



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Communion Sunday

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:

Take an “Awe Walk” (Solo or with Family/Friends)

We're on the verge of spring! It's a great time to try the spiritual practice of taking an “Awe Walk.” You can do it by yourself or with others. The practice is simple. Take a walk in your neighborhood or through a park or forest preserve nearby. Ask God for an open heart, open mind and open body to receive the beauty and wonder of creation. What do you notice? Up high? Down low? What do you smell? What sounds do you hear? Which people or animals did you observe? What gives you awe and wonder? Where do you see God's beauty?

The experience of awe leads us so naturally to what Anne Lamott calls “the third great prayer, Wow.” She says, “Wonder takes our breath away, and makes room for new breath.” It wakes us up to the presence of the God we seek in every moment.

Adapted from and inspired by Lindley Traynor

Order of Worship
Sunday, April 3, 2022

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching
Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist
Acolyte
Amy Russell, liturgist
Lenten Liturgy/Progressive Display
Royce Eckhardt, guest organist/choir director
Hyejin Joo, accompanist
Chancel Choir

PRELUDE - *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

Carl Landahl

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

The Acolyte brings in the light to remind us that we have gathered in the light of Christ.

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

LENT V - OPENING LITANY AND PROGRESSIVE DISPLAY

For the Beauty of the Earth: Humans Caring for the Earth (Genesis 1:26 and 28-31)

As we walk together on this year's journey through Lent...

...May we give thanks for God's creation whenever we fill our recycle bins, donate or re-use a household item, or compost leftover food.

Miniature Recycle Bin is placed on the Display representing Humans caring for the Earth

LENTEN PRAYER (unison)

Spirit of Wisdom, you have gifted human beings with tremendous intellectual power which we exercise over Creation. Guide our use of technology, science, and engineering so that it may be in service of the plant you have created. Guide us in these last two weeks of Lent, so we may be part of making true your dream for us and for all creation. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 25** – *O Lord, Our God How Excellent*

WINCHESTER OLD

CALL TO CONFESSION (Congregation may be seated)

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer... *silence is kept...*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Compassionate God, you know the purposes of our hearts and the will of all creation. Hear with mercy our confession that we have not cared for Earth and all creatures as you meant for us to do; we have not cared for one another as you have commanded; we have not loved ourselves with the regard that honors wholeness and peace of mind. Be our guide, our judge, our joy. Show us the way of your life abundant, and turn us always to that path so that we may live and move in renewed commitment to what is just and good. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this great good news: God's mercy is as wide as the ocean. God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind. So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love through the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God - in whom we are loved, forgiven, and set free! 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. 14 verse 5)

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;

For the great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 8 (Common English Bible)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name throughout the earth!

You made your glory higher than heaven!

² From the mouths of nursing babies
you have laid a strong foundation because of your foes,
in order to stop vengeful enemies.

³ When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—
the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—

⁴ what are human beings that you think about them;
what are human beings that you pay attention to them?

⁵ You've made them only slightly less than divine,
crowning them with glory and grandeur.

⁶ You've let them rule over your handiwork,
putting everything under their feet—

⁷ all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too,

⁸ the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean,
everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

⁹ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON - *Please Recycle this Bulletin*

Rev. Laura Sherwood

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD'S BEAUTY THIS WEEK?

Anthem - God, You Enfold Me

Giuliano Caccini, arr. Hal H. Hopson

God, you enfold me, God, you surround me,
God be in my feasting, O God, be in my thirsting.
God be in my thinking, God, be in my speaking,
God be in my watching, God, be in my waiting,
God be in my heart, God, be in my soul.
God, you uphold me, God, you protect me,
God, be in my sleeping, O God, be in my waking.
God, be in my grieving, God, be in my gladness,
God, be in my longing, God, be in my hoping,
God, be in my life, God, be my eternal home.

~Ancient Celtic prayer, adapted by Hal H. Hopson

PRAYER OF GATHERING AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE

May the God of earth and ashes be with you.

And also with you.

In this time and place, let us offer our hearts to God.

We open them so we may be filled with the gifts of Lenten discipleship.

Let us lift glad thanksgiving to our God.

We offer praise to the One who gives us the strength for this journey.

Let us continue in prayer.

There at the edge of the emptiness of chaos you spoke, God of all graciousness... (minister continues to pray)... And when neither death nor life can keep us apart from you, as you gather us around your Table with our siblings in every time and place, we will sing your glory and praise forever and ever, God in Community, Holy and One, who taught us also to pray, saying,

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.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *The gifts of God, for the People of God*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**Holy Spirit, Heart of Compassion, may the bread we have received make us whole
and the cup we have shared fill us with hope. Then, in your wisdom, may we turn
in service to others; in your joy, may we bear the burdens of others; in your grace,
may our love overflow to the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
community of the Holy Spirit, God of holiness, now and 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. An offering plate is also available in the Narthex.

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

Generous God, you have blessed us with the resources to share the good news of your love for all creation. We dedicate these gifts and pray that they may bring healing, wholeness, and hope to the world, that future generations may also know your graciousness and love. Amen

***SENDING HYMN NO. 713** - *Touch the Earth Lightly*

TENDERNESS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***FOLLOWING THE LIGHT**

The Acolyte carries the light as we go out, to remind us that we both follow and carry Christ's Light into the World.

POSTLUDE - *Festal March*

Joseph Raffy

Sources

Lent V - Opening Litany and Progressive Display: written by Rev. Laura Sherwood for First Pres Wilmette; Unison prayer inspired by Sixth Thursday prayer from *For the Beauty of the Earth Lenten Devotional* by Leah D. Schade.

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Our Common Life

Week of April 3, 2022

HOLY WEEK 2022



PALM SUNDAY

April 10th
10 am Worship Service
in-person /Livestreamed

MID-WEEK MEETUP

April 13th
4:45 pm Program (WMFC)
5:45 pm Family Dinner



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14th
5:45 pm Soup Supper (WMFC)
6:30 pm Worship Service
(Sanctuary)
in-person/Livestreamed



GOOD FRIDAY

April 15th
3 - 6 pm Self-guided
Stations of the Cross (Chapel)



Easter lilies and hydrangeas will beautify the church during the Easter season. You may purchase a plant in memory of a loved one or in appreciation of a special person. A list of those being remembered and appreciated, and the donors, will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you purchase a plant(s) for your personal use, please wait until after the 11:00 am service on **April 17th** to pick up your plant(s). Order forms are available in your bulletin. Please complete the order form along with your check, by Sunday, **April 10th**. Checks should be made payable to: First Presbyterian Church (fpcw).



EASTER SUNDAY

Join us Easter Sunday for one of two worship services.

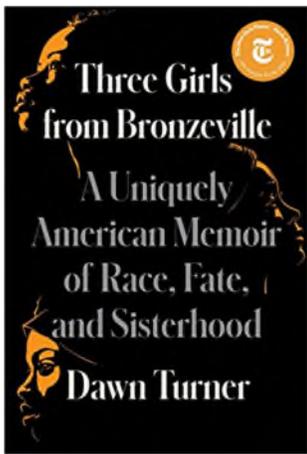
9 am Worship in-person (Sanctuary)
10 am Fellowship Hour (WMFC)
11 am Worship in-person and
Livestreamed (Sanctuary)

There will be one Fellowship Hour
after the 9 am worship service.

Tower Senior High Youth Benefit Dinner – Sunday, April 24 at 5 pm in WMFC

Save the date for the Tower Benefit Dinner! This event is a night of fun for the whole family including a lasagna dinner, games, prizes, and an auction and it's free to attend! The proceeds from the event will go to support Tower's summer work trip to help rebuild homes in Ronceverte, WV. Please consider donating to the Benefit Dinner to support our youth. There are donation ideas listed below, but we will accept any donations. Contact Scott McElhenie, Youth Director with questions or donations, email: youth@fpcw.org.

- Large Donations
 - A week/weekend at a vacation home
 - A golf outing
 - A sailing trip
 - A flat screen tv
- Medium Donations
 - Sports tickets
 - Wine or picnic baskets
 - Any special talents or hobbies (e.g. guitar lessons, wind surfing, etc.)
- Small Donations
 - Prizes for kids (bubbles, toys, etc.)
 - Gift cards to local restaurants or stores



The Racial Justice Committee is encouraging FPCW members to join in the **One Book, Everyone Reads** annual reading program sponsored by the Wilmette Public Library. This year, librarians have chosen Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate and Sisterhood written by Dawn Turner, former columnist and reporter for The Chicago Tribune.

Publishers' Weekly described the book as a “beautiful, tragic and inspiring memoir” about three Black girls from the storied Bronzeville section of Chicago. The book offers a penetrating exploration of race, opportunity, friendship sisterhood and the powerful forces at work that allow some to flourish...and others to falter.

Members of the FPCW congregation will have at least two opportunities to gather for group discussions about the book. Carol Korak's book group that meets monthly has selected Three Girls from Bronzeville as the subject of their **April 20** discussion. All

FPCW members are invited to join the 7 pm meeting at the church. Then on **Wednesday, May 11**, members can come together for dinner at the church at 5:45 pm and then watch the library-sponsored on-line conversation between author Dawn Turner and Alex Kotlowitz, American journalist and best selling writer. Kotlowitz is probably best known for his 1991 book There Are No Children Here that chronicles the experiences of two brothers growing up in Chicago's Henry Horner Homes. FPCW members are invited to stay around after the conversation to share in a discussion of the program.

The Wilmette library has paper and eBook copies of the book, as well as books on CD and downloadable audio. There is also a copy in the FPCW office available for borrowing. Additionally, the library is offering a number of supplemental programs in support of the reading selection, including:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

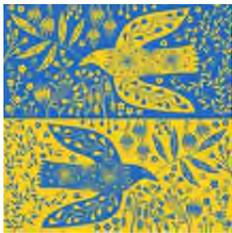
Virtual Bronzeville Walking Tour
Tuesday, April 5, 2–3pm, Virtual

For Kids! Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks
Monday, April 11, 7–8pm, Virtual, Kids Ages 5+

An Afternoon with Ida B. Wells
Tuesday, April 19, 2–3pm, Virtual

The Great Migration and the Great War
Tuesday, May 3, 7–8pm, Virtual

Chicago's Harlem: Bronzeville, the Literary Mecca of the Midwest
Wednesday, May 4, 7–8pm, Virtual

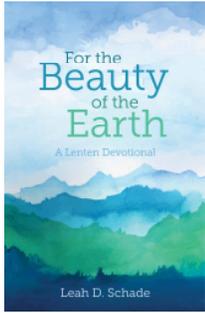


FPCW's Mission Committee is pleased to share the good news about the success of our matching gift program in support of the Ukrainian refugee relief effort through PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.). We exceeded our donation goal of \$10,000 with a match from the Mission Committee. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations which we continue to receive. We are very grateful to be able to channel humanitarian relief funds to the people of Ukraine.



Fellowship Hour Hosting

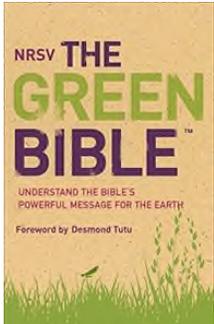
We gather every Sunday after the worship service for our long-standing tradition of Fellowship Hour. We are in need of individuals, families, or committees to take on the Fellowship Hour hosting role for one Sunday. **It's easy to do - bring cookies and help with the coffee, it's just that simple.** Fellowship Hour is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to gather with old friends and greet visitors. The SignUp Genius link is available on the News and Publications page of our website www.fpcw.org and in the Tuesday, Daily Bread..



Our theme for Lent this year is “For the Beauty of the Earth.” Drawn from the title of the beloved hymn written by Foliott 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 devotionals 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; 847-256-3010)

Adult Faith Formation Class

Sundays, 8:30-9:30 am (through 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).

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – Week of April 3, 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), Dir. of Children & Family Ministries, and Scott McElhenie (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 Purple Room (2nd floor). 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 - 7:00 pm Senior High Youth will gather tonight at 5:00 pm in the WMFC for a devotion (“For the Beauty of the Earth” by Leah D. Schade), fellowship and dinner. Questions? 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@fpwc.org or Lindley Traynor, ltraynor@fpwc.org.

Calendar for the week of April 3rd, 2022

Sunday, April 3rd

8:30 am	Adult study - The Green Bible (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship Livestreaming Worship	Sanctuary YouTube
10:15 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour Confirmation Class	Lounge Purple Room
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth fellowship/dinner	Tower/WMFC

Monday, April 4th

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

Tuesday, April 5th

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

Wednesday, April 6th

12:00 pm	Loop Group	via Zoom
4:45 pm	Mid-Week Meetup	WMFC
5:45 pm	Church Family Dinner	WMFC
6:00 pm	Finance Budget and Operations	Lounge
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

Thursday, April 7th

10:00 am	Pres Homes Women's Spoke	In-person/Via UberConference
10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
4:00 pm	Nominating Committee	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour APNC (Upper Room)	Lounge In-person/Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	Music Room

Friday, April 8th

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, April 9th

8:00 am	Men's Council (breakfast & program)	WMFC
1:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop	WMFC

Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday

8:30 am	Adult Study - The Green Bible (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service Livestream Worship	Sanctuary YouTube
10:30 am	Children's Chapel Time	Chapel
11:00 am	7 & 8 grade Youth & Confirmation Class	Purple Room
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth fellowship/dinner	Tower/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

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 meets 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 Sunday mornings at 8:30-9:30 am in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Led by Rev. Jeff Lehn, this group is studying The Green Bible and 50 Ways to Help Save the Earth.

Pres Homes Women “Spoke”

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am in-person or via UberConference at Westminster Place, Pastor Laura Sherwood leads the discussion. Current study: Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus. 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.

Please note: Madeline Weston, our Office Coordinator will be on vacation this coming week and will return on Monday, April 11th. If you need to drop off something at the church please do so on Tuesday morning between 10 and noon and the same time on Wednesday. You may also reach out to a staff member if you need any special assistance. Madeline will review her emails daily and if something needs immediate attention she will forward the email to the appropriate staff member.

We wish Madeline and her husband Mark safe travels and a relaxing time away with family.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship,
- For the families of Ukraine and all who are assisting,
- For those with health concerns, Jack McAllister, and Colleen McAllister's mother, Dorothy, and Trudy Ronnel, Melissa Rooks, and Amy Hairston's parents in Dallas, TX,
- For those who are grieving,
- For our homebound members,



Updated Mask Policy at First Pres

At First Pres we are now mask-optional for all attendees, including in-person Sunday worship, fellowship events, and small group gatherings. Anyone who wishes to continue to wear a mask for any reason is encouraged to do so. And any groups

that meet in the church building are welcome to go mask-optional or to determine on their own if they wish to require wearing masks.

Lent: For the Beauty of the Earth Resources

With creation at the heart of our Lenten practice this year, we hope you will find new ways to appreciate and care for the earth in the coming days. Here are some ways to grow in your knowledge, and give thought to ways you can be a good steward of the earth. We welcome other resources as well!

Kiss the Ground film <https://kissthegroundmovie.com/>

A film about how we can repair the soil and impact the climate.

Islands of Faith film <https://www.netflix.com/title/81292475>

A film about Indonesia and the many faiths represented there that are caring for their native lands in ways that are sustainable and honoring their faith.

Go Green Wilmette <https://gogreenwilmette.org/>

A local resource for all things “green” in Wilmette—what you can do, and what we can do as a community to impact the planet.

Plant a tree in your parkway. <https://www.wilmette.com/engineering-public-works/forestry/tree-planting/>

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OFFICE HOURS

9 am-5 pm (Monday-Thursday)

9 am-1:00 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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