



Corita Kent, "Be of Love" (1959)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Sunday, May 22nd, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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 Wallace Moore Fellowship Center 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: Sacred Breath

As a way of entering your time of prayer, take time to get in touch with your breathing. Don't try to change the rhythm of your breath; simply notice your natural, rhythmic rise and fall. Imagine as you breath in that God breathes life into you. As you breath out, imagine releasing all of the distractions and worries that keep you from being fully present in prayer. See if you can just set them aside for a time. Simply spending time with your breath as a way of deepening your awareness of the God who sustains you moment by moment is enough. Take time to become aware of your breathing, and allow your heart to fill with gratitude for this most basic gift of life.

Drawn from Christine Valters Paintner,

Water, Wind, Earth & Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements, p. 22.

Order of Worship
Sunday, May 22nd, 2022
10:00 am Sanctuary

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching
Rev. Laura Sherwood
Debbie Ackerman, liturgist
Peggy Massello, Music Director
Hyejin Joo, piano
Chancel Choir

PRELUDE - *Prelude on HYFREDOL*

Paul Manz and Charles Callahan

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is a good day to be here.

It is a good day to tell stories.

It is a good day to give thanks.

It is a good day to ask for help.

It is a good day to be in community.

It is a good day to worship God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 366** - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

As God's beloved children, we are invited to approach God with the fullness of our lives, to admit our love and our hate, our hope and our fear, our generosity and our selfishness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Vulnerable God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the greed that plagues us, the impatience that wearies us. Help us in this season, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, have faith that you are with us. Help us to be sources of healing and hope. This we pray through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, who is Lord of all the earth. 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. You are forgiven. You are empowered. You are part of new creation.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 447 - *We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (*sing twice*)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Let us share 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 456 - *Listen, God Is Calling*

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.** (*sing twice*)

SCRIPTURE READING - Philippians 1:1-18a (pg. 196 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Lehn

HYMN OF REFLECTION No. 468 - *In My Life*

LORD BE GLORIFIED

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 - *Give Me Jesus*

Spiritual, arr. L. L. Fleming

O when I am alone, O when I am alone,
When I am alone give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O when I come to die, O when I come to die,
When I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O when I want to sing, O when I want to sing,
O when I want to sing, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

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 by sending a check to the church office. An offering plate is also available in the Narthex on the Usher Table.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - THE DOXOLOGY (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God of the old and the young, the straight-laced and the unrefined, the zealous and the wary,
take this offering of our lives and resources, and make of it a new possibility.**

Change hearts and lives. Mend relationships. Reconnect us to your love and to one another.

Realize your dream for the world. Amen.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been hard at work over the last several months to launch the search process for a new Associate Pastor. Anthony Haro and Marny Zimmer, two APNC members, will provide an update to the congregation on the progress made to date and the Committee's next steps.

APNC members include: Bill Bishop, Iris Boaz, Bob Hariman, Anthony Haro, Amy Lyon, Sharon Panzica, Mary Watt, Jane Western and Marny Zimmer

*SENDING HYMN NO. 804 - *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

*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.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE - *Pasticio*

Jean Langlais

First Presbyterian and Soul & Smoke present
WILMETTE ROCKS FOR UKRAINE!
Friday, June 3rd, 2022
Live music starts at 5:45PM (corner of 9th & Greenleaf)

Join
The Higgs-Boson Experience
for classic & new wave hits from the 70's and 80's
+
new original music from special guest
iEx Maquina!
for
FREE LIVE MUSIC to
BENEFIT UKRAINIAN RELIEF

The Soul & Smoke food truck will offer dinner, beer & wine for sale from 5PM – 8PM

Pre-order dinner:	Select "PDA Ukraine Relief"
	
Guarantee your favorite BBQ!	

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10
This is a **FREE EVENT** - no cover charge or food purchase required to attend.
Where will the money go? <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>
Questions? Email office@fpcw.org for more info



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS
Building a Life of Faith

"God, from my youth you have taught me"
—PSALM 71:17

Sunday, June 5th. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world and offers them opportunities to build a solid foundation of faith to last a lifetime. Pentecost Sunday is June 5th, please consider giving generously ...for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



Benefit Concert for Refugee Resettlement Program Today!

A wonderful benefit concert **today @ 4 pm** at **Winnetka Presbyterian Church**.

Vocalist Grażyna Auguścik and pianist/arranger, Ben Lewis will perform together music of Frédéric Chopin through a surprising contemporary lens as well as many jazz standards arranged and directed by Ben Lewis.

The concert is to raise funds for the Refugee Resettlement Program of WPC.

This program is currently helping to support an Afghan refugee family making their home in the Chicago land area. We invite you to this very special musical event to help this important WPC ministry.

Suggested Donation: \$25



From the desk of Sue Sklansky,
Spotlight on the Deacons

It was a pleasure last night to have a year-end celebration dinner with the deacons to thank the deacons rolling off, Nancy and Sam Bennett, and Greg Korak. They all quietly have served our members in a steadfast way during the past several years, and have built lasting relationships with their care partners. As I end my time with this church, I reflect most on the relationships we have provided through Stephen Ministry, Deacons and in my role as the Congregational Care Coordinator. These are often invisible signs of ministry, but so vital. In a community that seems to value having our "lives put together," we know as deacons that this is rarely the case. The role of a deacon is the one who "bears witness" to the more difficult moments of life, without judgment. In the world of spirituality, it is known as holding space. We hold space for grief, illness, infidelity, loneliness, depression, divorce, substance abuse, incarceration, lost babies, tragic accidents, and many more life altering moments. The deacons do not share these with you all, as they hold them in deep confidence. Just know that the deacons are caring for nearly 50 of our members with whatever moments or seasons are presented and hold space for those members in order to stay connected to their faith and their church community. So as I leave, my hat is off to the wonderful deacons who quietly and without fanfare love deeply those who need us most.

Sunday, June 5th will be Sue's last Sunday at fpcw. Sue is moving to Michigan this summer to begin a new chapter in her life. We hope you will join us on this special Sunday as we celebrate Sue, and thank her for the many ministries she shepherded during her time with us. Sue has been a gift to fpcw and she will be missed greatly.

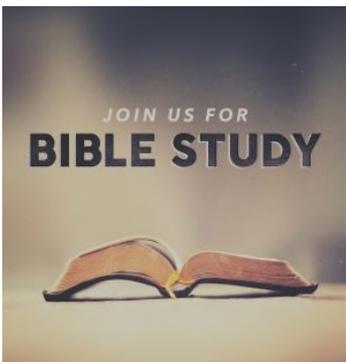
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In support of our mission partner YWCA Evanston/Northshore and their domestic violence shelter Mary Lou's Place, join the FPCW team to participate in the **Race Against Hate** on **June 19th**. *Join our Church Team!*

Register on their website under the FPCW team <https://ywcaens.me/rah2022>
Questions contact Jennifer Christensen at jennifer.w.christensen@gmail.com

Bible Study: Meets Thursdays at 10 am



Join us in-person or via Zoom for an hour of lively and thoughtful discussion of the Bible and its import for our faith today. Led by Pastor Jeff Lehn, there's no pre-reading or any expertise required. Everyone is welcome. We take the Bible seriously, but not literally. We try to interpret it with historical and literary understanding, but also recognize that no interpretation is perfect or final. We believe that questions are transforming the answers, and we're interested both in what the Bible meant (to its first hearers) and what it means (to us today). We apply St. Augustine's "rule of love" (i.e. all faithful interpretations of Scripture will promote a love of God and neighbor). Currently, our group is studying the book of Genesis and would love to have you

join us weekly, monthly, or whenever you are able. The group is coordinated by church member Bonnie Wehrenberg. We meet in hybrid format from 10-11 am on Thursday: in person in the Lounge at church and virtually over Zoom Link. If you would like to receive the Zoom link and join the class please email Bonnie at bwherbic007@att.net.

**Congratulations to these three gifted fpcw members who graduated this spring.
We celebrate you and your many accomplishments!**



Church member and Deacon, Mercy Ndung'u graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a Master's degree in Special Education.



Former member and frequent Tower Work Trip chaperone, Emily Hicks graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary with her Master's of Divinity degree. She will spend the coming year as a chaplain.



Member and Clerk of Session, Dr. Carol Korak, received her PhD in Historical Theology and Church History from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2020. Due to the pandemic, her hooding ceremony and commencement was delayed until this year.

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – Sunday, May 22nd, 2022

Children's Chapel for children ages 3 yrs. - 6th grade - Meets 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), 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 - Meets today (last session of program year)

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 – Sundays 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Meets today

Senior High Youth gather at 5:00 pm in the Tower for a devotion and fellowship. Dinner at 6:00pm in WMFC. Questions? Contact: Scott McElhenie, youth@fpcw.org

**Calendar for the week of
May 22nd, 2022**

Sunday, May 22nd

8:30 am	Adult Study - <i>Difficult Words of Jesus</i> (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Children's Chapel Time	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
	7th & 8th Grade Youth & Confirmation Class	Purple Room
2:30 pm	Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner set-up	WMFC
4:30 pm	Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner	WMFC
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth fellowship/dinner	Tower/Lounge
7:00 pm	Troop 5 Trek Meeting	Upper Room

Monday, May 23rd

7:00 pm	Mission Ministry Group	Lounge
7:30 pm	Troop 5 Scouts	WMFC
8:30 pm	Crew 5	Yellow Room

Tuesday, May 24th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
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Wednesday, May 25th

7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	WMFC
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Thursday, May 26th

10:00 am	Bible Study (Lounge)	In-person/Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
	APNC (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	Music Room

Friday, May 27th

No meetings scheduled

Saturday, May 28th

No meetings scheduled

Sunday, May 29th - Memorial Day Weekend

8:30 am	Adult Study - <i>Difficult Words of Jesus</i> (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Children's Chapel Time	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge

Monday, May 30th

Church Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

WMFC=Wallace Moore Fellowship Center



Small group offerings

All are invited.

Small Group Ministry 2022 Summer Schedule

Slowing Time for Women

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm. New joiners always welcome! Our last formal meeting is June 18th. Anyone interested in joining should contact Pastor Laura. Plans are underway for summer fellowship for this group.

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. Their last summer gathering will be June 29th in the fellowship garden. Plans for the fall topics will be determined at that gathering.

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. They will be meeting every month all summer.

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. Men's Council will not meet during the summer but will return to regular meetings in September.

Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays at 10 am in the Lounge. How does the Bible inform our daily lives? This class is led by Pastor Jeff.

Adult Faith formation

Meets on Sunday morning at 8:30-9:30 am in the Upper Room. Their last class will be May 29th. This class will take a break over the summer.

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. Anne Menard coordinates this group and will find summer opportunities for fellowship on site.

Abigail Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in a member's homes or on Zoom. Abigail is a women's group for separated or divorced women. Questions? Please contact Pastor Laura.

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. This group will take a summer break.

Senior Supper

Senior Supper is coming back!! This is a monthly dinner group who meet at Ridgview Grill in Wilmette. Bonnie Wehrenberg is taking the helm to coordinate events. If you are an over 65 member and want to get to know others more casually, please join us! Contact Bonnie for first date this summer at bwherbie007@att.net

Parents of High School Youth (POHSY)

Raising teenagers is always a challenge, and as our youth gather together to navigate their lives as Christians, their parents are also joining together to lend support to one another too. If you want to learn more, reach out to Irris Boaz at iboaz@ameritech.net.

Adult Faith Formation Class

Sundays, 8:30-9:30 am (6 weeks - April 24th - May 29th)

Hybrid Format in-person in the Upper Room, and via Zoom

“The Difficult Words of Jesus” Join Pastor Jeff Lehn for this six-week class to study the most demanding and perplexing of Jesus’ teachings. Guided by the book by Amy Jill-Levine (a Jewish New Testament scholar). We will wrestle with a Scripture text together and seek to apply it to our lives of faith. Reach out to Pastor Jeff to get a link to the readings we’ll use ahead of time. No pre-reading required just get to it if you can. If you can’t, come, anyway! We will be blessed by your presence. The Zoom link is available in the Saturday evening email.

May 22: Outer Darkness – Chapter 5, *Difficult Words* and Matthew 25:30

May 29: Your Father the Devil - Chapter 6, *Difficult Words* and John 8:44

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- For the families of Ukraine and all who are assisting,
- For those with health concerns, Melissa Rooks, Jack McAllister and Colleen's mom, Dorothy,
- 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.

Fellowship Hour - Could you host one Sunday?

We gather every Sunday after the worship service for fellowship. Could you host one Sunday? **It’s easy to do - bring cookies, and help with the coffee, it’s just that simple.** Fellowship Hour is a wonderful time to see old friends and greet visitors. The SignUp Genius link is on the News and Publications page of our website www.fpcw.org and in the Tuesday, Daily Bread.

Today’s Fellowship Hour will be hosted by Sharon Panzica.

Thank you Sharon for planning, organizing and hosting our Fellowship Hour today.

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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.



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