goods to about 120 refugee families. With the pandemic, we halted all in-person distribution of goods. However, the pandemic did not lessen the needs of the refugees, but made our program so much more important. Since we could not hold our normal monthly distribution event, we adopted an alternate plan of distributing \$25 Dollar Tree gift cards to the refugees, along with badly needed diapers for those with infants and toddlers. This new distribution plan added interesting challenges, but thanks to our volunteers, the distribution of gift cards was a tremendous success, allowing us to assist between 120-150 refugee families during the 15 months between in-person distribution events.

On May 26th, we held our first in-person distribution since February 2020. While still not back to normal and in a new outdoor location, we delivered prepackaged bags of 8 of the normal 15 products, plus diapers to about 80 refugee families. We expect a bigger turnout in June as word will travel quickly through the refugee community.

There were also a couple other big changes for Stock the Shelves during the Covid pandemic. Erin Raska, the founder and heart and soul behind Stock the Shelves resigned from FPCW and from her role with Stock the Shelves. In addition, Stock the Shelves applied for and received 501(3)c status as a Federally registered non-profit organization. Several volunteers have stepped up to take on the leadership roles formerly filled by Erin and other staff at FPCW.

Stock the Shelves continues to thrive and continues to provide important assistance to the refugee community of Chicago. We welcome and encourage donations. Checks can be made out to Stock the Shelves and mailed to Rick Drake, 335 Greenleaf Ave, Wilmette or donations can be made through the website, stocktheshelves.org. If you wish to donate diapers of all sizes or other products, please leave them inside the back door at FPCW.



Slowing Time

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. Questions? Contact Sue Sklansky. (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

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.

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.

Senior Suppers

(discussion without supper): 3rd Tuesday Greg Michel provides the Zoom link. 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.

Men's Council

Meets every Saturday morning (8-9:30 am) via Zoom. Frank Panzica Frank.d.panzica@gmail.com. Men's Council is on hiatus during the summer and will resume gatherings in September.

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 am via Zoom, Jeff provides the link. 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 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

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 June 6th, 2021

Sunday, June 6th

10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	via livestreaming
2:30 pm	Piano Recital	Sanctuary

Monday, June 7th

Tuesday, June 8th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
7:00 pm	Investment Club	Lounge

Wednesday, June 9th

12:00 pm	Lunch Group	Fellowship Garden
7:30 pm	Abigail Group	via Zoom

Thursday, June 10th

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

Friday, June 11th

6:00 pm	Sukkat Shalom service	Fellowship garden
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Saturday, June 12th

11:00 am	Memorial Service for Bill Tempelmeyer	Sanctuary
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Sunday, June 13th

10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Joyce Knauff in memory of the anniversary of her parents Josephine and Ed Kuhles and the birthday of her sister, Linda Kuhles Lellinger.

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,
- In gratitude for the new elder and deacon nominees that today will make a commitment to leadership at fpcw,
- For those with health concerns: Katie Jacobs, and Kim Russell,
- 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.



Our dedicated church member, Nancy Kaatz, passed away on Tuesday, May 25th at Pres. Homes. A memorial service for Nancy will be this fall we'll update you as details are finalized. Please hold Nancy's daughter Lori MacRae and Nancy's son, William Kaatz in your prayers.

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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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