



This six-foot banner at the PCUSA denominational offices in Louisville was created to illustrate the Peacemaking Offering for World Communion Sunday on October 5, 1997. The design was originally drawn in oil pastels by Dorothea B. Kennedy and was translated into fabric by Gloiela Yau Dolak. As the mountains and hills rejoice, the thirsty of all nations are invited to come to the water; the hungry are invited to come to the table. Everyone is welcome

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Sunday, October 2nd, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Baptism, World Communion
10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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 Hour

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 for September Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation

Ignatian contemplation is a way of praying with a gospel story. In the second week of Ignatius' Exercises, practitioners accompany Jesus through his life by entering scenes in the Gospels imaginatively. After reading the story, go back and visualize it as if you were really there. Craft in your mind's eye the small details: sights, smells, colors, feelings, tastes, oddities. Become lost in the story, and place yourself there. Ignatius believed that through this kind of imaginative contemplation, the Holy Spirit makes the mystery of Jesus' life present for us in a way that is meaningful now. Use your imagination to dig deeper into the story, so that God may communicate with you in a personal, evocative way.

Learn more at ignatianspirituality.com and *The Ignatian Adventure* by Kevin O'Brien, SJ.



Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Jeff and Ann Boyle, in memory of their parents.

Order of Worship
Sunday, October 2nd, 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
Danielle Reese, Liturgist
Julian Brown, Bowman Maude, and Lark Traynor, 3rd Grade liturgists.
Peggy Massello, Director of Music
Hyejin Joo, Pianist
Chancel Choir

PRELUDE - *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*

Spiritual, arr. 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** (based on Psalm 108)

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
and we will sing praises to you among the nations.

Our hearts are steadfast, O God.

We will sing and make melody.

For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory be over all the earth!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 301** - *Let Us Build a House* (verses 1, 3 & 5)

TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God revealed to us through scripture is a merciful and loving God, who directs us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We gather to ask God's help in removing all barriers to that love.

Come now to confess all that separates you from others, from God, and even from your true self.

Let us begin with silent prayer... And now let us pray in unison:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we come before you in need of your mercy and forgiveness.

We've been reluctant to face the central sins of our lives.

We settle for confessing those things we really don't mind changing.

Or, sometimes we go through the motions, of confessing the systemic sins of our society, without feeling any genuine responsibility for them. Our common confession in worship can be for us a routine that we endure, that leaves us unchanged. Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to seek in earnest to become, the people you have created and called us to be.

Help us to recognize and accept, the cost of discipleship. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Fear not, sisters and brothers, God, who is full of grace and abounding in steadfast love, meets us in our sin and transforms us for God's glory and the healing of God's world. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven, be now at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

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.)

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.

BAPTISM of William Francis Murphy V (Liam)

CHORAL RESPONSE - *Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*

Anonymous Canadian

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, help us to experience the truth that the Bible is not just ancient literature, but is your living Word. Speak to us through these stories of our ancestors in faith. Weave your stories into our own, so that we will recognize our place in your plan for the world, and the place that you desire to have in our lives. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING - Ephesians 4:1-6 (pg. 193 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Lehn

ANTHEM - *He's Got the Whole World*

Spiritual, arr. Keith Hampton

He's got the woods and the water, sun and moon...

He's got the birds and the bees, beasts of the field...

He's got you and me, everybody...

TESTIMONY - Malawi

Amy Miller

GATHERING AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE

SUNG INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *Come to the Table*

Illustrated Ministry *Compassion Camp*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 (All communion packs are gluten-free.)

COMMUNION MUSIC - *Bread of the World*

Mark Pope

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken. Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed. Hallelujah!

~Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**Loving God, your love is as close to us as our own hands and feet.
People who need your love are as close to us as the people beside us, behind us,
and in front of us. Having been nourished at your Table of love and grace,
send us into your world to love each other, sure that you love us.
Show us where we are needed and how we can make a difference,
so that the world sees the new life Jesus wants for everyone.
Help us live for Jesus wherever we go, whatever we do. Amen**

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS Special Offering

God has abundantly blessed us, and God calls us to be a community that extends that blessing to others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material resources. We have many ways to serve, and multiple ways to make a financial contribution - please consult your bulletin or the slide on your screen. Today we are also participating in the annual World Communion Special Offering for Presbyterian ministries throughout the world that advocate for peace and global witness to Christ's Love. Please use the special envelope in your bulletin or select Peace and Global Witness from our online contribution menu. Let us bring God our offerings with joy, and with gratitude for all the ways in which God lovingly cares for us.

***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)**

Loving God, there is nothing we can offer you that even begins to compare with all that you give to us. So we come humbly before you, and offer you what we can — our praise, our thanks, our devotion, and a small portion of our worldly resources. Make our offering acceptable in your sight this morning, Lord. Use it to further your purposes within our world, and within us. Help us to grow as Christ's disciples so that we offer our very lives as a holy and living offering to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN NO. 769 - *For Everyone Born* (verses 1, 3 & 5)**

FOR EVERYONE BORN

***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 BENEDICTION**

Jeff: God has shown us what is good. What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

Liturgist: To do justice in our community, in our workplaces, and in our world.

Congregation: Even when justice is inconvenient, is met with resistance, and requires sacrifice.

Liturgist: To love kindness expressed in acts both big and small,

Congregation: And to people of all races, abilities, ages, and beliefs.

Liturgist: To walk humbly with our God in all the circumstances of our lives,

Congregation: With praise and gratitude in our hearts.

Jeff: And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE - *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jamaican folk melody, arr. John Behnke

Everyone is invited to stay for Fellowship with coffee and treats in the Lounge.

Sources:

Call to Worship, Confession Call and Prayer; Prayer of Illumination, Call and Prayer for the Offering, and responsive Charge and Benediction - written by Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski for First Pres Wilmette fall 2022 worship season. Assurance of Forgiveness - *Pastrix, reported by Bolz-Weber as being said by a pastor at a church she attended*



Our Common Life Week of October 2nd, 2022



ALL CHURCH EVENT - OKTOBERFEST OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 8, 5:30-8:30 pm

At the home of Jenni Holt and Michael Staab. RSVP link in the Daily Bread.

807 Bryant Ave.

Winnetka, IL

603-887-6505

A family-friendly event, open to all members. Water, soft drinks, and 2 main dishes provided. Please bring a dish to share and BYOB.

Side dishes – Last Name A-O

Desserts – Last Name P-Z



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Tuesday – Oct. 4, 5-5:30 pm

Join us for this brief and informal blessing of the animals service! Held outdoors in the church parking lot, bring your pet (or a picture of your pet, if that's better) and celebrate the special bond we share with them as creatures blessed by God. We'll gather on October 4 because it's the feast day of St. Francis, who had a particular love for animals and all creation – seeing them as windows into God's presence in the here and now. Reach out to Pastor Jeff with any questions or suggestions.

TUTORS NEEDED. THE FAMILY MATTERS community house in Rogers Park is looking for tutors. The school year has begun and there is a waiting list of students who need support. A tutor's commitment is 1 ½ hrs. per week, in one-on-one evening tutoring sessions. Interested in making a difference in a young student's life? Please contact Greg Korak (847-256-7251) and learn more about this opportunity.

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Wednesdays, from 5 pm to 6 pm, followed by our church family dinner!

Kids ages 3 - 6th grade are invited to join us for crafts, music, games, and fun with friends. We'll be meeting outside on the church lawn, with Wallace Moore Fellowship Center as our backup incase of bad weather. Parents may drop children off and go, or stay and join our parent fellowship group for a relaxed but meaningful time of connecting with other parents in our family of faith. Contact [Peggy Massello](#), Director of Music Ministries, or [Lindley Traynor](#), Director of Children and Family Ministry for more information about Midweek Meetup, and [Pastor Laura Sherwood](#) for more information about the parents' group.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Children begin in worship in the sanctuary with their families, children ages 3 years - 6th grade are invited to the chapel (10:15 am) each week for a meaningful time encountering God and connecting with each other, through simple liturgy, songs, prayer, and the stories of our faith, led by Lindley Traynor, Director of Children & Family Ministry, and Scott McElhenie, Director of Youth and Family Ministry.

"CONSIDER THE BIRDS"

5 Weeks, 8:45 - 9:45 am Sundays (Sept. 18 - Oct. 16)

Join us for an engaging adult formation class, led by Pastor Jeff, using the provocative book by Debbie Blue, "Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to Birds of the Bible." From the well-known image of the dove to the rooster that announced Peter's betrayal, birds play a dynamic role in Scripture. We will take a closer look at five of the ten birds: pigeon, quail, eagle, sparrow, and cock. We'll explore what these birds have to teach us about gratitude, vulnerability, desire, and insignificance. In a word, we will "consider the birds of the air" today, as Jesus taught his followers in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6. This hybrid class will meet for five weeks in person on Sundays in the church lounge and virtually via Zoom (Zoom link is available in the Daily Bread and the Saturday email. Meeting ID: 840 3593 7190; Password: 815640)

Reimagining the New Chicago: Faithfully Welcoming Climate Migrants



Featuring
Dr. Ted Hiebert and
rev. abby mohaupt



Presentation
Q and A
Reception to follow

Tuesday, October 18
7:00-8:30pm

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Church of Wilmette
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Wilmette, IL 60091

Join in person or livestream
More info at fpcw.org



Calendar for the week of October 2nd, 2022

Sunday, October 2nd - Communion Sunday

8:45 am	Jr. High Youth class	Yellow Room (2nd floor)
	Middle High Youth Class	Red Room (2nd floor)
	1st Sunday Parent Fellowship	Upper Room
	Adult Faith Formation	Lounge/Zoom
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge

Monday, October 3rd

5:00 pm	Troop 5 Court of Honor	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Reception	WMFC
8:30 pm	Crew 5	Yellow Room

Tuesday, October 4th

10:00 am	Staff Retreat	Windella River Cruise
5:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals	fpcw Parking Lot
7:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds	Lounge

Wednesday, October 5th

12:00pm	Lunch Hour Loop group	Via Zoom
5:00 pm	Midweek Meetup	Fellowship Garden
	Parent Fellowship	Green Room
6:00 pm	Church Family Dinner	WMFC
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Music Room

Thursday, October 6th

10:00 am	Bible Study (Lounge)	In-person/Zoom
	Pres Homes Women's Spoke (Westminster Place)	In-person/Phone Conference
6:30 pm	APNC* (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
7:45 pm	Chancel Bells	Music Room

Friday, October 7th

No meetings Scheduled

Saturday, October 8th

8:00 am	Men's Council	WMFC
9:00 am	Member Private Event	Lounge
5:30 pm	Oktoberfest Open House (807 Bryant Ave, Winnetka)	Jenni Holt & Mike Staab's home

Sunday, October 9th

8:45 am	Jr. High Youth class	Yellow Room (2nd floor)
	Middle High Youth Class	Red Room (2nd floor)
	Adult Faith Formation	Lounge/Zoom
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge

CONNECT, GROW, SHARE – Adult Groups at First Pres 2022-2023

Our adult group ministry strives to encourage all members to be a part of this wonderful way to grow in faith. We'd love to see you at one of our small group gatherings! More information on our church website's Small Group page.

STUDY, BOOK, AND DISCUSSION GROUPS

Adult Faith Formation – Sundays 8:45-9:45 am – Upper Room – Led by Rev. Jeff Lehn

Join any Sunday for lively discussion on current study series. jlehn@fpcw.org

Bible Study – Every Thursday 10:00-11:00 am – Church Lounge – Led by Rev. Jeff Lehn

How does the Bible inform our daily lives? Contact: Bonnie Wehrenberg bwherbic007@att.net

Book Group – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm – Church Lounge

Members take turns leading a book discussion. Hosted by Joyce Knauff joyce@jckassociates.com

FELLOWSHIP AND MEAL GROUPS

Lunch Hour Loop Group – 1st Wednesday at Noon – Zoom – Hosted by Rev. Jeff Lehn

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 – and you are always free to eat your lunch while we meet! Contact Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link.

jlehn@fpcw.org

Senior Supper Club – Next gathering: Tuesday, October 18th, 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 bwherbic007@att.net

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Slowing Time for Women – Next Gathering: Wed. Oct. 26th, 7-8:30 pm - Upper Room

Group member will share article/poem about our relationship with Time - Chronos-Human Time/ Productivity focus and Kairos-God's Time/Fruitfulness focus.

Contact: Marcia Baylin marciabaylin3101@comcast.net

Lunch Group for Women – 2nd Wednesday – 11:30 am – Church Lounge

Each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Nancy Freeman coordinates njwfreeman@gmail.com. Next gathering will be on Wednesday, October 12th.

Westminster Place “Spoke” – 1st Thursday 10:00-11:00am in-person and via phone conference

The group meets in a member's home at Westminster Place and follows a provided study guide with discussion facilitated by Rev. Laura Sherwood. Anne Menard (amenard4347@yahoo.com) coordinates this group.

MEN'S GROUPS

Men's Hour – Meets year-round, Thursdays at 7 pm in the Upper Room

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 – Saturday mornings (8-9:30 am)* in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center

Meets October – June. We gather for breakfast and then listen to an interesting program. All are welcome any Saturday. **The 2022 season will kick off with a BBQ on Fri 9/30.** If you have questions or would like to join our mail list, please contact Steve Reinhart steve.reinhart@gmail.com. *1st Gathering – October 8th.

PARENT GROUPS

Parents of High School Youth (POHSY) – Meets several times a year in member's home or at the Church 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 Irris Boaz at iboaz@ameritech.net.

Weekly Parent Fellowship Groups – Contact: Rev. Laura Sherwood lsherwood@fpcw.org

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 pm in the Green Room during Mid-Week Meetup for Prek-4th Graders

1st Sunday 8:45 am-9:45 am in the Upper Room **First Gathering: Oct. 2nd - all parents welcome!**

Coming Soon: College Parent Fellowship

Prayers of Joy and Celebration:

- **Maryanne Wilkie and Rev. Dr. Gilbert W. Bowen** were married on Friday, September 23rd at Westminster Place.

We lift up prayers for those who are grieving:

- **Nancy Hopkins** – her brother, William Riter, passed away on Sept. 18th.
<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/william-riter-obituary?id=36550302>
- **Dick Schroeder** – his brother, Chuck, passed away 2 weeks ago in Central, IL.
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wilmette-il/charles-schroeder-10933101>
- **Mary Alice Lyon** – her mother, Alice Pryor, passed away Sept. 21st in Knoxville, TN.; She was also grandmother of member Amy Lyon, and a former, long-time member herself.
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/alice-moser-sutherland-pryor-obituary?id=36609111>
- **Areas of the world suffering from extreme weather, including recent and on-going hurricanes.**
- **The country of Ukraine and all war-torn lands.**



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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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