



*Ruins of the ancient city of Corinth, located in modern-day Greece, the place where Paul first met Aquila and Priscilla, fellow Jews and tent-makers, in the mid-first century AD*

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, July 25th, 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 now optional for those who are vaccinated against COVID-19.
- 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 are also printed in the bulletin for your convenience
- 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.
- 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 9 am 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 Lemonade on the Lawn - we would be delighted to catch up with you!
- Restrooms are available for use
- 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. 14 – *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

DIX

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

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: *Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,

For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound an sight: *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence...(silence is kept)...Let us now pray together with one voice:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or worship like we worship. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, God is too busy loving you to be disappointed in you! You are forgiven. You are loved. You are set free.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE - *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

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

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

## PEACE OF CHRIST

### COMMON LIFE

#### SCRIPTURE READING Acts 18: 1-4

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together - by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

#### SERMON

Rev. Jeff Lehn

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 722 - *Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak* (vs. 1, 3, & 5)

CANONBURY

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

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.

And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where

Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The 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.**

#### 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)

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

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. Amen

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SENDING HYMN NO 733 - *We All Are One in Mission*

MERLE'S TUNE

(You are invited to hum while the soloist sings the words)  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call;  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all,  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
So every fold and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE - *Postlude on MERLE'S TUNE*

Hal Hopson

### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching  
Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist  
Amy Russell, liturgist  
Jim Rank, vocalist  
Peggy Massello, music director

### **Tower Work Trip**

Please pray for the Work Trip in the week ahead (July 25 - August 1) that all participants would experience God's presence and grow into the likeness of Christ. Prayers for safe construction work, meaningful connections with neighbors in Hazard, KY, and lots of joy connecting with God and one another!

#### **Youth Participants**

Caroline Bender  
Michael Bender  
Sam Bennett  
Campbell Boaz  
Keegan Estrada  
Meada Estrada  
John Gemmell  
Katie Gemmell  
Lilly Harris  
Anna Langewisch  
Adam Massello  
Katie Miller  
Adam Panzica

#### **Chaperones**

Scott McElhenie  
Bob Bobesink  
Guerin Holtermann  
Caitlin McElhenie



**Week of July 25th, 2021**

**Sunday's at fpcw**

Join us for in-person worship or via Livestream. The service will begin at 10 am. If you're joining us in person, 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.

**Gillson Park Beach Service**

Our Gillson Park worship service begins at 8:00 am in picnic area one. This service runs throughout the summer until September 5th. Bring a lawn chair, or a blanket, a cup of coffee, and join us for worship.

**Lemonade on the Lawn**

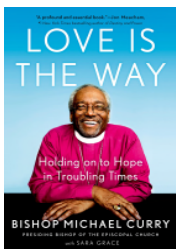
Join us after worship in the Fellowship garden for a glass of refreshing lemonade and an opportunity to gather and reconnect with friends and greet visitors. To be a hosts for Lemonade on the Lawn check out the Sign Up Genius link available on the News and Publications page and in the Daily Bread.

**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.

**Mini VBS**

Kids ages 3 and up are invited for some fun! We'll explore Psalm 23, play games, make some art, and have plenty of time for free play to reconnect with church friends. We plan to meet outside on the church lawn, with Wallace Moore Fellowship Hall as our rainy day backup plan. Because kids can't yet access the vaccine, we'll keep masks on. **Next VBS is Wednesday, August 11th, 4:30-5:30 pm.**



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 begun. We'll read one chapter each week together through August 24th. 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!

**Tower Youth Bonfire**

Come join the fpcw Tower Youth bonfire nights this summer. We'll gather in the Manse backyard for s'mores, games, and some faith questions just to keep you thinking about God over the summer. If you will be in high school next fall or if you just graduated from high school this year come stop by on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Here are the dates in August: August 11th, and August 18th.

**CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION GROUPS IN JULY – *Underway!***

**Sign-up and participate today!**

**11:15am-12:15pm in the Church Lounge**

You can sign-up for any of the Open Sign-up groups (Today, following worship; Weeknight Thursday, July 29) using Sign-up Genius or **\*sign-up in-person today** (Sign-up sheet on table in the Narthex).

**The Session hopes everyone will consider** joining an open sign-up group, participating with your own small group, or submitting responses in writing (please contact Interim Associate Pastor Laura Sherwood for the fillable form - at [lsherwood@fpcw.org](mailto:lsherwood@fpcw.org)).



**Mark your calendars: First Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, at 10 am** (under the tent in the church parking lot, as usual). Lunch will be served and there will be games (including a bouncy house!) for all ages. We are excited to resume this beloved annual tradition.

Our plan and hope is to resume a more "regular" slate of programs and offerings in the fall, after First Festival, including in-person Sunday School for our young disciples. However, we will continue to monitor public health recommendations and keep discerning how best to facilitate community while also mitigating risk. We will further communicate as anything changes in the coming days and weeks.



**For six weeks (August 1 - September 5), Session has voted to try an experiment with in-person congregational singing in the Sanctuary at the 10 am worship service.** We will begin the experiment on August 1 and end it on September 5, after which we will discern what next steps to take as we enter the fall. Anyone who prefers to wear a mask, even if they are fully vaccinated, may of course do so. (The beach service at 8 am already allows congregational singing as it is outdoors.) Please share your feedback with our pastors, staff and Session members as we give this a try in the context of worship.



**Thank you for your participation in the conversation groups** being held in the month of July, led by Pastor Laura and church members, Steve Reinhart, Jennifer Christiansen Brian Hughes and Jim Lyman. The energy and engagement in these groups has been strong, with many thoughtful ideas and perspectives being shared. In early August, a report will be compiled and shared with the congregation that summarizes the findings.

### **A final Session update involves the discernment around an upcoming staff search.**

Our Personnel and Strategic Planning committees have been hard at work developing timelines and research, with the hope of approving a plan by late summer/early fall. We encourage you to attend a conversation group or reach out to any member of Session with your thoughts and prayers. It's an exciting time to be discerning the hopeful future God has in store for our church!

### **Fpcw Mission Partners**

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*.



#### **Connections for the Homeless**

Has 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.



#### **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](http://stocktheshelves.org). If you wish to donate diapers of all sizes or other products, please leave them inside the back door at FPCW.



#### **Backpack Project**

Once again the Mission Ministry Group will be sponsoring the summer backpack project to provide much-needed backpacks and supplies for 60 students from the neighborhood around our sister church, First Presbyterian Church in Rogers Park. By contributing \$25 you're ensuring a child will have the supplies they need to begin the school year. Members of the Mission Committee will be available today to take your donations and checks can also be mailed to the church office. Thank you



### **Slowing Time**

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

Second Wednesday of the month at noon and each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Nancy Freeman coordinates this group. Questions please email Nancy Freeman. [njwfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:njwfreeman@gmail.com). This group will not meet during the summer months but will resume in September.

### **Book and Dinner**

(without dinner during this time): Third 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): Third 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). Men's Council is on hiatus during the summer and will resume gatherings in September.

### **Bible Study**

Thursdays at 10 am, in-person at fpcw. The Bible study is led by Pastor Jeff, [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org)

### **Adult Faith formation**

Will not meet during the Summer months but will begin again in September.

### **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) or [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org).

### **Abigail Group**

If there 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. If you're interested please, email Sue Sklansky at [suesklansky@gmail.com](mailto:suesklansky@gmail.com).

### **Loop Group**

The "Loop Group" 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. We gather on the first Wednesday of the month and there is nothing to prepare. The Zoom Link is available in the Daily Bread. (Meeting ID: 834 2370 6195; Passcode: 680391; Call In: 312-626-6799) Interested? Please contact Pastor Jeff Lehn at [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org).



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Calendar for the week of July 25th, 2021

### Sunday, July 25th

8:00 am	Gillson Beach Service	Gillson Park (picnic area 1)
9:00 am	Breakfast at the Beach	Gillson Park
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden
11:15 am	Conversation Groups	Lounge
	Conversation Group	Zoom

### Monday, July 26th

No meetings scheduled.

### Tuesday, July 27th

5:00 pm	Stock the Shelves load the truck	Church parking lot
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge

### Wednesday, July 28th

7:00 am	Stock the Shelves	Distribution Center
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### Thursday, July 29th

10:00 am	Bible Study	WMFC
7:00 pm	Men's Group	Lounge
7:30 pm	Conversation Group	Zoom

### Friday, July 30th

6:00 pm	Sukkat Shalom service	Fellowship garden
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### Saturday, July 31st

No meetings scheduled

### Sunday, August 1st Youth Sunday

8:00 am	Gillson Park Beach Service	Gillson Park (picnic area 1)
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden
11:15 am	Tower Youth Conversation Group	Wallace Moore Fellowship Center

**Today's flowers are given to the glory of God**, by Colleen Jersild in loving memory of her parents, Thelma and Clyde Campbell.

**A special thank you** to Peter Holtermann for hosting Lemonade on the Lawn today.

### 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,
- For those who are grieving: Rick Baer's father, Richard Garrison, passed away, please hold Rick and his family in your prayers.
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them.

### 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).

### WEBSITE

[www.fpcw.org](http://www.fpcw.org)

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### SERMONS

[www.fpcw.org/worship-and-music/sermons](http://www.fpcw.org/worship-and-music/sermons)

### CALENDAR

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### **Please note:**

Our new office hours are:  
Monday - Thursday, 9 am– 5 pm  
Friday 9 am - 1 pm.



## 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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