



Wassily Kandinsky, "Winter Landscape" (1909)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 13, 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
- Join us after worship in the Lounge for fellowship and coffee

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 Jeff Lehn 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, February 13, 2022

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching
Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist
Beth Bishop, liturgist
Chancel Choir
Peggy Massello, Director of Music

PRELUDE - *Andante tranquillo* from Sonata IV and VI

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come! Come into the place where God listens!

Where you need no money, no status, no fine clothes.

Come as you are: broken, whole, sick, well, satisfied or with deep needs.

Come to sing, come to cry

Come to hear, come to see

Come and be ready or come to be made ready

Friends, we are here and God is here too!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 409** - *God Is Here!* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION (Congregation may be seated)

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving Parent God, forgive us for the many times we try not to see and feel. Every time we close our eyes in prayer, help us to open them again to see the many injustices and oppression around us. Every time we lift our hands in praise to you, help us to stretch them out once again so that we may help those who are in need. Every time we kneel in prayer, help us to stand again with our sisters and brothers in struggle; help us to stand in solidarity with them. Help us to live more fully in the ways of Jesus this week - the way of hospitality and compassion, the way of peace and justice, the way of forgiveness and healing. Repair in us what is broken. Reveal in us all that is good and incline our hearts to do it. Empower us to realize your reign in all the little moments of the days to come - at school, at work, and in our neighborhoods. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, God is too busy loving you to be disappointed in you! You are forgiven. You are loved. You are set free.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and John 20:11-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON - "Seasons"

Rev. Jeff Lehn

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 250 - *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

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 - *Turn! Turn! Turn!*

Pete Seeger, arr. Roger Emerson

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION - Scott McElhenie, 5th and 6th graders

Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.

CALL FOR OFFERING

As we gather our gifts together 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 by sending a check to the church office. An offering plate is also available in the Narthex.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH - Hymn 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**

God of the young and the old, the straight-laced and the unrefined, the zealous and the wary, take this offering of our lives and resources and bless it to the work of your reign. May we be empowered by it. May other people be transformed by it. May your world be blessed by it. God of all creatures, we recommit ourselves to you. Bless the work of our hands until we meet again. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN NO. 853** - *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

SIYAHAMBA

(Choir will sing in Zulu the first time) ...we are singing

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Siyamba*

South African, arr. John Behnke

Our Common Life Week of February 13th, 2022



Today, Sunday February 13th – Led by our 5th and 6th Graders

Supporting current mission partner: **Interfaith Action of Evanston (IAE)**

Food Drive* – Place your items from the list below on the Collection Table and stack up your donations next to the team you're rooting for in the Super Bowl!

Financial Donations – Place in Soup Pots – cash, check or on-line gift “tickets” will be available today.

To give online:

1. Follow this link: <https://pushpay.com/g/fpcwilmette>
2. Select Souper Bowl of Caring from the fund drop down menu

***Food Items requested for the IAE Hospitality Center:**

- Things that are easy to heat:
Soup in individual containers, Oatmeal, ...
- Items that can be carried in backpacks:
Granola bars, Peanuts, Popcorn, ...
- Sweet treats



February Film Discussion Series hosted by the Racial Justice Committee

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

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

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 6th.

Films:

- *John Lewis: Good Trouble* (2020) – (Last Sunday, 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 to find where it is available on streaming services (for free or rent).



Winter Walk: a Mile in Her Shoes

Please join our FPCW team for the one-mile, in-person walk on February 27 from 1 to 3 pm. The walk will begin at Truman College, 1145 W Wilson, Chicago. Have a hot chocolate to start off the walk and along the way you will see places where women of Sarah's have stayed before finding housing with Sarah's Circle. The walk will end with a goodie bag from Sarah's Circle.

Please help support this long-time FPCW Mission partner who continues to expand services for women in need even during a pandemic.

The link to join the fpcw team and to donate is on the News & Publications page of our website. The link is also in the Tuesday, Daily Bread.

Questions or help with transportation contact, Anita Thies at, anitathies@hotmail.com

Programming for Children and Youth – Today, February 13, 2022

TODAY

Children’s Chapel for children ages 3 yrs. – 6th 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 Tryanor, ltryanor@fpcw.org

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group and Confirmation Class

Sundays 11:00 am-12:00 noon in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. 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. 8th graders will have additional opportunities to reflect on their desire and readiness to be confirmed as active members of the church. Contact Pastor Laura Sherwood, lsherwood@fpcw.org.

TOWER Senior High Youth – 5:00 pm Today

Today the Senior High Youth group will gather at the home of a member for a Super Bowl party. Contact: Scott McElhenie, youth@fpcw.org

Mid-Week Meet-Up - 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 6th 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@fpcw.org & Lindley Tryanor, ltryanor@fpcw.org.



Love to cook? As part of the Deacons' ministry, the FPCW meals team provides meals prepared by members for members needing assistance. To volunteer, please contact Jennifer Mullman at 773-991-1689 or jennmullman@gmail.com.



Women’s Breakfast - Saturday, March 19, 2022, 9:30 am - noon

Come discover your spiritual type. Are you someone who loves to study the word, experience God through song, or meditation, or are you more of an activist? There are many ways to experience and express your faith. We will explore the different types and find out where our growing edges may be. This morning gathering is for women of all ages and stages, high school through age 100. It is planned for in-person at this time, with breakfast and a program in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. To RSVP, email Sue Sklansky at ssklansky@fpcw.org



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 MEMORIAM

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 (February is posted). This memorial list is a wonderful way for us to honor the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us.

Calendar for the week of February 13th, 2022

Sunday, February 13th

8:30 am	Racial Justice Film Series	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube
	Souper Bowl of Caring Collection	
10:30 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	7 & 8 grade Youth & Confirmation Class	WMFC
11:00am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
1:00 pm	Troop 5 Court of Honor	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth Super Bowl Party	Member's Home

Monday, February 14th

7:30 pm	Troop 5	WMFC
8:30 pm	Troop 5 Crew	Yellow Room

Tuesday, February 15th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts	WMFC

Wednesday, February 16th

4:30 pm	Mid-Week Meetup	WMFC
6:15 pm	Book and Dinner Group	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Slowing Time Women's Group	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

Thursday, February 17th

10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
	APNC	Upper Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	WMFC

Friday, February 18th

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, February 19th

8:00 am	Men's Council (breakfast & program)	in-person & Zoom
1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Marilyn McKenzie	Sanctuary

Sunday, February 20th

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Small group offerings

All are invited.

2022 Small Groups (meeting via Zoom or in-person)

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. February book is “Lost Roses,” by Martha Hall Kelly.

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. This group has begun meeting in person and via Zoom.

Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays at 10 am. How does the Bible inform our daily lives? This class is led by Rev. Jeff Lehn. jlehn@fpcw.org.

Adult Faith formation

Meets on Sunday morning at 8:30-9:30 am in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. **This group is working with the Racial Justice Team on the new film series for the month of 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 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. Interested? Email Pastor Jeff Lehn at jlehn@fpcw.org.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Vern and Judy Squires in memory of Vern's daughter, Elizabeth Squires.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- For the joy of a new baby, Charlie, to the Linnihan family,
- For those with health concerns, Debbie Burdick
- For those who are grieving, including the Squires, the Hutson family, the Michel family, and the McKenzie family,
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them,
- For the Cincinnati Bengals (only for the Bengal fans, including Pastor Laura).

Greg Michel address update

Please note, if you would like to send a condolence card to Greg Michel's family please use this address.

Family of Greg Michel
c/o Jen Lauer
2048 Old Glenview Rd.
Wilmette, IL 60091

If you've sent a card already to the previous address no worries the card will be forwarded to Greg's family.

The memorial service for Marilyn McKenzie is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th at 1 pm in our Sanctuary.

If you would like to send a condolence card please send to this address
Family of Marilyn McKenzie
1400 Ashland Lane
Wilmette, IL 60091

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.

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SERMONS

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

CALENDAR

www.fpcw.org/events-calendar



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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