



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 23, 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 23rd, 2022

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Nancy Dolan, preaching
Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist
Jeff Miller, liturgist
Peggy Massello, Director of Music
Matt Peckham, soloist

PRELUDE - Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us,
The One who equips us,
The One who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 307 - God of Grace and God of Glory** (verses 1, 2 and 4)

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION (Congregation may be seated)

In this season of Epiphany, we are reminded that our God is constantly revealing God's self to us, that we may see and know our Creator. Let us honor and accept this gift by opening our whole hearts through confession, first in silent prayer...*silence is kept*...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Christ, you came to share good news with the poor and oppressed.
You came to release the captives and grant sight to the blind.
We, like the crowds that surrounded you at the beginning of your ministry, are fickle.
We praise you when your words comfort us,
but deny that your good news means we need to sacrifice something.
Forgive us, God, for our wayward and fleeting love.
We are blind to the true implications of your gospel.
Help us to see that we may join in your proclamation of good news. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiven, we are filled by God's Spirit, commissioned to be Christ's hope, Christ's people for the world.
Anointed, we can care for one another, weep with one another, serve one another, and live with one another. Thanks be to God. 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.**

***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.

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 - Luke 4:14-22 (pg. 61 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON - "But Will the Car Fit?"

Rev. Nancy Dolan

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 757 - *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

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 - *Spirit, Open My Heart* (text can be found at Hymn No. 692)

Irish Melody, arr. Alfred Fedak

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.

*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)

Almighty God, we offer these gifts to you. May you multiply them for your glory that they may be a blessing to others. We pray a special blessing on all whom these monetary gifts touch. May they know your love. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN NO. 295 - *Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Intermezzo VI*

Herman Schroeder

Sources

- * Call to Worship written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good"
- * Call to Confession and prayers of confession, illumination and dedication written by Rose Schrott Taylor, posted at pres-outlook.org.
- * Assurance of Forgiveness by Thom M. Shuman, posted at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

Our Common Life

Week of January 23rd, 2022

Congregational Meeting Postponed to February 6, 2022

Based on the guidance of the COVID Task Force to postpone in-person programming and activities until February 6 (see below), Session has voted to **postpone the January 23rd Congregational Meeting to February 6th**. We hope that by moving the date, more people will be able to attend safely, to enjoy this day which will be one of celebration for our church's future. Pastor Jeff will also be back in time to moderate this important meeting.

The **February 6** meeting will take place 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 Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC).

With our gratitude to those willing to serve, the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees for election to the APNC:

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

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

With joy we share that Pastor Jeff reports his treatment and recovery are progressing very well. At this time we are on track for his full return on February 1st and look forward to his worship leadership resuming on Sunday, February 6. Please direct any questions you have regarding his return to Pastor Nancy Dolan at (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

In light of the high infection numbers our area is still experiencing, and our continued commitment to doing our part in limiting the spread of COVID-19, we have determined it necessary to **postpone the resumption of our in-person programming and activities to Sunday, February 6**. While the case positivity rates in our area are still above the peaks of the last two years, they are beginning to show signs of decline. We will continue to monitor the situation while staying very hopeful that February 6 will be a safe date to resume in-person activities.

We continue worship both in-person, with plenty of room to social distance, and on-line via Livestream. Activities which are scheduled to resume **February 6** 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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Interested in a weekly and stimulating discussion group? FPCW's Bible Study Group is seeking to increase its participants in 2022 and invites you to check us out. We have great leaders who are knowledgeable in Biblical interpretation and the context for our Biblical readings. Group leadership is shared by Pastor Jeff, Pastor Laura and Rev. Rod Quanton. Our Bible Study group is coordinated by Bonnie Wehrenberg. Share your email with her at bwherbie007@att.net if you would like to receive meeting notifications, and a Zoom link.

We are starting the new year with the Bible's beginning, Genesis. **Thursday, 1/27 at 10:00 am** will be on Genesis Chapter 19. You are invited to join us. We use the latest in technology so participants can enjoy a positive Zoom experience. When we return to in-person meetings we serve coffee.

If busy this Thursday, feel free to tune in on any given Thursday. We hope to meet you at a future meeting.



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 February 9th, 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! Lindley Traynor, Director of Children and Family Ministries.

Calendar for the week of January 23rd, 2022

Please note: Per recommendations from the Covid-19 Task Force many in-person activities and programing including Fellowship Hour are postponed until February 6th.

Sunday, January 23rd

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

Monday, January 24th

Office Closed

7:00 pm	Personnel Ministry Group	via Zoom
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Tuesday, January 25th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	via Zoom
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Wednesday, January 26th

No meetings scheduled

Thursday, January 27th

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

Friday, January 28th

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, January 29th

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
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Sunday, January 30th

10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube

Interfaith Action of Evanston's Walk for Warmth

The Walk for Warmth on Monday, January 17 was a big success with almost 600 walkers registered to participate, representing 44 different teams from congregations and other organizations in Evanston and surrounding communities. FPCW had more than 15 walkers take part in the event.



The walk raised funds for Interfaith Action's programs that serve homeless and hungry people in our community, including overnight shelters, warming centers and soup kitchens. Held in honor of the legacy and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Walk exceeded the agency's fundraising goal of \$30,000 for the event.

Donations can still be made by visiting the Interfaith Action website at www.interfaithactionofevanston.org/get-involved/donate

Thanks to all of you hardy walkers who braved the cold that morning in support of this important mission partner of FPCW.



*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.**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Colleen Jersild in loving memory of her parents, Thelma and Clyde Campbell.

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, and Ed Hillner,
- For those who are grieving, the Squires family, and the McKenzie family, as they mourn the recent death of Marilyn McKenzie,
- 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

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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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