



Jan Richardson, "Baptism of the Beloved"

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, February 20, 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:**

#### **Paying Attention to Your Spiritual Story**

Make time and space to ponder the following questions. Feel free to write your answers in a journal or to share them with another person:

- Reflect on a time when you grew spiritually in a significant way. Describe what was happening in that period of your life.
- What was it about that period of your life that caused you to grow spiritually?
- What do you think God was trying to teach or show you?
- Where do you experience God's presence most often now (i.e. in worship, nature, silence, conversation with family/friends, prayer, serving others, or perhaps in Bible study)?

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

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

**Worship Leaders**

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

**PRELUDE** - *Prelude on PROSPECT*

Wilbur Held

**WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion, Jesus wants to make his home and meet his friends.

**He is the light of life: he is the hope for the world.**

In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant,

**All are one in Jesus Christ.**

He is the light of life: he is the hope of the world.

**In him there is neither black nor white, neither north nor south:**

All are one in Jesus Christ.

**He is the light of life: he is the hope of the world.**

In him there is neither male nor female, neither master nor servant:

**All are one in Jesus Christ.**

He is the light of life: he is the hope for the world.

**In him there is neither rich nor poor, neither middle class nor working class:**

All are one in Jesus Christ.

**He is the light of life: he is the hope for the world.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 662** - *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

RATISBON

**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)

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, donor of grace, and giver of life: hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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** - Matthew 22:34-40 and Colossians 3:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** - "The Practice of Self-Compassion"

Rev. Jeff Lehn

**SOLO** - *Be Kind to Yourself*

Andrew Peterson

You've got all that emotion, that's heaving like an ocean and you're drowning in a deep, dark well.  
I can hear it in your voice that if you only had a choice you would rather be anywhere else.  
I love you just the way that you are, I love the way He made your precious heart.

(chorus) Be kind to yourself, be kind to yourself.

I know it's hard to hear it when that anger in your spirit is pointed like an arrow at your chest.  
When the voices in your mind are anything but kind and you can't believe your Father knows best.  
I love you just the way that you are; I love the way He's shaping your heart. (chorus)

Well, how does it end when the war that you're in is just you against you against you?  
You've gotta learn to love, learn to love, learn to love your enemies too.

You can't expect to be perfect, it's a fight you gotta forfeit; you belong to Me, whatever you do.  
So lay down your weapon, darling, take a deep breath, and believe that I love you. (chorus)

**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** - *The Road Home*

Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way,  
There's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,  
Through the air there's a calling from far away,  
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the only song;  
There is no such beauty as where you belong,  
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

~ Michael Dennis Browne

**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](http://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 (unison)**

**Wise and gracious God, with these gifts, we offer ourselves to you, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Put us to work, loving God. Stretch our gifts to meet the needs of your world, and enlarge our efforts through your powerful Holy Spirit. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN NO. 703 - *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me***

ST. CATHERINE

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - *Festal Flourish***

Gordon Jacobs

# Our Common Life

## Week of February 20th, 2022

Lent 2022

Adult Faith Formation Class

Sundays, 8:30-9:30 am (6 Weeks, March 6 – April 10)



**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)
- *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).

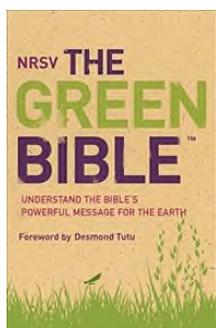


### Winter Walk: a Mile in Her Shoes

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](mailto:anitathies@hotmail.com)



### “The Green Bible and 50 Ways to Help Save the Earth”

Join Pastor Jeff for this six-week Lenten study that serves as a “deeper dive” into our broader theme for the season: “For the Beauty of the Earth.” Each week, we will (1) look at a portion of “The Green Bible,” a recent translation of the Bible focused on creation care, and (2) discuss several practical ways that we can make a difference. No pre-reading required – just come and grow with us as we together seek to “Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care” (Shirley Erena Murray). This class will be in a hybrid format in-person and Zoom.



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](mailto:jennmullman@gmail.com).

## PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – Today, February 20, 2022

### SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**Children's Chapel 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)

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group and Confirmation Class **This class will not meet today.**

**Sundays 11:00 am-12:00 noon** in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Pastor Laura Sherwood, [lsherwood@fpcw.org](mailto:lsherwood@fpcw.org).

### TOWER Senior High Youth – 5:00 pm **This group will not meet this evening.**

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



### 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](mailto:ssklansky@fpcw.org)



### New Members Exploration Class

March 20th at 11am

Anyone interested in learning more about what it means to be Presbyterian, what First Pres has to offer you in your faith journey, and ways you can serve? Join Pastor Jeff, Elder Rick Baer and Sue Sklansky, Dir. of Congregational Care and Engagement, for a conversation about what church membership means. RSVP to Sue at [ssklansky@fpcw.org](mailto: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 20th, 2022

### Sunday, February 20th

8:30 am	Racial Justice Film Series	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube
10:30 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge

### Monday, February 21st

Church Office Closed for Presidents' Day

### Tuesday, February 22nd

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
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### Wednesday, February 23rd

4:45 pm	Mid-Week Meetup	WMFC
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

### Thursday, February 24th

10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
4:00 pm	Nominating Committee	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
	APNC	Upper Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	WMFC

### Friday, February 25th

No meetings scheduled

### Saturday, February 26th

8:00 am	Men's Council (breakfast & program)	in-person & Zoom
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### Sunday, February 27th

8:30 am	Racial Justice Film Series	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:30 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	7 & 8 grade Youth & Confirmation Class	WMFC
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
1:00 pm	Winter Walk in Her Shoes	Truman College
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth fellowship/dinner	WMFC



*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](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. 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](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). 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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. Interested? Email Pastor Jeff Lehn at [jlehn@fpcw.org](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org).

**Today's flowers are given to the glory of God** by the McKenzie family in honor of Marilyn McKenzie.

### 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, Loretta Louella Lee, born to Kathy and Bill Lee's son and daughter-in-law, Liz and Mike Lee,
- For those with health concerns: Debby Burdick, and George Vandervoort,
- For those who are grieving,
- 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.

#### **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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