



“Baptism of the Beloved” © Jan L. Richardson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Sunday, January 9, 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

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Sherwood, preaching
Rev. Nancy Dolan, pastoral liturgist
Amy Miller, liturgist
Peggy Massello, Director of Music, Organist
Jordan Roulo, soloist

PRELUDE - *Prelude on NETTLETON*

Zach Unke

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, God of our childhood, to worship you - as we then believed in you.

We come to give thanks to God for the gift of a simple, trusting faith.

We come, God of our youthful enthusiasm, to worship you – whole-heartedly.

We come to praise our God for the blessings of mentors and encouragers.

We come, God of our maturity, to worship you – as we have grown through the struggles and experiences of faithfully trusting in you, so we offer you our thanks.

We come to worship and praise our Faithful God who continues to journey with us; and who blesses and guides us through all our life. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO 475** - *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

People of God, we desire to be refreshed, renewed and changed.

Let us listen again to God's calling our names to encourage us and strengthen our resolve, to be God's people in faithfulness and peace-loving justice.

Let us now come to God with the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer...*(silence is kept)*...

Let us pray now together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we hear your voice

and we see the way of Jesus set before us.

But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again,

to live up to our baptismal vows,

and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world.

In repentance we ask you to forgive us.

Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pg. 60 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING - Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 672 in the Old Testament)

SERMON - "Called By Name"

Rev. Laura Sherwood

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM HYMN - *Take Me to the Water* (Please stand and sing when indicated)

***Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah,
To be baptized.**

***PRAYER FOR BAPTISM RENEWAL** (unison)

O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received.

We thank you that you claim us,

that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us,

that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling.

In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.

Establish us to be places of refreshment.

Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people,

we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness,

that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.

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.

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. Also, an offering plate is 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)

**Faithful God, Bless us in our baptismal calling
to be in the ministry of showing hospitality to others.
We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used
not for conquest and dominance,
but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people
who pray for our liberation as well as their own.
Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN NO. 177 - *You Are Mine (congregation: sing all refrains only)

YOU ARE MINE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Allegro giubiloso*

Isadore Freed

Sources:

Call to Worship - The Timeless Psalms by Joan Stott

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Our Common Life Week of January 9, 2022

Star Gift Words

Last Sunday at in-person and Livestream worship, we were invited to receive a star gift word for the new year (if you would like one, email Sue Sklansky at ssklansky@fpcw.org and she will randomly pick one for you. They will also be available today).

Why a star gift? As we commemorate the arrival of the wise men on Epiphany (January 6th) and remember their offerings, we delight in this paper reminder that symbolizes God's generosity in our lives. Epiphany is the celebration of God's presence breaking through to shine as a light in the darkness. Each year we rejoice in the reminder of our generous, giving God – one star gift at a time.

Look up your word in the dictionary for possible new meanings. A word that may seem unclear now may gain new meaning as the year goes on.

Ponder your word in your heart – what might God be saying to you?

Programming 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 from January 2 to January 16. This will allow time to better understand the current surge and to avoid compounding an expected case spike after the holidays. The task force will continue to monitor the situation. Activities which are scheduled to resume January 16 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.

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 Harro	Marnie 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.

Meals for the Lehn family

Many of you have asked how you can be a support for the Lehn family while Jeff is on medical leave. One way is to supply meals for the family. A Sign Up Genius link can be found on the News & Publications page of our website. Meals can be dropped off at the Manse back door by 4:30 pm. Please put the meal you bring in the cooler provided. No need to ring their doorbell as they will be expecting the meal to be dropped off. Many thanks to all who wish to prepare meals and support the Lehn family.



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!

CHURCH CALENDAR

The week of January 9th, 2022

Please note: Per recommendations from the Covid-19 Task Force many activities and programing including Fellowship Hour are postponed until January 16th.

Sunday, January 9th

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

Monday, January 10th

7:00 pm	Session	via Zoom
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Tuesday, January 11th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	via Zoom
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Wednesday, January 12th

9:00 am	Stock the Shelves	Lounge
12 pm	Lunch Gift Group	via Zoom

Thursday, January 13th

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

Friday, January 14th

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, January 15th

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
1:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop	WMFC

Sunday, January 16th

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



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. lsherwood@fpcw.org

Abigail Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday 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, Julia Clauson and Al Menard,
- For those who are grieving, and for our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them,
- For Pastor Jeff Lehn and his family while he is away.

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.

Important Sanctuary and Worship Reminders

Air Exchange in the Sanctuary

At fpcw we are fortunate to have an excellent air exchange system promoting good airflow throughout the Sanctuary including the balcony as well as the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Please note, as we are well within the colder months the air exchange system can cause cooler temperatures in the Sanctuary so please consider dressing warmly on Sundays.

Livestream on Sundays in the Lounge

A special benefit of our ability to Livestream our worship services is you can sit comfortably in the Lounge on Sunday to watch the service if you desire more space or if you have a child who no longer wants to be in the Sanctuary. Also, please note: as our services are recorded each week and you do not wish to appear in the recording please consider sitting in the balcony, the livestream cameras do not cover that area of the Sanctuary.

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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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