



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 15th, 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 required for everyone regardless of vaccination status
- 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
- Session has approved singing in worship wearing masks, (through Sept. 5th) as a trial period. During this time we will use our AC in combination with our Air Exchange system which gives us a fresh air ratio (6:1) that is higher than CDC's recommendation (4:1). We encourage everyone to join in singing as you feel comfortable and please give us your feedback.
- You are strongly encouraged to send God Sightings to godsightings@fpcw.org by 9 am 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 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

***Indicates please stand, rise in body or spirit as you are able.**

PRELUDE - *Prelude on THAXTED*

Gustav Holst, arr. Zach Unke

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

You who have created us and sustain us:

we come with thanksgiving for these moments,

when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice.

Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you

and toward our brother and sisters;

a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold.

Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your presence and your power.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 667** – *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (vs. 1, & 3)

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

With hope for God's mercy, and trust in God's love, let us admit the truth of our lives, as we confess our sin and the sin of the world together, first in silent prayer... (silence is kept)... Let us now pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives - Forgive us.

When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, some kind of defect in our character - Forgive us.

When we have betrayed your love for us, through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves - Forgive us.

Christ our Lord, fix your mind in us; remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you.

Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit, so that our lives continually glorify you, and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." (*Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b*)

Through Christ, we are freed and made whole.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN NO. 59 - *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

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**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

COMMON LIFE

SCRIPTURE READING - Philippians 2:1-13 (page 197 in the pew Bible)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Carol Korak

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 828 - *More Love to Thee O Christ* (vs. 1, & 2)
(Sung by the soloist)

MORE LOVE TO THEE

***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)**

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. 295** - *Go to the World* (vs. 1-3)

SINE NOMINE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE ORGAN** - *Allegro Maestoso*

Flor Peeters

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Carol Korak, preaching

Guyneth and Bill Sharp, liturgists

Jordan Roulo, soloist

Peggy Massello, Director of Music

Sources:

Call to Worship, Prayers of the People, Prayer of Dedication from *Life in Liturgy*, <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/09/18/pentecost-17-proper-21a/>

Prayer of Confession (adapted) — written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>



Week of August 15th, 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.

Because of the surging Delta variant, Session now requires everyone to wear a mask during Sanctuary in-person worship at 10 am. We will still continue our six-week experiment (Aug. 1 - Sept. 5) of singing as a congregation during indoor worship wearing a mask.

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.



Preaching Today is our very own Carol Korak

Dr. Korak's education includes both a Master's degree in Theological Studies and Doctor of Philosophy in Historical Theology and Church History from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. In her courses, Carol transports students back in time to journey through the history of Christian thought and practice. This allows students to deepen their knowledge base and gain a deeper understanding of the foundations of their faith, and encouraged to discern their own faith and doctrine of God so they may effectively share it and its message of hope with others. We are grateful to have Dr. Korak lead us in worship today.



Mark your calendar: 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 giant inflatable slide!) for all ages. We are excited to resume this beloved annual tradition.

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.

Back by Popular Demand

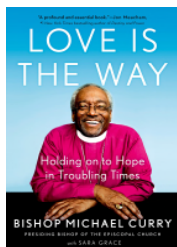
We will worship outdoors in the Fellowship Garden on Sunday, August 29th at 10 am. There is plenty of room for all – bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy worshipping in the beauty of God's creation! Please note: we will still have our 8 am beach service.

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. We are looking for individuals/families to host the last three Sundays in August.

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.



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 Wednesday August 18th, at 7 pm.



For six weeks (August 1 - September 5), Session has voted to try an experiment with in-person congregational singing wearing a mask in the Sanctuary at the 10 am worship service. We will discern what next steps to take as we enter the fall. 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.

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. 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 for supporting this important mission.



Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski, Pastor on Call

While Pastor Jeff and Pastor Laura are away, Rev. Lolly Dominski will be our Pastor on Call, through August 17th.

Some of you may remember Rev. Lolly Dominski from her two years of serving as fpcw's Interim Associate Pastor in 2001-2002. Since that time she has served in pastoral roles at Presbyterian churches in Arlington Heights, Morton Grove, and Lombard, and earned a Ph.D. in liturgical studies at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Her four children are in their early 30's, and she and her husband Matt are enjoying being grandparents. Lolly is delighted to reconnect with fpcw!



*Small group offerings this fall.
New members are invited.*

Slowing Time for Women

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. Our fall discussion topic is Embracing Uncertainty, and it begins Sept. 1st via Zoom. New joiners always welcome! Contact Sue Sklansky at suesklansky@gmail.com

Lunch Group for Women

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon at fpcw, and each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Nancy Freeman coordinates njwfreeman@gmail.com. Fall topics: The Treasures of Children's Lit, Racial Justice, Sarah's Circle, and Charles Dickens

Book and Dinner Group

Currently meeting without dinner, in-person. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm, hosted by Carol Korak. carolkorak@gmail.com. Fall books: The Red Tent, The Paris Architect, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, and The Library Book

Men's Hour

Meets every Thursday at 7pm in the lounge. 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! Paul Traynor at paultraynor@haymoon.com.

Men's Council

Meets every Saturday morning (8-9:30 am) tentatively beginning on September 18th in Wallace Moore. Members take turns cooking breakfast and providing a presentation. President Steve Reinhart steve.reinhart@gmail.com

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 am, in-person at fpcw in Wallace Moore. How does the Bible inform our daily lives? Pastor Jeff, jlehn@fpcw.org

Adult Faith formation

Meets on Sunday morning at 9am in the Upper Room, beginning September 19th. Fall topic TBD. Pastor Jeff, jlehn@fpcw.org

Pres Homes Women

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 or jlehn@fpcw.org.

Abigail Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in member homes. Abigail is a women's group for separated or divorced women. The fall book discussion will be Anne Lamott's Dusk Night Dawn, beginning Sept. 8th. Sue Sklansky at suesklansky@gmail.com.

Loop Group

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon on Zoom. The "Loop Group" meets 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. You can work from anywhere to join this group. Pastor Jeff Lehn at jlehn@fpcw.org.

Interested in a group for parents of teens, or a group for parent/moms of young children?

Let Sue Sklansky know (suesklansky@gmail.com) if you want to assist in getting a small group started. Training and resources are provided.

CHURCH CALENDAR

The week of August 15th, 2021

Sunday, August 15th, Youth Sunday

8:00 am	Gillson Beach Service	Gillson Park (picnic area 1)
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden

Monday, August 16th

No meetings scheduled

Tuesday, August 17th

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

Wednesday, August 18th

6:15 pm	Book & Dinner Group	Fellowship Garden
7:00 pm	Tower Bonfire	Manse backyard

Thursday, August 19th

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

Friday, August 20th

6:00 pm	Sukkat Shalom service	Fellowship garden
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Saturday, August 21th

No meetings scheduled

Sunday, August 22th

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

Join us after worship for Lemonade on the Lawn.

We need hosts for August 22nd, 29th and September 5th. If you are interested and willing to be a host please signup using the SignUpGenius link posted on our website and in the Daily Bread. A special thank you to all who hosted Lemonade on the Lawn this summer.

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: Kim Russell
- 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.

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. 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.

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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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