



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 10, 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, 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!

- 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
- Please linger and fellowship with one another after worship in the Fellowship Garden, we would be delighted to catch up with you!
- Restrooms are available for use indoors
- The offering plate will be available to place a cash or check gift in before or after the service
- 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 and spirit as you are able.**

PRELUDE - *Selected Melodies*

Robert Schumann

INTROIT - *Lift Thine Eyes* from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

Make your face shine upon your servants; and teach us your statutes.

We treasure your word in our hearts, so that we may not sin against you.

We seek your favor with all our heart; be gracious to us according to your promise.

We rise before dawn and cry for help; we put our hope in your words.

This is our comfort in our distress, that your promise gives us life.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 203 - *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHEREPONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Scripture assures us that salvation can be ours, not because we can earn it through what we do, but because God is merciful. Jesus told his disciples, "the truth will set you free." Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us speak the truth and confess our sins to God, first in silent prayer...*(silence is kept)*...Let us pray now together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come before you in need of your mercy and forgiveness. We've been reluctant to face the central sins of our lives. We settle for confessing those things we really don't mind changing. Or, sometimes we go through the motions of confessing the systemic sins of our society, without feeling any genuine responsibility for them. Our common confession in worship can be for us a routine that we endure, that leaves us unchanged. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to seek in earnest to become the people you have created and called us to be. Help us to recognize and accept the cost of discipleship. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's own son Jesus lived, and died, and rose so that we might know the depth of God's everlasting love for us and for this world. Friends, believe the good news. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and granted eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

Now, let us share with each other the peace that forgiveness brings, saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children are invited to pass the peace and come forward and gather with Children's Chapel leaders.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN - *Let us sing our prayer for the children as they move to their chapel time:*

HYMN NO. 469 (Sing twice) *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SCRIPTURE READING - Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON - “What Is the One Thing *You* Lack?”

Rev. Lolly Dominski

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO 720 - *Jesus Call Us!*

GALILEE

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 us 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

ANTHEM - *Canon of Praise*

Natalie Sleeth

***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. 547** – *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

AR HYDY NOS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Rev. Lolly Dominski, preaching

Rev. Jeff Lehn and Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgists

Bill Sharp, liturgist

The Chancel Choir

Peggy Massello, Director of Music



Week of October 10th, 2021

Sunday's at fpcw

Outdoor Worship

Join us outdoors in our beautiful Fellowship Garden for 10 am worship every Sunday until the weather does not allow. Bring your own chair or use one of ours. This allows us to worship in the safest way we can now, without masks and singing. The parking lot will be available for any who need close access to the Garden. The service will also be live-streamed. Rain plan: we worship in the sanctuary with masks.

If you're joining us via Livestream, a video link will be included in the Saturday evening email. Peggy will begin prelude music at 9:50 am and we'll get underway after that, so please join us as you're able.



Stock the Shelves Fund Raiser

Thursday, October 14th, 2021

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Portillo's

9400 Skokie Blvd.

Portillo's will donate 20% of the sales that Stock the Shelves earns. Please bring in a flyer (smartphone counts) or mention Stock the Shelves at the checkout. Dine-in, carry out, or go through the drive-thru. Requirement: \$200 minimum total sales from our supporters in order to receive a donation.



Troop 5 Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Help support Troop 5 and Venturing Crew 5 on Saturday, October 23rd, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. This year the breakfast will be outside under a tent in the fpcw parking lot. Come for a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast. This is a long-standing favorite tradition and this year is the 75th Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Come and celebrate with Troop 5.



Tower has a lock-in beginning at 6:00 pm Saturday (10/16) through 9:00 am on Sunday. Please email Scott at youth@fpcw.org if your child(ren) would like to attend. The Tower senior high group will also be packing Halloween care packages for college age students on Sunday (10/24). Again, email Scott if you would like your student to receive a care package.

Racial Justice and Equality Community-wide Conversation

On Sunday afternoon, October 24, members of the FPCW congregation are invited to join in a community-wide conversation about racial justice and equality. The gathering will take place in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center from 4-5:30 p.m., and members of other surrounding churches have been invited to participate in the discussion. A representative from each church will be asked to give a brief summary of the ways in which his/her congregation has responded to the need to take steps to dismantle the systemic and structural racism that has existed in this country since its founding more than 400 years ago. After hearing from each of the attending churches, the discussion will shift to brainstorming ways in which we as a community can work together to bring about change. All are welcome to attend.

The Beatitudes Through the Ages – Sundays, 8:30-9:20 am, through Nov 21st

Join us this fall as we study the Beatitudes together. Our guide will be an excellent book "The Beatitudes Through the Ages," by Rebekah Eklund. Through a close study of Matthew and Luke, we'll explore how the Beatitudes have affected readers across differing eras and contexts. What does it mean to be hungry, or meek, or pure in heart? Is poverty a material or spiritual condition? And what does being blessed entail? Drawing on poetry, politics, music, and biblical scholarship, this class will help us appreciate the wisdom of the Beatitudes and apply them to our lives of faith today. The class will meet in a hybrid format for 10 weeks through Nov. 21, 8:30-9:20 am. Join us in person in the downstairs Fellowship Hall or virtually over Zoom: Zoom Link (Meeting ID: 832 3379 4440; Passcode: 389051) each week.



Giving gifts at Christmas is a time-honored tradition practiced all over the world. Its origins come from our Christian heritage of the Wise Men bringing gifts of tribute to the Baby Jesus after his birth.

Giving gifts at Christmas is also a time-honored tradition at FPCW as we reach out to our community purchasing gifts for children and adults served by our mission partners to brighten their holidays. This year's recipients will be children from low-income and immigrant communities served by Erie Neighborhood House, disabled adults served by Orchard Village in Skokie, and families in homeless situations served by Family Promise of Chicago's North Shore.

This year, the FPCW mission committee is asking for your help. Not just in purchasing the gifts for the 150 people on our list, but also in helping to coordinate the project. Half of our gift list will be made available to the congregation through Sign-up Genius and the other half will be hung on tags on the Christmas tree located in the narthex of the church for members to select before/after attending worship. We need help with both parts of the project.

If you love Christmas and want to find a way to share the joy of the season with others, then this is the perfect project for you. Interested in learning more details about how you can help? Please contact Mary Watt (mhw1117@gmail.com) or Jenni Holt, (jenni.holt@yahoo.com) co-chairs of the FPCW Mission Committee.

Fpcw Mission Partners



The Family Matters community house in Rogers Park is looking for tutors. There is a waiting list of students who need support. A tutor's commitment is 1 ½ hrs per week, in one-on-one evening tutoring sessions. Interested in making a difference in a young student's life? Please contact Greg Korak (847-256-7251) and learn more about this opportunity.

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.

Stock the Shelves Needs Volunteers for October

We need 5-6 volunteers to help us pre-pack the bags with products and load them onto the U-Haul truck. We do this on the Tuesday night before the Wednesday distribution. This month we will be packing and loading on Tuesday, October 26 at 5:30 pm in the FPCW parking lot. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours to support Stock the Shelves.



Five years ago, FPCW welcomed two refugee families who arrived in Chicago for resettlement after fleeing their home countries of Afghanistan and Sudan. We worked with World Relief to help them move into and furnish new apartments, enroll their children in school, and begin to adjust to their new life in America. They became our friends and those of us who had the privilege of knowing and working with them were greatly enriched by the chance to participate in their lives.

One of our congregational members who worked closely with the families recently expressed his experience in this way: "Those were some of the more fulfilling times in my life. I felt like we were really making a difference and contribution in the lives of those families. And it opened up doors to helping other needy families along the way."

Now, once again, we are expecting a flood of refugees coming to Chicago in the weeks and months that lie ahead. And once again, World Relief is offering ways for us as a church community to get involved whether it is by volunteering as a host church, advocating to protect vulnerable refugees, making a contribution to World Relief or donating household goods or furniture.

Since we participated in a similar effort five years ago, we now know the ropes to a large extent. We know some of the challenges to expect. And we know that we need to have a robust group of members who have time, energy and commitment to devote to this project.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in reaching out to newly arrived refugees in Chicago, please contact Mary Watt at mhw1117@gmail.com or Pete Holtermann at pcholtermann@gmail.com. We hope to schedule a meeting sometime in mid-September to discuss the opportunities for us to get involved in meeting this critical need.





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

Slowing Time for Women

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm. Our fall discussion topic is Embracing Uncertainty. 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 Line Becomes a River, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, and The Paris Architect. (The Library Book drops off for now.)

Men's Hour

Meets Thursdays at 7 pm 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) in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Members take turns cooking breakfast and providing a presentation. Questions? Contact Steve Reinhart steve.reinhart@gmail.com.

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 am, in-person at fpcw in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. How does the Bible inform our daily lives? This class is led by Pastor Jeff Lehn, jlehn@fpcw.org.

Adult Faith formation

Meets on Sunday morning at 8:30-9:30 am in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center, through November 21st. Fall topic, The Beatitudes, led by Pastor Jeff, Lehn jlehn@fpcw.org.

Pres Homes Women

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am, via UberConference. Pastor 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 7:30 pm in a member's homes. Abigail is a women's group for separated or divorced women. The fall book discussion will be Anne Lamott's Dusk Night Dawn. Questions? Please contact 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. Interested in joining please contact 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 October 10th, 2021

Sunday, October 10th

10:00 am	In-person Worship	Fellowship Garden
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube
10:15 am	Children, Chapel Time	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Garden

Monday, October 11th

Church Office Closed		
7:00 pm	Investment Group	Lounge

Tuesday, October 12th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
7:00 pm	Session Meeting	WMFC

Wednesday, October 13th

12:00 pm	Lunch Group	Fellowship Garden
4:30 pm	Midweek Meet Up	Fellowship Garden
7:30 pm	Abigail Group	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

Thursday, October 14th

10:00 am	Bible Study	WMFC
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	WMFC

Friday, October 15th

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, October 16th

8:00 am	Men's Council	WMFC
6:00 pm	Tower Lock-in	WMFC

Sunday, October 17th

10:00 am	In-person Worship	Fellowship Garden
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:15 am	Children, Chapel Time	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Garden
5:00 pm	Tower Youth	Fellowship Garden/WMFC

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Margie and Mark Guidarelli in memory and remembrance of Margie's father, Jack Buffington.

Fellowship Hour

We are in need of hosts for Fellowship Hour on Sundays after worship. To host fellowship is very easy, just a couple of plates of cookies will be all that is needed. A SignUpGenius link has been created and is posted on the News and Publications page of our website. Please help support this very special long-time fpcw tradition. This is a wonderful opportunity to check in and stay connected.

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 and Nancy Fox
- 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 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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