



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 16, 2022
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 continue both 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
- 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,
Pastors Nancy Dolan and Laura Sherwood

Spiritual Practice: Daily Examen

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of your day in order to notice God's presence and discern God's direction for you. It is an ancient practice in the Church, most commonly associated with Ignatius Loyola, who believed it to be a gift that came directly from God. Practicing the Daily Examen is quite simple, requiring only a few minutes at the end of your day. The discipline will add structure and meaning to your Star Gift word reflections, if you choose to incorporate your word into your Examen. To practice the Daily Examen, set aside a few minutes each evening to:

1. Sit quietly and become aware of God's presence.
2. Review every aspect of your day, from the mundane to the memorable, from joyful to stressful. Ask God to, “Reveal yourself to me. Show me where you were present.”
3. Pay attention to your emotions and what God might be showing you in those.
4. Choose one feature of the day that stands out and ask God to show you where God was present.
5. Look toward tomorrow and pray for greater awareness of God's presence.

To explore The Examen further visit Ignatianspirituality.com

Order of Worship
Sunday, January 16th, 2022

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Rev. Nancy Dolan, preaching
Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist
Sharon Panzica, liturgist
Peggy Massello, Director of Music
Claire DiVizio, soloist

PRELUDE - *Prelude sur l'introit de l'epiphanie*
Moderato

Maurice Duruflé
Alexander Glazunov

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship God,
Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
To seek justice, share power,
and live together in love and equality;
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and well-being for all,
and whose presence, grace, and love
sustain us in our living.
We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 744** - *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION (Congregation may be seated)

When we offer our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer...*silence is kept*....

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Now, let us pray in unison:

Most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of our neighbor. We have refused your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Give us courage to name our sin, give us the strength to claim responsibility for our actions. Give us grace to pay the price for changing our behavior. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus.
God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn No. 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

***SHARING THE 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom and truth, shed your light on our listening and hearing as your Word is read and proclaimed.

Give us understanding. Change us. Transform us. So that we might become beacons of your light and love.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 36:5-10 (pg. 510 in the Old Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 62:1-5 (pg. 692 in the Old Testament)

SERMON - “I Will Not Keep Silent”

Rev. Nancy Dolan

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 749 - *Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

(Please remain seated and sing all refrains and verse 3)

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.

ANTHEM - *May Peace Flow*

Mark A. Miller

(refrain) May peace flow through me as music through an instrument,

Let it flow through me like the warmth from the sun,

May peace flow through me so that I may be a vessel of the love of God for everyone.

Let me shine love where hatred’s stain has crept, show forgiveness where ancient scores are kept,

Speak the truth in love and ever cling to faith, bring a word of hope to hearts that long for grace. (refrain)

Use my life as a light to shine upon the path, bringing joy to those in sorrow’s aftermath,

Consolation to hearts suffer pain, and with understanding show them love again. (refrain)

It’s through giving that we can receive, it’s through pardoning that we are set free.

Through our dying we are born anew to the blessing of eternal life with you, life with you. (refrain)

CALL FOR OFFERING

As we gather our gifts and offer them to God, may we do so in gratitude and praise.

We invite you to give via our church website www.fpcw.org, our smartphone app, or sending a check to the church office. An offering plate is also available in the Narthex.

CALL TO SERVICE - Racial Justice Committee - Mary Watt

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - The Doxology (Hymn No. 606)**

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** (unison)

**Great God of Heaven and Earth,
you call us to leave behind our preoccupations
and to follow you into the future.**

Sometimes we find your call challenging.

We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present.

**May this act of giving, with our commitments to service,
be a gesture of our willingness, to follow where you lead.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN NO. 772** - *Live into Hope*

TRURO

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH*

Peter Pindar Stearns

Sources:

Call to Worship — from the [13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration](#), posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.

Call to Confession written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good". Used with permission.

Prayer of Confession adapted from Presbyterian Peacemaking Program - www.pcusa.org/peacemaking

Assurance of Forgiveness ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on [Lectionary Liturgies](#).

Prayer of Dedication ~ posted on the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan. <http://www.umfmichigan.org/offerprayers.html>

Our Common Life Week of January 16, 2022

Congregational Meeting

With deep gratitude to the work of the Nominating Committee of fpcw, and those willing to serve, Session is pleased to announce a **January 23, 2022** Congregational Meeting following the 10 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: 1) to vote on a change in the church's by-laws allowing Zoom attendees to be included in the quorum and vote count in all congregational meetings; 2) approve the formation of an APNC.

At the January 23rd meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees for election to the APNC:

Bill Bishop	Sharon Panzica
Irris Boaz	Mary Watt
Bob Hariman	Jane Western
Anthony Haro	Marny Zimmer
Amy Lyon	

Please make plans to attend this important meeting as we eagerly anticipate with hope the plans God has for our church in the new year! Meeting details for Zoom participation will be provided closer to the date.

Update from the Personnel Support Committee on Pastor Jeff's Medical Leave

We touched base recently with Pastor Jeff, and he reports that his treatment and recovery are progressing very well. At this time we are on track for his full return on February 1st. Although he will not preside over the January 23rd Congregational Meeting to elect the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, he is aware of it and supports the search moving forward. Please direct any questions you have regarding his return to Pastor Nancy (revnancy.dolan@gmail.com). If you wish to express your support for Jeff, please feel free to send him a card or letter to the Lehn's home address.

Programing Update from the COVID-19 Task Force

With the emergence of the Omicron variant, the COVID Task Force, whose charge is to monitor the situation and our policies regarding COVID, has determined it necessary to **postpone the resumption of several activities and programming now through to January 23**. Please note, this is a new date and will allow time to better understand the current surge and to avoid compounding an expected case spike. The task force will continue to monitor the situation. Activities which are scheduled to resume January 23 include: Choir, Sunday Fellowship Hour, Children and Youth (Mid-Week Meetup, Children's Chapel, Tower, and 5/6 and 7/8 grade new programming). Committees may continue to decide collectively to meet in person or on Zoom but everyone in the church building must be masked.

Please be encouraged to reach out to the Task Force if you have questions or concerns. Members include: Brian Hughes, Jane Rankin, Steve Reinhart, Tammy Walker and Rev. Nancy Dolan.



Interfaith Action (IAE) Walk for Warmth

Join IAE Walk for Warmth and help raise funds to support the Emergency Overnight Shelter, Warming Centers, soup kitchens, and more.

Interfaith Action (IAE) has expanded its services, extending the dates for the overnight shelter and the hours for our Warming Center and they need our help to sustain these efforts. **On MLK Day of Service 2022, Monday, January 17**, they invite us to join them in the fight against homelessness and hunger in our community. Let's carry on Dr. King's legacy and continue his fight for economic, social, and racial justice. Advanced registration is required, please click [here](#) to register your participation.

Teams will meet at the Hinman entrance of the First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St, Evanston, IL 60201 at 11:00 am to walk a two-mile circuit of eight of the IAE overnight shelter sites. This is a family-friendly event and folks of all ages are welcome to show their compassion by walking all or part of the route.



Midweek Meetup - September - December, Midweek Meetup kids had fun growing friendships & faith.

- Played freeze tag
- Wove stars out of yarn for our chapel
- Decorated cards for the Giving Tree recipients
- Designed mosaics
- Played with the parachute
- Made pine cone bird feeders
- Made a Christmas pageant movie
- Prayed with paper plate gratitude spirals
- Created Advent ornaments
- Lit Advent candles
- Played foosball
- Sang
- Baked bread
- Ate delicious dinners together

Midweek Meetup will be taking a break until mid-January, but we'll be back together soon, Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00 pm followed by dinner for the whole family, provided by the amazing Amy Miller. All kids ages PreK-6th grade are invited! Whether you've been coming all fall, or it will be your first time, we hope you'll join us!

Calendar for the week of January 16th, 2022

Please note: Per recommendations from the Covid-19 Task Force many activities and programming including Fellowship Hour are postponed until January 23rd.

Sunday, January 16th

10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube

Monday, January 17th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office Closed

7:00 pm	Mission Ministry Group	via Zoom
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Tuesday, January 18th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	via Zoom
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Wednesday, January 19th

7:00 pm	Book and Dinner Group	via Zoom
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Thursday, January 20th

10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	via Zoom

Friday, January 21st

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, January 22nd

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
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Sunday, January 23rd

10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	In-person and via Zoom



*Small group offerings
All are invited.*

2022 Small Groups (meeting via Zoom for January)

Slowing Time for Women

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. New joiners always welcome! Starting in January 2022 we will read “What My Grandmothers Taught Me” (the genealogy of Jesus). Contact Sue Sklansky at suesklansky@gmail.com

Lunch Group for Women

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon, and each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Nancy Freeman coordinates njwfreeman@gmail.com.

Book Group

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, hosted by Carol Korak. carolkorak@gmail.com. Members take turns leading a book discussion. January’s book is “Rules of Civility,” by Amor Towles.

Men's Hour

Meets Thursdays at 7 pm. 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. Check in with Steve to find out when they will resume in person.

Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays at 10 am. How does the Bible inform our daily lives? This class is led by Rev. Rod Quainton. fatherq@comcast.net

Adult Faith formation

Meets on Sunday morning at 8:30-9:30 am in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. **This group will be on hiatus until February.**

Pres Homes Women

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am, via UberConference. Pastor Laura provide the link and discussion includes a Bible Study guide. lsruewood@fpcw.org

Abigail Group

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in a member’s homes or Zoom. Abigail is a women’s group for separated or divorced women. 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. **This group is on hiatus until February.**

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, Amy Russell, Julia Clauson Ed Hillner and Al Menard,
- For those who are grieving, including the Squires family,
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them.

STAY CONNECTED

If you have not been able to attend worship

Please note: Our Sunday worship services are Livestreamed/recorded each week and are posted on our website at www.fpcw.org. Click on Worship Services under the Worship & Music tab.

FLOWER CHART

The 2022 flower chart is posted on the door to the usher's closet. If you would like to donate flowers in appreciation or in remembrance of a loved one please choose a Sunday that works best for you and add your name to the flower chart. Thank you.

IN MEMORIAL

At the beginning of each month you'll find posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex the list of members dating back many decades who have passed away in that month. This memorial list is a wonderful way for us to honor the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us.

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SERMONS

www.fpcw.org/worship-and-music/sermons

CALENDAR

www.fpcw.org/events-calendar

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OFFICE HOURS

9 am-5 pm (Monday-Thursday)
9 am-3:00 pm (Friday)



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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