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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Sunday, February 27th, 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 27, 2022**

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

**Worship Leaders**

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

**PRELUDE - *Lied and Berceuse***

Louis Vierne

**WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop, but we are tired and weary.

**Help us to go where you have invited us.**

Give us eyes to see your vision of simple wisdom and complicated truth.

**Give us ears to hear your message of gritty hope and new life.**

Lord, we have come into this time and space, to experience you.

**Let us worship God, tender and just.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 401 - *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)***

GATHER US IN

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

God became one of us so that we could see the face of love, hear the voice of peace, be touched by the hand of grace and know the heart of mercy. God comes to us, offering us forgiveness and new life. Please join me in prayer as we lift up to God the brokenness in ourselves and our world, first in silent prayer...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of vulnerability and glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. On this Transfiguration Sunday, we confess that our narrow vision often hides the brightness of your light.**

**And our fear and fatigue often obscure your message of hope and new life.**

**In the past week, we confess what we have said and left unsaid, what we have done or left undone - things that have not realized your dream.**

**Forgive us, God, and make new creation right here and right now, in our words and actions, in our hearts and minds. 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.**

**\*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.**

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children are invited to share the peace and gather with leaders to go to the Chapel to continue to worship together in an age-appropriate and meaningful way. They will return to sit with their families toward the end of worship service in the Sanctuary.

### \*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 - Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 18-19 in the New Testament)

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

### SERMON - "Stubborn Light"

Rev. Laura Sherwood

### ANTHEM - *Light Everlasting*

Olaf C. Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing. Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee.  
May we from Thy spirit receive inspiration that brethren together Thy wisdom may see.  
Make known to all nations Thy salvation; make known to all nations Thy peace.  
And help us, O Father, Thy temple to be.  
O Light everlasting, O Love never failing. Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee.

## 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](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)

**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. 839 - *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

(verse 1: solo; verse 2 & 3: congregation)

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE - *Carillon*

Louis Vierne

## Our Common Life Week of February 27th, 2022



**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 **today 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.

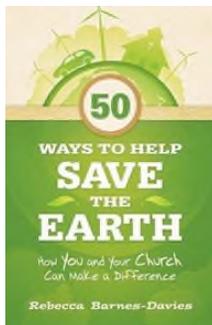
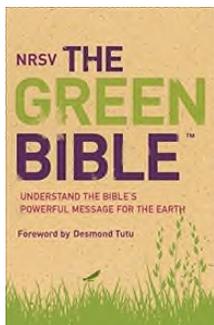
Please help support this long-time FPCW Mission partner who continues to expand services for women in need even during a pandemic.

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)

## Lent 2022

### Adult Faith Formation Class

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



### “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 27, 2022

### SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**Children's Chapel for children ages 3 yrs. - 6th grade.** After the Sharing of the Peace, children ages preK - 6th grade are invited to either remain in the sanctuary with their families, or move to the chapel for an age-appropriate time of worship, lead by Lindley Traynor ([ltraynor@fpcw.org](mailto:ltraynor@fpcw.org)), Dir. of children & Family Ministries, and Scott McElhenie ([youth@fpcw.org](mailto:youth@fpcw.org)), Dir of Youth and Family Ministries. This is a meaningful time of encountering God and connecting with each other through simple liturgy, songs, prayer, and the stories of our faith. Children return to sit with their families toward the end of the service in the sanctuary.

### 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. 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

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 11 am

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)



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

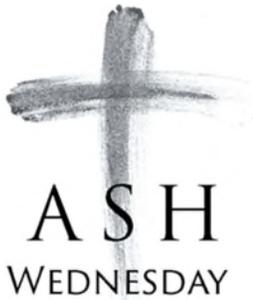


**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING collection**  
**Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders, First Pres Wilmette.**

## Thank you!!

Food and financial donations were collected for church mission partner, Interfaith Action of Evanston

Food Items request by IAE were for their Hospitality Center in Rogers Park. Financial donations made both in-person and online totaled \$1,002.00 + last years undesignated collection of \$110 = **Grand Total: \$1202.00!!**



### **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Services** **This Wednesday, March 2nd**

Begin your Lenten journey by joining us for any or all of the activities/services planned for Ash Wednesday this year, as you feel comfortable.

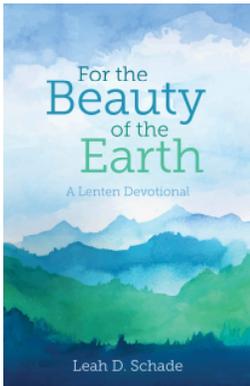
4:45 - 5:15 Family seed planting activity in Fellowship Hall (WMFC)

5:15 - 5:45 Family worship experience in the Chapel

5:45 - 6:25 Soup Supper (mac 'n cheese also available for children)

6:30 - 7:15 Ash Wednesday Worship includes the imposition of ashes and communion. Location: Sanctuary (Livestreaming will be available).

### **For the Beauty of the Earth - Lent 2022**



Our theme for Lent this year is “For the Beauty of the Earth.” Drawn from the title of the beloved hymn written by Follitt Pierpoint in 1864, our theme will unfold week after week in worship as we focus on a different aspect of God’s good creation. We will also reflect on how creation nurtures us and our call to steward the earth, our precious home. Throughout Lent – from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week – you’re encouraged to read the daily devotional by Leah Schade of the same name. Each daily devotion includes scripture, a brief reflection and questions to ponder, or a spiritual practice for the day. Pick up your copy from the church office beginning on Sunday, February 27, or call or email Madeline Weston to ask her to send one to you ([office@fpcw.org](mailto:office@fpcw.org); 847-256-3010).

### **Tutors Needed!**

Would you like to get involved in important Mission work outside of the Church, do hands-on, good works at organizations that our Church supports. There is a waiting list of ten students at the Family Matters community house in Rogers Park who need tutoring. With all the stay-at-home remote learning at the start of this year it is more important than ever to help students keep up with their studies and have the resources and mentors to support their success. There are currently six *fpcw* members who spend 1 ½ hours per week in one-on-one evening tutoring of grammar school and high school students in English, math, or other studies. Tutoring options available are in-person at Family Matters, remote tutoring, or a hybrid of the two with flexible hours from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. There is also a need for reading tutors for grades 2 through 6 in the afternoon. Make a difference in a young student’s life. Adults and high school students are eligible. Please contact Greg Korak (847-909-3875) if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

## Calendar for the week of February 27th, 2022

### Sunday, February 27th

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 Time	Chapel
11:00am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	7th & 8th grade Youth & Confirmation Class	WMFC
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth fellowship/dinner	WMFC

### Monday, February 28th

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

### Tuesday, March 1st

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
7:30 pm	Buildings & Grounds	Lounge

### Wednesday, March 2nd

12:00 pm	Loop Group	via Zoom
4:45 pm	Mid-Week Meetup	WMFC
6:00 pm	Finance Budget & Operations	Lounge
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

### Thursday, March 3rd

10:00 am	Pres Homes Women's Group	Uber Conference
	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, March 4th

No meetings scheduled

### Saturday, March 5th

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

8:30am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:30 am	Children's Chapel Time	Chapel
11:00 am	7 & 8 grade Youth & Confirmation Class	WMFC
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
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).



It is with deep sadness to inform you of the death of long-time, faithful and devoted member, Debby Burdick.

Debbie passed away on Sunday, February 20th. A memorial service to celebrate Debbie's life will be on Saturday, March 12th at 1:00 pm. Please hold Debby's daughters, Wendy and Amy, and her entire family in your prayers - for God's comfort and peace in their grief and transition.

Condolence cards may be sent to:  
Burdick family  
c/o Wendy Burdick  
1460 Fairlane Dr. #512  
Schaumburg, IL 60193

**Today's flowers are given to the glory of God** by Jack and Marsha Nahigian, in memory of Marsha's parents Gerhardt and Dorothy Rickertsen.

### Fellowship Hour Today

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for hosting Fellowship Hour today. We are grateful and appreciate this opportunity to gather together.

### Fellowship Hour Hosting

We are gathering once again after the Sunday Worship Service for our long-standing tradition of Fellowship Hour. We are in need of individuals, families, or committees to take on the Fellowship Hour hosting role. It's easy to do and a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to gather and reconnect with old friends and greet visitors. The SignUp Genius link is available on the News and Publications page of our website [www.fpcw.org](http://www.fpcw.org).

### 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, George Vandervoort;
- Prayers for Victoria, who is on our cleaning staff, her mother is gravely ill,
- For those who are grieving, the Burdick and Loendorf families at the recent passing of Debby Burdick,
- For our homebound members,

### 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.

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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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