



“Communion of Saints” (acrylic) - by Elise Ritter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 7th, 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

Spiritual Practice: Dwelling in the World

Think back to a time during the previous week when you had an opportunity to share God's peace with someone (this could be a co-worker, stranger, neighbor, family member, etc.). *Go back imaginatively into that encounter. What might God have been up to there? If you were to return to that relationship, what might God want to do?

**Sharing the peace means participating in God's life and work to bring healing and wholeness. Sharing the peace can come in many forms: acknowledging the presence and humanity of the person ringing up your groceries or delivering your mail, making time to listen to a neighbor, delivering a meal or plant, or supporting someone who is stressed out, whether that be a family member, co-worker, or someone you've just met.*

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

PRELUDE - *Prelude on ST. ANNE*

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*congregation please stand, rise in body or spirit*) Inspired by *The Beatitudes*

Blessed are we

when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Blessed are we

when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Blessed are we

when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Blessed are we

when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 326** – *For All The Saints*

SINE NOMINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us approach God in this time of confession with the honesty of our lives. First, in a time of silent personal prayer. (*silence is kept*) Now, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, You taught us a new way of life, yet we have not followed Your way.

You taught us to be meek, but we have swelled with pride.

You taught us to hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**but we have hungered and thirsted for success. You have taught us to be merciful,
but our hearts have been callous to the needs of others.**

You have taught us to be pure in heart, yet we have been filled with mixed motives.

**Forgive us for resisting Your ways, and by Your Spirit help us during our days on this earth,
to live as citizens of the kingdom of heaven, to the Glory of God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 447 - *We Are Forgiven*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*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 - *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.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON - "Jesus, Remember Me"

Rev. Laura Sherwood

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory Anthem *Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing*

Eric H. Thiman

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one.
One family we dwell in him, one church above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.
One army of the living God, to his command we bow;
Part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.
Jesu be thou our constant guide; then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divided, and bring us safe to heaven. Amen. ~Charles Wesley

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, we offer ourselves and our gifts in the example of the saints who have gone before us. May all that we offer today continue their good work to bring your message of love and mercy until the end of time. Bless your church in all that it does in obedience to your plans and purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.**

It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Choral Response - *Sanctus*

Franz Schubert

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Number us among your saints and join us with the faithful of every age, that strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may serve you faithfully while we live, and may with them receive the unfading crown of glory when we stand before your throne of grace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever, who taught us also to pray in community, saying...

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.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Marjorie Brumitt

Donald Clark

Nancy Kaatz

Gwen Luecker

Mary Rooks

INVITATION TO LIGHT YOUR OWN REMEMBRANCE CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Hymn No. 227 - *Jesus, Remember Me*

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Hymn No. 205 - *Live in Charity*

**Love in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND CANDLE LIGHTING

God of the ages, we praise you for all your saints, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God - for those who lived long ago and for those we have known and loved. Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. We thank you that in this holy sacrament all are joined eternally through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN NO. 824 -** (*congregation please stand, rise in body or spirit*)

There is a Place of Quiet Rest (Near to the Heart of God)

MC AFEE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Postlude on SINE NOMINEE*

Charles Callahan

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Laura Sherwood, preaching

Rev. Jeff Lehn, pastoral liturgist

Mary Alice Lyon, liturgist

The Chancel Choir

Peggy Massello, Director of Music



Week of November 7th, 2021

Sunday's at fpcw

We will remain open to worship outside if the weather is warm enough. Once the weather becomes colder we will gather for Sunday worship in the sanctuary at 10 am and we will request that masks be worn.

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 Giving Team stewardship theme for 2022 is "A Future with Hope." The theme draws on the beautiful promise from Jeremiah 29:11, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Pledge cards are available in the narthex or pledge online is also available on the Stewardship page on our website.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to the life and ministry of our church, as we seek to "Experience God, Grow Disciples, Transform Lives" together! We are deeply grateful.

Nominating Committee News

The Session has empowered the Nominating Committee to resume meeting this week for the purposes of creating an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). The new APNC will begin working regularly in 2022 to hire our next Associate Pastor. The APNC will be a team of 6-8 church members representing all ages and stages. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving on this very important team, please send your name or another's nomination to Elder Rick Baer at rickbaer2112@gmail.com.

There will be an informational meeting for all interested individuals in the coming weeks. Submitting your name does not commit you to the process, but we would invite you to the informational meeting to learn more.



It's the most wonderful time of the year and one in which we can count our blessings and share some cheer with those in our community who are in need. This year the FPCW Giving Tree will be both live and "virtual." Wish lists have been submitted by three of our mission partners: Orchard Village, Family Promise, and Erie House. All gifts purchased this year can be dropped off at FPCW in one of the drop boxes set up in the parking lot lobby. Gifts should be unwrapped and clearly marked with recipient name (if required), residence (Orchard Village recipients), and agency name. The suggested dollar amount per recipient/gift is \$35-40.

Please click this SignUpGenius link in the Daily Bread or on the News and Publications page on our website to access gift requests from Orchard Village and Family Promise. Erie House gift tags will be on the Giving Tree in the narthex.

All purchased gifts should be dropped off at FPCW no later than Sunday, November 28, 2021. There will be drop boxes set up in the downstairs parking lot lobby.

Please contact Mary Watt (mhw1117@gmail.com) with any questions.



Once again, FPCW will be hosting the guest families of Family Promise. Our guests will arrive the evening of Sunday, November 7 and will stay with us until Sunday morning, November 28. As of now, we have two families that will join us: a single mother and child and a single father and child. We also expect to host at least one, if not two, additional families during our hosting period this month. While we have not yet returned to the pre-Covid model of hosting where we provide and share meals with our guests at our church, FPCW, in partnership with Sukkat Shalom, is providing volunteers for overnight hosting and many have volunteered to

prepare and deliver meals to the guest families at the Family Promise Day Center in Evanston. Thank you to the Jeff and the staff, the Session and the congregation of FPCW for generously offering our building and our best efforts to make our Family Promise guests feel welcome and at home.



Poinsettias

Help beautify the church during Advent season by buying a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in appreciation of a special person. The cost is \$15 per plant. Order forms are available in your Sunday bulletin and the church office. Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, November 28th.



Usher in Advent with...

Advent Lessons & Carols service

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 4:00 pm

Followed by our traditional Wassail Party outside in the church parking lot.

NOTE: there will be no 10:00 am worship service this day!



Advent Family Workshop, Sunday, November 21st, following worship. Gather with families under the heat lamps outside for coffee/cocoa, pick up an Advent calendar and family devotional, and make a special craft to take home and use all Advent long!



Christmas Pageant 2021

Sunday, December 19th, during worship we will have a special treat. Like last year we will present a one of a kind Christmas pageant performed by our Mid-Week Meet-Up kiddos. Written and directed by Lindley Traynor and musical direction by Peggy Massello. This year's pageant will be a video presented during worship. You won't want to miss this creative and unique Christmas pageant.



FPCW Racial Justice Committee

On Sunday, November 28 at 4 p.m., the Racial Justice Committee at FPCW will host an ecumenical gathering of members of other area churches to learn about critical race theory. All FPCW members are invited to attend. Critical race theory is one of the more recent and highly controversial topics in the national conversation about race. It has led to heated (and sometimes even violent) debate this year... on occasion hijacking school board and town hall meetings and becoming a central campaign issue in political races around the country.

It seems that most people do not understand what critical race theory even is...and how it has been presented (sometimes in highly inaccurate ways) to inflame the conversation. The purpose of the November 28 program is to inform our community about critical race theory, e.g. what it is, what it isn't and why it has become so controversial.

Our speaker for the afternoon's program will be Dr. Avery Smith who is a professor of philosophy at Loyola University. Dr. Smith is well-versed in the topic of critical race theory and has spoken to groups many times on this subject. Following Dr. Smith's presentation, she hopes to engage in dialogue with those in attendance and answer questions about this highly controversial topic. Dr. Smith will present her program in a hybrid format, inviting people to attend either in person and virtually through Zoom.

Questions about this program? Please contact a member of the FPCW Racial Justice Committee.

Mary Watt Carolyn and Pete Holterman, Laura Lyman, Bob Bobesink, Bill Bishop



Thank you for your patience in waiting to hear about our "next steps" in reaching out to the refugee population who will be arriving in Chicago over the next several months. We will be partnering in this effort with World Relief Chicago, a global Christian humanitarian organization that works to find solutions to many of the world's biggest problems. We worked with them in 2016 when FPCW welcomed two refugee families to the Chicago community...one from Sudan and the other from Afghanistan. Many of those who were involved at that time found the experience to be one of the most fulfilling and meaningful of their lives as they really felt they were making a difference in the world.

There are many opportunities for FPCW to get involved again in welcoming and helping refugees who come to Chicago. Everything from short-term helps like providing transportation from the airport for newly arrived families or helping set up an apartment to a longer-term commitment of becoming a "Good Neighbor" team and developing an ongoing relationship with a family during their first six months in America. There are many different ways to help and we, as a church, need to decide how committed we want to be and how much time/energy we are willing to give to the project.

To better understand the options for us to consider, we have scheduled a zoom meeting with Sara Aardema, Director of Volunteer and Church Engagement at World Relief on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:30 pm and we hope that those of you who are interested in learning more will be able to "tune in" to the discussion that evening. Sara will be able to better outline the opportunities for us to get involved with the refugee resettlement program and answer any questions that you may have. A zoom link to the discussion will be sent out next week, so please let Mary Watt (mhw1117@gmail.com) know if you are interested in joining the conversation.

CHURCH CALENDAR

The week of November 7th, 2021

Sunday, October 31st

10:00 am	In-person Worship Livestreaming Worship	Fellowship Garden YouTube
10:15 am	Chapel Time	Manse Backyard
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Garden
5:00 pm	Tower Youth	Tower/WMFC

Monday, November 1st

7:00 pm	Deacons	Lounge
7:30 pm	Troop 5 Strategic Planning	WMFC Upper Room

Tuesday, November 2nd

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
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Wednesday, November 3rd

12:00 pm	Loop Group	Zoom
4:30 pm	Midweek Meet Up	Fellowship Garden
6:00 pm	FBO	Lounge
7:00 pm	Slowing Time Group	Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

Thursday, November 4th

9:30 am	Pres Homes Spoke	Pres Homes
10:00 am	Bible Study	WMFC
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	WMFC

Friday, November 5th

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, November 6th

8:00 am	Men's Council	WMFC
1:30 pm	Girls Scouts	WMFC

Sunday, November 7th

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

Calling all American (or British bakers)! It's cookie week!

Too soon?? We know it's hard to think of Christmas already, but the deacons are planning ahead. **Please mark your calendars for the week of December 5-9** to bake and drop off 2-3 dozen cookies for the deacons to distribute to our almost 50 members who receive deacon care. Cookies can be dropped off in the upstairs kitchen of the church, off the narthex. Thanks!! Please email or text Sue Sklansky if you can help. ssklansky@fpcw.org 312-608-4909

Fellowship Hour

Please consider hosting Fellowship Hour one Sundays in November. It's very easy to host fellowship 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. You can also find the link in the weekly Daily Bread. Please help support this very special, long-time fpcw tradition. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members and visitors to check in and stay connected.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Frank and Carolynne Paul in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in remembrance of their parents, Art Punyko and John and Sue Paul and their daughter, Melissa Cella.

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: especially today as we honor and remember all the saints who have gone before:
Elizabeth Morava Struve
Anne Catherine McSweeney Traynor
Connie Stanulis
- 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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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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