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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

**World Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, October 3, 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

## WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to this place:  
where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,  
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,  
where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:  
where we find God's love,  
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,  
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:  
where we bring our hunger, and find food;  
where we our brokenness, and find healing;  
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

**OPENING HYMN NO. 318** - *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus said, "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Therefore, let us put to rest all those things that trouble our souls and would serve to separate us from God and one another. In faith, let us confess our sin, first in silent prayer...*(silence is kept)*...*Let us now pray together:*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you who said to your apostles, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you," forgive our lack of faith in your word and your purposes. Pardon our belief that war and hunger are inevitable and peace is unattainable. Teach us, O Lord, that nothing in this world is to be feared more than our trust in you. Give us such confidence in your love and your care for the faithful in this life and the next that we can live out a quality of eternal life even in the midst of powers that would threaten to undo us. So may we live as a people marked by justice, vision, and hope. For it is your own Holy Spirit at work in us to bring about your sovereign reign of love in this time and this place. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Therefore, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**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.**

**MISSION TESTIMONY** - Amy Miller - update from Malawi

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** - Leviticus 26:1-6a

You shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no carved images or pillars, and you shall not place figured stones in your land, to worship at them; for I am the LORD your God. You shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall overtake the vintage, and the vintage shall overtake the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land. And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** - John 6:32-35

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** -

Rev. Laura Sherwood

**HYMN OF REFLECTION AND INVITATION NO 522** - *I Am the Bread of Life* (verses 1, 4, & 5) I AM THE BREAD  
(*Congregation please sing refrain.*)

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS** (Communion packs with gluten-free option)

**COMMUNION MUSIC** - *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. 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. 853** – *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

SIYAHAMBA

Choir will sing first time in Zulu (*you man join!*)

Congregation sing “We are marching...”

“We are praying...”

“We are singing...”

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Laura Sherwood, preaching

Amy Miller, liturgist

The Chancel Choir

The Beach Service Band: Ethan Holtermann, bass; Jim Lyman,

Bill Rapp and Peggy Massello, guitars and vocals

Peggy Massello, Director of Music

**Sources**

Call to Worship ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.

Confession – Call/Prayer/Assurance from 2006 Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

Prayer after Communion - Wild Goose Resource Group, *A Wee Worship Book (Chicago:*  
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Prayer of Dedication - from 2002 Presbyterian Peacemaking Program



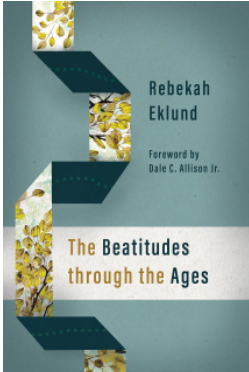
**Week of October 3rd, 2021**

**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.



**The Beatitudes Through the Ages – Sundays, 8:30-9:20 am, Sept 19 – Nov 21**

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.



**Two Fundraisers for Stock the Shelves**

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Noodle and Company

Old Orchard

4999 Old Orchard Center Ste F-26

Skokie, IL 60077

25% of qualifying sales will directly benefit Stock the Shelves. Guests must mention the organization or show the flyer when ordering. If ordering online please enter code GIVING25 at checkout.



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.

## Fpcw Mission Partners



**The Family Matters** community house in Rogers Park is looking for tutors. The school year has begun and 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](http://stocktheshelves.org). If you wish to donate diapers of all sizes or other products, please leave them inside the back door at FPCW.

A dark grey poster for an event at Kenilworth Union Church. At the top left is a white cross logo with the text "KENILWORTH UNION CHURCH" below it. To the right, the text "Justice", "Restoration of Lives", and "Healing of Communities" is written in a white, serif font. Below this, the speakers "Cliff Nellis" and "Yolanda Fields" are listed in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the event details "Online Monday, October 4 at 7 p.m." are written in a white, sans-serif font. On the right side, the hashtag "#racialjustice" is written in a large, white, stylized font.

Our friends on the racial justice committee at Kenilworth Union Church have invited us to attend a virtual program they have scheduled for this Monday, October 4 at 7 p.m. The program will feature speakers from two Chicago-based organizations whose work focuses on bringing justice and equity to the people they serve in their neighborhoods.

Included in the program will be Cliff Nellis, Executive Director of the Lawndale Christian Legal Center, and Yolanda Fields, Executive Director of Breakthrough, an organization located in Garfield Park.

The Tuesday Daily Bread has a link to the Kenilworth Union Church website to sign up for this event.



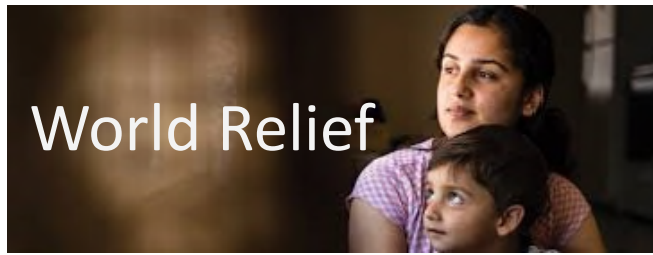
### **Support for Afghan Refugee Families**

Catholic Charities is coordinating many relief efforts at the southern Indiana refugee camp, Camp Atterbury. There are approximately 7000 refugees many of whom are children. The needs are huge, many do not have coats and use their red cross blankets to keep warm. Items needed are: coats, gloves, hats, stuffed animals, dolls, strollers, and the children are slight/slender in size.

If you would like to donate any of the following items please deliver your donations to 1114 Forest Ave, Wilmette by Saturday or Sunday around 5 pm.

Questions, please contact the coordinator for these donations, Sue Watson at [suewatson847@gmail.com](mailto:suewatson847@gmail.com).





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](mailto:mhw1117@gmail.com) or Pete Holtermann at [pcholtermann@gmail.com](mailto:pcholtermann@gmail.com). We hope to schedule a







*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, and it begins Sept. 1st via Zoom. New joiners always welcome! Contact Sue Sklansky at [suesklansky@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:paultraynor@haymoon.com).

### **Men's Council**

Meets every Saturday morning (8-9:30 am) beginning October 9th in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Members take turns cooking breakfast and providing a presentation. President Steve Reinhart [steve.reinhart@gmail.com](mailto: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? Pastor Jeff, [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto: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, let by Pastor Jeff, [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto: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](mailto:redun1@juno.com) or [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 3rd, 2021

### Sunday, October 3rd

10:00 am	In-person Worship Livestreaming Worship	Fellowship Garden YouTube
10:15 am	Children, Chapel Time	Chapel
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden
5:00 pm	Tower Youth	Fellowship Garden/WMFC

### Monday, October 4th

7:30 pm	Troop 5	WMFC
7:30 pm	Strategic Planning	Lounge

### Tuesday, October 5th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
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### Wednesday, October 6th

4:30 pm	Midweek Meet Up	Fellowship Garden
6:00 pm	FBO	Lounge
7:00 pm	Slowing Time Group	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

### Thursday, October 7th

10:00 am	Bible Study Pres Homes Spoke	WMFC via UberConference
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	WMFC

### Friday, October 8th

No meetings scheduled

### Saturday, October 9th

7:30 am	Men's Council	WMFC
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### Sunday, October 10th

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

**Today's flowers are given to the glory of God** by Jeff and Ann Boyle in memory of their parents.

### **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: Gayle Matson, Bob Dunn and Kim Russell
- For those who are grieving: The Dutterer family (former members) at the sudden death of their son, Andrew. The Evans family at the loss of Cory's mother.
- 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)

#### **FACEBOOK**

[facebook.com/1stPresbyterianChurchofWilmette](https://facebook.com/1stPresbyterianChurchofWilmette)

#### **SERMONS**

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

#### **CALENDAR**

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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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