



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Sunday, August 7th, 2022
Youth Sunday
10:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Garden
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.

THANK YOU!!!

Sincere thanks to the congregation for your support, encouragement, and prayers to make this year's Tower Work Trip possible.

Special Thanks to all those who were Youth Sponsors:

Nancy and David Bennett, Robert Jones, Carol Korak, Peter Holtermann,
Karen Miller, Morris Family, Frank Panzica, Amy Russell,
Anita Thies, Rick Thies, Bonnie Wehrenberg

Order of Worship
Sunday, August 7th, 2022
10:00 am Fellowship Garden

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Sherwood, Pastoral Liturgist

Peggy Massello, Music director

Beach Band: Sharon Panzica & Bill Rapp, guitars; Amy Russell, vocals; Ethan Holtermann, bass

Tower Senior High Work Trip Participants:

Youth: Adam Panzica, Sam Bennett, Michael Bender, Anna Langewisch, Meada Estrada, Campbell Boaz, Maeve Scott, Caroline Bender, Addy Lundgren, Ainsley Flintz, Ceci Miller

Chaperones: Scott McElhenie, Caitlin McElhenie, Guerin Holterman, Frank Panzica

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE - Rev. Laura Sherwood

***CALL TO WORSHIP** - Adam Panzica

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!

GATHERING SONGS – Hymn No 59 - *The Steadfast Love*

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

Hymn No. 614 - *Great Are You Lord*

GREAT IS THE LORD

Hymn No. 458 - *Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet*

THY WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION - Campbell Boaz

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) - Campbell Boaz

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 - Maeve Scott

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** - Michael Bender

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!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn No. 458, *The Lord Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

Refrain: **They word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.** (sing twice)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION - Caroline Bender

Let us be in prayer:

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 READING - Addy Lundgren

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON - *Reflections from our Work Trip Week in Ronceverte, West Virginia*

HYMN OF RESPONSE - *Country Roads* (youth sing verses, all sing refrain)

Refrain:

Country Roads, Take me home, to the place I belong.

West Virginia, Mountain Mama, take me home, country roads.

SENIOR SEND-OFF PRAYER - Rev. Laura Sherwood

High school Graduates Class of 2022

Michael Bender, Sam Bennett, Alison Casey, Jennifer Dekker, Anna Langewisch, Adam Panzica, Alexandra Todd, and Ellen Witwer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFERING AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS - Rev. Laura Sherwood

CALL AND PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING - Ceci Miller

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. Let us pray together:

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Ceci Miller

God of our lives, may all that we offer of our resources and ourselves and help to bring the message of your love to all. We pray in Christ' name, Amen.

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 at the Usber's Table.

OFFERTORY MUSIC HYMN NO. 647 - *Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Rev. Laura Sherwood

Everyone gathered is invited to offer prayers out loud.

After each one, leader says: Lord, in your Mercy –

Congregation responds: **Hear our Prayer**

PRAYER OF GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - Ainsley Flintz

Gracious God, we entrust all our prayers to you, those spoken out loud and those remain spoken in the quiet of our hearts. And, now as we gather around your Table of Grace, hear us as we pray in community, as your Son taught, saying:

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - Rev. Laura Sherwood

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC HYMN NO. 501 - *Feed Us, Lord*

FEED US

COMMUNION PRAYER - Meada Estrada

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table.
Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another.
As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread,
may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG HYMN NO. 539 - *We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Pastor Laura: May God bless you, keep you, be gracious to you.
Anna Langewisch: May God give you grace to never sell yourself – or God – short.

Congregation: Grace to risk something big for something good.

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

Congregation: And too small for anything but love.

Anna Langewisch: 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.

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

**Pastor Laura: 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.**

**Everyone is invited to stay for a special Lemonade on the Lawn
In honor of our Tower Youth and hosted by their parents.**

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 August 7th, 2022

Tower Work Trip 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 our confirmands will be confirmed during the worship service. We hope you will join us and all are invited!

Worship Service, Confirmation Celebration at 10 am under the tent
Luncheon at 11 am

Fun and games (including a giant inflatable slide)



Special Consensus – 2012 & 2018 Grammy Nominee

The Special Consensus is a bluegrass band that has achieved a contemporary sound in their four decades of performing, making their music a modern classic. The band is led by Greg Cahill, banjo player and recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award from the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA), and includes Greg Blake (guitar), Dan Eubanks (bass) and Michael Prewitt (mandolin). Special Consensus has received six awards from the IBMA and two Grammy nominations. They are four talented vocalists and instrumentalists who follow their creative desires without straying too far from their bluegrass roots. "Rivers and Roads" (Compass Records) was nominated for the 2018 Best Bluegrass Album GRAMMY award and received 2018 IBMA awards for Album of the Year and Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year ("Squirrel Hunters"). "Chicago Barn Dance" (Compass Records) 2020 celebrates the 45th band anniversary and the connection of country and bluegrass music to Chicago from the time of the WLS "National Barn Dance" - precursor to the Grand Ole Opry. The title song "Chicago Barn Dance" received the 2020 IBMA Song of the Year Award.

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

Calendar for the week of August 7th, 2022

Sunday, August 7th - Tower Senior High Youth Sunday

9:00 am	Tower Senior High Rehearsal	Lounge
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service (led by our Tower Youth)	Fellowship Garden Rain Plan: Sanctuary
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn (hosted by Tower parents)	Fellowship Garden Rain Plan: WFMC

Monday, August 8th

7:00 pm	Session (Upper Room) Investment Club	in person/Zoom Lounge
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Tuesday, August 9th

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

No meetings scheduled

Thursday, August 11th

10:00 am	Bible Study (Lounge)	In-person/Zoom
1:00 pm	Guitars@Gillson	Music Room
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
	APNC* (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom

Friday, August 12th

No meeting scheduled

Saturday, August 13th

No meetings scheduled

Sunday, August 14th

8:00 am	Beach Service	Gillson Park (picnic area #1)
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden

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**

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:

For those in the midst of illness or other concerns for family, friends, or self:

Melissa Rooks, Amy Russell;

For those who are walking through a season of grief.

The family of Betty Prescott, mother of Jenni Holt, passed away Saturday, July 30th in Cincinnati;

Areas of the world suffering from extreme heat, drought, and wildfires.

The country of Ukraine and all war-torn lands.

Flooding in eastern Kentucky

The people and community of Ronceverte, West Virginia - site of Tower

Work Trip

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

***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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