



Jane Blaffer Owen, "The Roofless Church" (New Harmony, Indiana), designed by architect, Philip Johnson – built in 1960

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 6, 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, March 6, 2022**

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

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching

Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist

Adam Panzica, liturgist

Reed Morris, Acolyte

Scott, Sarah, Libby and Reed Morris, Lenten Liturgy/Progressive display

Royce Eckhardt, Guest Organist and Choir Director

Chancel Choir

**PRELUDE** - *Aria*

Flor Peeters

**ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT**

**WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE**

**LENT I - Opening Litany and Progressive Display**

*For the Beauty of the Earth: Skies and Air (Genesis 1:6-8; 14-19)*

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

...May we give thanks for God's creation whenever we look to the sky and every time we take a breath.

**LENTEN PRAYER** (unison)

**Breathe on us, Holy Spirit. Fill us with new energy for the Lenten road set before us. Move through our lungs like clean, fresh air that renews and cleanses us. Show us your face in the skies and guide our steps by your heavenly light, so that every step leads us closer to your dream for us and for all creation. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 14** - *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

As image-bearers of God, we are called to live in loving communion with all creation: meeting our needs, loving our neighbors and fostering the flourishing of the earth. God relies on us to maintain the beauty of the world. Yet we often neglect our call. Let us confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness and renewal, first in silent prayer. (*silence is kept*)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of all creation, you loved us into being, yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation. We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us and dominate the richness of the natural order. Forgive our greedy grasping. We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home. Heal and restore us, O God, and put us in right relationship with your beautiful creation. May we help your creation reach its potential, so that each person, place and thing lives in balance with everything else. Come and find us, set us right again, and take us home. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The only thing that can separate you is the thought that you are separate. Rejoice in forgiveness. Rejoice in empowerment. Rejoice in new creation.

**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. 14 verse 1)**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,**

**For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

**Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** - Psalm 19:1-6 (pg. 498-499 in the Old testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Jeff Lehn

**HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 507** - *Come to the Table of Grace*

TABLE OF GRACE

## **PRAYER OF GATHERING AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE**

May the God of earth and ashes be with you.

**And also with you.**

On this night, 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

#### 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.

#### ANTHEM - *Lord, We Come Before You*

Hans Leo Hassler, arr. Hal Hopson

Lord, we come before you, hear our prayer, O hear us.  
Look with your favor; our days are gone like a shadow.  
But you, O Lord, endure forever.

~ paraphrase of Psalm 102:1, 11, 12, 17

#### WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD'S BEAUTY THIS WEEK?

Rev. Jeff Lehn

#### 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.fpcny.org](http://www.fpcny.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)

Wise and gracious God, may we not cling to our blessings, but freely share them, so that our neighbors and your creation might flourish. Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, may the weary be encouraged, may the sick be healed, may your peace and justice be increased. Through this offering of our lives and resources, may your beauty and grace flow to all this day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### \*SENDING HYMN NO. 308 - *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

NOEL

#### \*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.

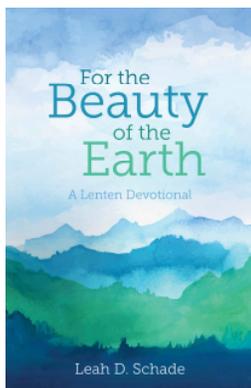
#### POSTLUDE - *Jubilate Deo*

Paul Benoit

# Our Common Life

## Week of March 6th, 2022

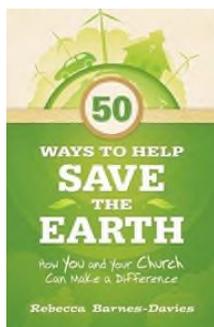
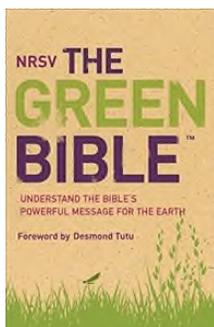
### Lent 2022



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)

### 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.

### HOLY WEEK 2022



#### PALM SUNDAY

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



#### 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 SUNDAY

Join us Easter Sunday for one of two worship services.

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

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



**FPCW's Mission Committee** has committed to a matching gift initiative to channel humanitarian relief funds to the people of Ukraine.

The Committee will match congregational donations up to \$10,000, bringing the total to \$20,000 to be directed toward help for people seeking to escape the violence tearing the country apart.



While gifts may be given directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the way to ensure that your gift is counted toward the \$10,000 congregational goal is to make a donation directly on the FPCW website ([www.fpcw.org](http://www.fpcw.org)).

Please click on the **Giving** button at the top of the home page of our website.



PDA Ukraine Relief
Regular Offering
<b>PDA Ukraine Relief</b>
Memorial Gifts
Midweek Meetup Dinner
Sunday Flowers
Stock the Shelves
Tower Youth Sales / Work Trip

Then click on the drop-down menu and select **"PDA Ukraine Relief."** The match/donation will be open and available through to the end of Lent. We continue to pray for Ukraine and your donations will help.



### 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 to 8 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.

## PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – Today, March 6th, 2022

### SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

#### Children's Chapel for children ages 3 yrs. - 6th grade. No Children's Chapel Today.

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. 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, [lsruewood@fpcw.org](mailto:lsruewood@fpcw.org).

#### TOWER Senior High Youth – 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Senior High Youth and friends will gather tonight at Altitude Trampoline Park, 7037 Central Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. Join us for a jumping good time and a pizza party too. Questions? 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 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](mailto:pmassello@fpcw.org) or 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.

## Calendar for the week of March 6th, 2022

### Sunday, March 6th

8:30 am	Adult study - The Green Bible	via Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
	Livestreaming Worship	YouTube
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	7th & 8th grade Youth & Confirmation Class	WMFC
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth gathering	Altitude Trampoline Park, Skokie

### Monday, March 7th

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

### Tuesday, March 8th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
7:30 pm	Abigail Group	via Zoom

### Wednesday, March 9th

12:00 pm	Lunch Group	WMFC
4:30 pm	Mid-week Meetup	WMFC
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC

### Thursday, March 10th

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, March 11th

No meetings scheduled

### Saturday, March 12th

8:00 am	Men's Council (breakfast & program)	in-person & Zoom
1:30 pm	Girl Scouts	WMFC
10:00 am	Piano Recital (Peggy Massello's students)	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Memorial service for Debby Burdick	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Memorial reception	Lounge

### Sunday, March 13th

8:30am	Adult Study - The Green Bible	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 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](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org).

### **Adult Faith formation**

Meets on Sunday morning 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**

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

### 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;
- For those who are grieving, Victoria who is on our cleaning staff, her mother passed away,
- 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.

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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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