



“Love is Patient” (1 Corinthians 13) by Jan Norton

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 30, 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](http://Ignatianspirituality.com)*

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, January 30th, 2022**

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

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Nancy Dolan, preaching  
Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist  
Guyneth Sharp, liturgist  
Peggy Massello, Director of Music  
Nick Lin, soloist

**PRELUDE** - *Duo and Récit de Nazard* from Suite du Premier & Deuxième Ton

L. N. Clerambault

**WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 136*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**For God's love endures forever.**

Alone God works great wonders.

**God's love endures forever.**

God remembered us when we were cast down, and rescued us from our enemies.

**God's love endures forever.**

God gives food to all his creatures.

**God's love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven!

**God's love endures forever!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 673** - *Jesus, Light of Joy*

LAUDA ANIMA

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (Congregation may be seated)

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silent prayer...*silence is kept*...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Now, let us pray together:

**Merciful God, whenever we seek you, love is what we find. But you do not always find the same in us. Love is patient, but often we are impatient. Love is kind, but often we are unkind. Love does not insist on its own way, but we often do just that. Love never ends, and yet we do not always seek your love as our ultimate purpose. Help us, loving God, to shed our sin and reflect the light of your love. Guide us that we might have faith in your presence, that we might hope in your providence, and, above all, that we might love as you love us. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Though our efforts to love are often full of fault, God's steadfast love never fails. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Alleluia! 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**

**SCRIPTURE READING** - 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 (pg. 174-175 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** - "The More Excellent Way"

Rev. Nancy Dolan

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 693** - *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

**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.

**TIME OF APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR NANCY** - Brian Hughes

**ANTHEM** - *Teach Us to Love*

Mark Patterson

**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](http://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)

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since our very beginning. We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we celebrate the great power that is love—a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole.  
Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN NO. 543** - *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (verses 1, 4 & 5)

GREEN TYLER

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** - *Caprice sur les Grands Jeux*

L. N. Clerambault

**Sources**

- \* Invitation to Confession written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good"
- \* Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness adapted from prayers by Stephen M. Fearing, posted on his website [stephenmfearing.com](http://stephenmfearing.com)
- \* Prayer of Dedication found on and adapted from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)

## Our Common Life

### Week of January 30th, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. **Join us Thursdays at 10 am**, we use the latest in technology so participants can enjoy a positive Zoom experience. When we return to in-person meetings we serve coffee. Please feel free to tune in on any given Thursday, we look forward to having you join us.

## Re-start of in-person Programming for Children and Youth – week of February 6<sup>th</sup>

### NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

**Children's Chapel resumes for children ages 3 yrs. – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** following Sharing of the Peace in worship. Children will return to the sanctuary to sit with their families for the last part of worship. Contact: Lindley Traynor, [ltraynor@fpcw.org](mailto:ltraynor@fpcw.org)

### NEW– 7th and 8th Grade Youth Group and Confirmation Class

**Sundays 11:00 am-12:00 noon** in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center, beginning February 6th. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join the group which will include activities and discussion to help dive into the meaning of our faith and how faith applies to our lives. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have additional opportunities to reflect on their desire and readiness to be confirmed as active members of the church. **Feb. 6th – Class attends Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am** and concludes group time in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Contact: Pastor Laura Sherwood, [lsherwood@fpcw.org](mailto:lsherwood@fpcw.org).

### TOWER Senior High Youth – 5:00 pm

Group time with devotion and fellowship; **6:00 pm Dinner** – Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Contact: Scott McElhenie, [youth@fpcw.org](mailto:youth@fpcw.org)

### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 9TH

**Mid-Week Meet-Up resumes - Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm** activity and music (singers and ringers) followed by dinner provided in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. **For children ages 3 yrs. through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** Parents are invited to come and help with the activity or gather for parent fellowship during the children's program and stay for the community dinner. Contact: Peggy Massello, [pmassello@fpwc.org](mailto:pmassello@fpwc.org) & Lindley Traynor, [ltraynor@fpwc.org](mailto:ltraynor@fpwc.org).

## February Film Discussion Series hosted by the Racial Justice Committee

Sundays in February 8:30-9:20 am on Zoom.

**Purpose:** To explore various aspects of racism in our country through the lens of current film.

You are invited to watch the film on your own and join the discussion on the scheduled Sunday. A zoom link will be included in the Tuesday and Saturday church emails starting February 1st.

### Films:

- *John Lewis: Good Trouble* (2020) – February 6th
- *Just Mercy* (2019) – February 13th
- *The Best of Enemies* (2019) – February 20 (Not to be confused with the 2015 film “Best of Enemies”)
- *The Hate U Give* (2018) – February 27th

Look for these films at your public library or search for the title on [www.justwatch.com](http://www.justwatch.com) to find where it is available on streaming services (for free or rent).

## In Gratitude for Rev. Nancy Dolan!

It has been a joy and a privilege to have with us these past two months, the Rev. Nancy Dolan as temporary head of staff. We have flourished through Advent and in response to the ever changing pandemic ups and downs. She has led with a calm and steady presence. If you would like to express your gratitude to Nancy, please send her an email at [revnancy.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:revnancy.dolan@gmail.com).

Today is the last day she will be in worship with us.

## Calendar for the week of January 30th, 2022

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

### Sunday, January 30th

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

### Monday, February 31st

No meetings scheduled

### Tuesday, February 1st

11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
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### Wednesday, February 2nd

6:00 pm	Finance Budget & Operations	via Zoom
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### Thursday, February 3rd

10:00 am	Pres Homes Study Group	Phone Conference
10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	via Zoom

### Friday, February 4th

No meetings scheduled

### Saturday, February 5th

8:00 am	Men's Council (breakfast & program)	in-person & Zoom
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### Sunday, February 6th

10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:30 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary & Zoom
11:00 am	7 & 8 grade Youth & Confirmation Class	Sanctuary & WMFC
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
11:15am	APNC	Upper Room
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth fellowship/Dinner	WMFC



*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](mailto: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](mailto:njwfreeman@gmail.com).

### **Book Group**

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, hosted by Carol Korak. [carolkorak@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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. **This group is on hiatus until February.**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Marge Brumitt by her family.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- In gratitude for Rev. Nancy Dolan and her time with us over the past two months,
- For those with health concerns, Ed Hillner,
- For those who are grieving, the McKenzie family, and the Greg Michel 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](http://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.

### WEBSITE

[www.fpcw.org](http://www.fpcw.org)

### FACEBOOK

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

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[1stPresWilmette@FPCWilmette](https://twitter.com/1stPresWilmette@FPCWilmette)

### SERMONS

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

### CALENDAR

[www.fpcw.org/events-calendar](http://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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