



“Trust”

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Sunday, August 21st, 2022
Congregational Meeting
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 am Worship Service in Sanctuary/Livestream
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

Spiritual Practice: Remembering Baptism

Keep a small bowl of water near a door or in a sacred space in your home. Whenever you pass this bowl of water, dip your fingers in the bowl and make the sign of the cross, praying silently to yourself, “I am a beloved child of God.”

Ways to expand this practice:

- If you are traveling this summer, try this practice in a body of water that you visit. If it is safe to do so, you may choose to gather some water from important places to refresh your water bowl at home.
- Young children and siblings may enjoy blessing one another and gathering water from special places. Since this is a movement-based spiritual practice, it can be especially approachable for young children.

Hybrid Congregational Meeting Today: following the 10am worship service. (Sanctuary/Zoom*)

Join us this morning for a brief congregational meeting in person in the Sanctuary or virtually over Zoom (***Zoom link opens at 10:50am**). Session has called this meeting for the purpose of (1) electing Elders and Deacons for terms of service; as well as members at large for 2022-2023 Nominating Committee, and (2) a church by-laws change to allow for 12-15 Elders and 12-15 Deacons to be actively serving at a time.



Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Mary and Bill Watt in memory of Mary's brother, James Mahoney Hill.

Order of Worship
Sunday, August 21st, 2022
10:00 am Sanctuary

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Sherwood, Preaching
Rev. Jeff Lehn, Pastoral Liturgist
Amy Miller, Liturgist
Jean Tuohy, Guest Organist

PRELUDE - *Rhosymedre*

R. Vaughn Williams

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. 39** - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

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

Even as we give our confessions, 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**

We are invited to share signs of peace in a manner that is both meaningful and comfortable for you—both in person and on line. Now, let us share the peace that forgiveness brings, saying,

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

(Congregation is invited to share signs of peace with one another by staying at your seat or walking around.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn No. 458, *The Lord Is a Lamp unto My Feet*
Refrain: **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.** (repeat)

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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (pp. 225-226 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON - *Point Me Toward Tomorrow*

Rev. Laura Sherwood

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 817 - *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* (Congreg. remain seated) DUNLAP'S CREEK

Prayers of the People and 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

We are invited to participate in God's kingdom emerging all around us. May we offer ourselves to God with glad and generous hearts, freely giving of our resources, time and talents to the ministry of this congregation. We have many ways to serve and multiple ways to make a financial contribution - please consult your bulletin or the slide on your screen. As we gather our gifts together and offer them to God, may we do so in gratitude and praise.

***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)**

Let us pray together.

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.

BACK - TO - SCHOOL BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN NO. 684** - *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

LUX PRIMA

***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.

***RESPONSIVE 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 our minds and think through them.

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, go with you, this day and in all the days to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE - Final

Gerald Near

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette
Hybrid Congregational Meeting Agenda
Sunday, August 21, following 10am worship (Sanctuary and Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

CHURCH BY-LAWS CHANGE

CURRENT FPCW BY-LAWS (proposed changes are in red)

Section 3. *There shall be a Session of at least ~~fifteen~~ **twelve** members, not to exceed ~~twenty~~ **fifteen** members, with each member serving a term of three years, which may be renewed for a second term of three years. In addition, there will be at least one high school student, but no more than two, to serve as a fully ordained and installed member of the Session for a period of one year. There shall be a Board of Deacons of at least ~~fifteen~~ **twelve** members, not to exceed ~~twenty~~ **fifteen** members, with each member serving a term of three years, which may be renewed for a second term of three years. In addition, there will be one high school student to serve as a fully ordained and installed member of the Diaconate for a term of one year.*

VOTING ON SLATES OF NOMINEES

Elders: Rick Drake (class of 2025), Linnea Jacobs (class of 2025), Anne Menard (class of 2025), Matt Ritchie (class of 2025), Irris Boaz (class of 2023), Campbell Boaz (class of 2023, Youth Elder), Scott Morris (class of 2023)

Deacons: Jane Brumitt (class of 2025), Delane Haro (class of 2025), Laura Sandee (class of 2025), Nan Scott (class of 2025), Addy Lundgren (class of 2023, Youth Deacon)

Nominating Committee: Kim McElhenie (at-large), Stefanie Rupp (at-large), Bill Sharp (at-large), Paul Traynor (at-large); plus one representative from the Session, one from the Board of Deacons, and the supporting pastor serves ex officio

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

**Everyone is invited to stay for Lemonade in the Lounge
in honor of our newly elected officers.**



Our Common Life
Week of August 21st, 2022



Sunday, September 11, 2022 - 10:00 am

Mark your calendar for this very special yearly gathering to kick off the program year!

We'll be entertained by a blue grass band, **The Special Consensus**, and we hope you will join us, everyone's invited!

Worship Service, under the tent

Luncheon at 11 am

Fun and games (including a giant inflatable slide)



Special Consensus – 2012 & 2018 Grammy Nominee

The Special Consensus bluegrass band has achieved a contemporary sound in their four decades of performing, making their music a modern classic. Check out their website or their Facebook page get to know this group, they're pretty awesome.

www.specialc.com www.facebook.com/specialconsensus Instagram: specialconsensus



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE FOR C24/7

The After-School Program at C24/7 is in need of items to best serve their students as they start the new school year. The donated back to school items can be dropped off at the church and left in the parking lot foyer. Please label your donations as C24/7. We hope you all will consider generously donating to this important mission partner.



Items needed are:

- Backpacks
- Boxed washable markers
- Boxed #2 pencils (unsharpened)
- Spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Plastic rulers (12")
- Pens - medium point black, blue, or red

Calendar for the week of August 21st, 2022

Sunday, August 21st

8:00 am	Beach Service (rain plan: Chapel)	Gillson Park (picnic area #1)
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:50 am	Hybrid Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary/Zoom
11:00 am	Lemonade in the Lounge	Lounge

Monday, August 22nd

No meetings scheduled

Tuesday, August 23rd

10:00 am	Staff meeting	Lounge
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Wednesday, August 24th

No meetings scheduled

Thursday, August 25th

10:00 am	Bible Study (Lounge)	In-person/Zoom
1:00 pm	Guitars@Gillson	Music Room
5:00 pm	Youth & Family Ministry Group (Lounge)	In-person/Google Chat
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
	APNC* (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom

Friday, August 26th

No meeting scheduled

Saturday, August 27th

No meetings scheduled

Sunday, August 28th

8:00 am	Beach Service (rain plan: Chapel)	Gillson Park (picnic area #1)
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Lemonade in the Lounge	Lounge

WMFC=Wallace Moore Fellowship Center
APNC = Associate Pastor Nominating 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— "Spoke"**

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 Club**

Senior Supper is back!! **The next gathering will be Tuesday, August 16th, 5:30 pm at Ridgeview Grill** in Wilmette. If you are an over 65 member and want to get to know others more casually, please join us! Interested? Contact Bonnie Wehrenberg 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.

For our Prayers:

The joy of beautiful summer days;
For those in transition: Students, School staff, and all their families preparing for back-to-school; college students returning to campus or entering campus life for the first time; those in search of work/better work; those facing difficult choices and decisions;
For those in the midst of illness or other concerns for family, friends, or self;
For those who are walking through a season of grief,;
Areas of the world suffering from extreme heat, drought, floods, and wildfires;
The country of Ukraine and all war-torn lands.

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,

11AM - LUNCH, GAMES

*Rain Plan: Chapel

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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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