



Sonia Delauney-Terk, "Electric Prisms" (1913)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Sunday, June 26th, 2022
Third Sunday After Pentecost
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 Fellowship Garden for Lemonade on the Lawn

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

Congregational Meeting: Today, Sunday, June 26, after 10am Service

Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing new church officers – Elders, Deacons and Nominating Committee members to serve in the months and years ahead. This will be a hybrid meeting and will begin at the end of 10 am worship (around 10:50 am if you're joining virtually) – held in the Sanctuary in-person and virtually over Zoom. We encourage you to join us as we vote on people who will lead us in the way of Christ in the days to come.

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, June 26th, 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, pastoral liturgist
Carolyn Jevelian, liturgist
Peggy Massello, Music director

PRELUDE - *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*
Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

arr. Zach Unke
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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**

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the triune God be praise in all times and places!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 625** - *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer...(silence is kept)

Now, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With the sound of water pouring into the baptismal font, we remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The only thing that can separate us is the thought that we are separate. Rejoice in forgiveness. Rejoice in empowerment. Rejoice in new creation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn No. 464, *Our Father, Which Art in Heaven*

Refrain: **Hallowed-a be Thy name.** (please sing part marked “all”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 6:9-13 (page 6 in the New Testament)

“Our Father in heaven, you are awesome! Show us who you are and how you want us to be. Make earth more like heaven. Please give us what we need to keep going each day. Help us when we are wrong and clean us up on the inside. Help us to let other people off and move on. Keep us from bad stuff. You’re in charge! You’re strong and powerful and always there. Forever!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON - “Teach Us to Pray: Week 2”

Rev. Jeff Lehn

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 683 - *Lord of All Hopefulness* (remain seated)

COURTNEY

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, 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 (OLD HUNDREDTH)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***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 with it.

Mend relationships by it. Reconnect us to your love and to one another through it. Show us the life that really is life. Amen.

SENDING HYMN NO. 767 - *Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

***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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God bless you, keep you, be gracious to you.

Liturgist: May God give you grace to never sell yourself – or God – short.

Congregation: Grace to risk something big for something good.

Liturgist: Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,

Congregation: And too small for anything but love.

Liturgist: So may God take your mind and think through it.

Congregation: May God take our lips and speak through them.

May God take our hands and do good with them.

Liturgist: May God take our hearts and set them on fire.

Pastor: And may the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit go with you, this day and in all the days to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE - *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Zach Unke

Sources

Call to Worship - Worship Sourcebook, Call to Worship #26

Call to Confession - from Rev. Beth Merrill Neel, holdfasttowhatisgood.com

Prayer of Confession - Prayer of Confession # 49 from The Book of Common Worship - PC(USA), 1993

Assurance of Forgiveness and Prayer of Dedication - written by Rev. Jeff Lehn

Prayer for Illumination - Worship Sourcebook, Prayer for Illumination #12

Benediction/Blessing (adapted slightly) - Written by Rev. Kathi McShane, adapted from William Sloane Coffin



Our Common Life Week of June 26th, 2022

What's Happening at First Pres Wilmette

TODAY, Sunday, June 26th

Congregational Meeting 11:00 am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. Purpose, to elect new church officers and approve by law change.

Beach Services Gillson Park (Picnic Area #1)

Join us Sundays through August 28, at 8 am in Gillson Park for a casual communion service amidst God's beautiful creation in nature. Bring a lawn chair; strollers and coffee mugs are welcome! In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Chapel. July 3, August 7, September 4 - one service at 10 am in the Fellowship Garden.

Sunday Summer Music at First Pres Wilmette

Guitars @ Gillson - Play for one service or many at the Gillson Beach service. Be a part of a meaningful and fun music ministry at this casual service. Rehearsals are **Thursday at 1 pm in the Music Room**.

Let Your Light Shine - While the Chancel Choir takes a break, singers and instrumentalists are needed to provide special music at our 10 am sanctuary service either in a small group or solo capacity. Share your musical gifts with us on Sundays during the summer.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Last Sunday was our first Lemonade on the Lawn fellowship time. This long-standing summer tradition is a wonderful opportunity for members to gather, reconnect with old friends and greet visitors - following the 10 am worship service.

Sukkat Shalom Congregation

We are pleased to share the Fellowship Garden with Sukkat Shalom during the summer months. They will hold four services on Friday evenings, **June 24th, July 9th, July 29, and August 12th**. Over the years we have developed a special relationship with Sukkat Shalom and we are sincerely grateful for our association with this unique congregation.

Camp DIY - Monday - Friday

We just finished our second week of hosting **Camp DIY** arts and crafts camp and one more week to go. It's been a great experience and the children attending the camp have filled the church with their enthusiasm and high energy. The camp classes are 5 days a week and the program runs through July 1st.

Primary Election - Tuesday, June 28th

First Pres Wilmette is a designated polling facility and the Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th. If you need to come to the church on June 28th, please keep in mind it may be a very busy place.

Parking Lot Closed for Seal Coating - July 7 - July 8

Thank you to Buildings and Grounds for coordinating the best vendor to seal coat our parking lot as well as adding the yellow parking space lines. The seal coating process has been scheduled for July 7th - July 8th. It has been recommended that we do not drive or walk on the parking lot until July 9th. Thank you everyone for your cooperation.

Midsummer Meetup - Wednesdays July 13, 20 and 25

School is out, and summer is here! What a great time to meet up!

We'll meet on the church lawn for fun and friendship, with games, crafts, music, art, and stories, followed by a delicious church family dinner at 6 pm. If it rains we'll gather in the WMFC.

Kids ages 3 - rising 4th graders are invited as participants, and rising 5th-6th graders as participants and/or helper. Hope you join us!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THIS WILL BE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

For the first time in four years, General Assembly commissioners will gather in person – at least for committee meetings – for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s first hybrid assembly, built around the theme “From Lament to Hope.” The assembly will be longer than usual: stretched out from June 18 to July 9, three action-packed weeks instead of one, with 471 commissioners and 111 advisory delegates. Committees will meet in newly-renovated space at the PC(USA)’s national offices in Louisville with mandatory masks and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Plenary sessions will be online — including a Juneteenth worship service on June 19, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. An online “Hands and Feet” event July 7 will focus on ending cash bail.

The business coming this year reflects public policy concerns – from racism to gun violence to global warming – as well as internal issues facing a denomination such as declining membership and a growing number of small but faithful congregations. Here’s some of what to expect.

Climate change. The Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) is recommending that the PC(USA) divest from five energy companies – Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Valero Energy – that MRTI says are not making sufficient progress to protect the planet from global warming. An overture from Hudson River Presbytery is calling for the denomination to fully divest from fossil fuel companies — setting up a likely debate over what’s the most responsible approach and whether the PC(USA) is moving quickly and forcefully enough in its response to climate change.

Racism. This assembly has a committee devoted specifically to issues of race and gender justice — including a report from the Special Committee on Racism Truth and Reconciliation, which calls for more work to be done to “explore and expose where White supremacy is embedded institutionally and foundationally” in the PC(USA), and encourages congregations to investigate their own histories involving people of color. An overture from the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy calls for the PC(USA) to apologize to African Americans “for the sin of slavery and its legacy.” And the committee will consider a report from the Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls Task Force.

Israel/Palestine. There have been rumblings in recent months over remarks that J. Herbert Nelson, the PC(USA)'s stated clerk, made describing Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories as "21st century slavery." Debate over that may rise up again — perhaps as the assembly considers an overture from Grace Presbytery to declare that Israel's policies, laws and practices regarding the Palestinian people amount to apartheid.

Financial sustainability. The Special Committee on Per-Capita Based Funding and National Church Financial Sustainability is proposing a restructuring of the top levels of the national church — a recommendation that reflects concern about the ability of the current per capita funding system to sustain the denomination when so many mid councils and small congregations are feeling financial pressure. At the heart of this discussion: what structure and funding systems are needed for a denomination that's half the size it was 20 years ago?

Gun violence. Week after week, people of faith are called to pray for those killed and injured after yet another mass shooting. An assembly committee on Addressing Violence in the USA will consider overtures calling for the PC(USA) to support tighter gun control, including universal background checks before firearms can be purchased and a ban on the sale and ownership of assault weapons. The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy wants the assembly to approve the "Decade to End Gun Violence," a 10-year campaign from 2022 to 2032 "to be conducted at all levels of the church."

Denominational matters. The assembly also will consider issues affecting the church itself, including a proposed amendment to the PC(USA) constitution to require that the minimum terms of call for all ministers would include 12 weeks of paid family medical leave. Also of interest: several recommendations to write new confessions for the PC(USA) and measures seeking to provide more flexibility for new worshipping communities and immigrant congregations in allowing their leaders to become ruling elders with voice and vote at presbytery.

Leadership. Two teams are standing to serve as the assembly's co-moderators:

- **Josefina Ahumada**, a commissioned ruling elder from the Presbytery de Cristo, with **Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek**, a minister from Flint River Presbytery; and
- **Shavon Starling-Louis** of Charlotte Presbytery with **Ruth Santana-Grace** of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, both ministers.

The election will be held June 18.



Follow along from home: Presbyterians can watch General Assembly committee and plenary sessions via a live stream on the internet, and can track assembly business through www.pc-biz.org.

**Calendar for the week of
June 26th, 2022**

Sunday, June 26th - Congregational Meeting

8:00 am	Beach Service	Gillson Park
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting/Election of New Officers	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Student/Parent BBQ	Fellowship Garden/WMFC

Monday, June 27th

9:00 am	Camp DIY	WMFC, Blue, Red, Yellow, Rooms
7:00 pm	Mission Ministry Group	Lounge
	Opera Rehearsal	Music Room

Tuesday, June 28th

9:00 am	Camp DIY	WMFC, Blue, Red, Yellow, Rooms
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
7:00 pm	Opera Rehearsal	Music Room

Wednesday, June 29th

9:00 am	Camp DIY	WMFC, Blue, Red, Yellow, Rooms
7:00 pm	Opera Rehearsal	Music Room
	Tower Campfire	Fellowship Garden
7:30 pm	Personnel Ministry Group	via Zoom

Thursday, June 30th

9:00 am	Camp DIY	WMFC, Blue, Red, Yellow, Rooms
10:00 am	Bible Study	Lounge
1:00 pm	Guitars@Gillson	Music Room
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
	APNC* (Lounge)	In-person/Zoom
	Opera Rehearsal	Music Room

Friday, July 1st

9:00 am	Camp DIY	WMFC, Blue, Red, Yellow, Rooms
4:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, July 2nd

4:00 pm	Wedding	Sanctuary
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Sunday, July 3rd (No 8 am Beach Service today)

9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Fellowship Garden
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden

Monday, July 4th Church office closed in observance of Independence Day

WMFC=Wallace Moore Fellowship Center

*APNC = Associate Pastor
Nominating (search)
Committee



Small group offerings

All are invited.

Small Group Ministry 2022 Summer Schedule (* indicates group is meeting over the summer)

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 (lsherwood@fpcw.org) Plans are underway for summer fellowship for this group.

***Lunch Group for Women**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon. Each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Nancy Freeman coordinates njwfreeman@gmail.com. Their last summer gathering will be July 13th 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, in the Upper Room, hosted by Carol Korak. carolkorak@gmail.com. Members take turns leading a book discussion. They will be meeting every month this 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. Meets throughout the summer.

Men's Council

Meets every Saturday mornings (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. This class will take a break over the summer.

***Pres Homes Women**

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am, in-person and via phone conference. Pastor Laura (lsherwood@fpcw.org) provides the link and the discussion includes a Bible Study guide. Anne Menard (amendard4347@yahoo.com) coordinates this group. Summer gatherings, **July 7 and August 4 are for fellowship, please join us!**

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!! **The first gathering will be Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 pm at Ridgeview 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! Interested? Contact Bonnie 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. If you want to learn more, reach out to Iris Boaz at iboaz@ameritech.net.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- For the Ukraine and war-torn lands
- For peace and healing in light of the recent mass shootings in our country,
- For those who are grieving, the Treiber family and the Jacobs family
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them.



Katie Harris' (daughter of Linnea Jacobs) memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary (and also Livestreamed) on Saturday, July 9, at 10:30 am.

More information about Katie's services will be available next week. Please keep the Jacobs families in your prayers for God's comfort, peace and love to hold them in these weighty days.

SUMMER WORSHIP FULL SCHEDULE

June 19 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

June 26 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 3 - 10am Fellowship Garden

July 10 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 17 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 24 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 31 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Aug. 7 - 10am Fellowship Garden Youth Sunday

Aug. 14 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Aug. 21 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Aug. 28 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Sept. 4 - 10am Fellowship Garden

SEPTEMBER 11TH - FIRST FESTIVAL

10AM - WORSHIP, BAND,

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

11AM - LUNCH, GAMES

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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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