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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE**  
**Sunday, November 6, 2022**  
**All Saints' Sunday and 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: Intercessory Prayer Praying for People and Challenging Situations**

Give yourself a few moments to breathe and become quiet in God's presence. Allow yourself the gift of enjoying the presence of God for your own soul's sake, and rest for a while in the familiarity and intimacy of your friendship with God. Then, as you are ready, allow God to bring others to your heart and mind—any person or situation that is of concern to you, someone who has asked for your prayers, any person or group of persons who has been harsh or critical or complaining, any situation that is causing you stress or requires wisdom. Imagine God asking you, “Is it okay for us to invite this person to join us (*or* for us to look at this situation together)?

If you are able to say yes, welcome that person into the space where you and God are communing, and be with that person (or situation) in God's presence. Listen for the prayer (the desire, the groaning) the Holy Spirit is already praying for that person or situation. Ask God, “How can I join you in that prayer?” See if there is anything God is inviting you to offer to that person or situation out of that prayer. Do not force or push for anything. If nothing comes, continue to rest in God relative to that situation. If wisdom or a next step does come, determine that you will respond faithfully as God makes your way clear.

If you notice resistance to inviting a person or situation into the time that you and God are sharing, feel free to tell God, “No, I'm not ready,” and then pay attention to that together. Even your resistance can have a lot to tell you about what is really going on inside you relative to the person or situation.

Adapted from Ruth Haley Barton, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*



**Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God,** by Frank and Carolynne Paul in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in remembrance of their parents, Art Punyko and John and Sue Paul and their daughter, Melissa Cella.

**Everyone is invited to stay for Fellowship Time in the Lounge following worship  
Coffee, Cookies, and Lemonade!**

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, November 6, 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  
Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski, pastoral liturgist  
Linnea Jacobs, Liturgist  
Peggy Massello, Music Director  
Hyejin Joo, pianist  
Chancel Choir

**PRELUDE** - *Aria on SINE NOMINE*

David Cherwien

**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. 730** - *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

**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**

With the sound of water pouring into the baptismal font, we are reminded of the eternal promises of our faith. So, let us 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.**

**\*SHARING THE 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - *This is Where Children Belong***

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God’s word, bread and cup, prayer and song;

This is where children belong.

**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 READINGS - 1 Thessalonians 3:1-9 (pg. 204 in the New Testament)**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON - “When the Bottom Line is Faithfulness”**

Rev. Jeff Lehn

**ANTHEM - *Lux Aeterna from Requiem***

John Rutter

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, “Blessed. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. For they rest, for they rest from their labors”

“Even so”, saith the Spirit. For they rest.

*~Revelation 14:13*

*(sung in Latin)* Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord,

With your saints forever, for you are merciful.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*~1662 Book of Common Prayer and Requiem Mass*

**MISSION TESTIMONY**

Family Matters - Ann Hinterman

**ALL SAINTS COMMUNION AND CANDLE LIGHTING REMEMBRANCE**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)**

**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**

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Deborah Burdick	Marilyn McKenzie
Katherine Harris	Gregory Michel
Shirley Lahr	Betty Treiber
Jack McAllister	George Vandervoort

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE AND INVITATION TO LIGHT REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

COMMUNION MUSIC - *The Chapel on the Hill*  
*Chorale*

*Bob Acri*  
*Bob Acri*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### CALL FOR 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. 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)

**Eternal God, we offer ourselves and our gifts in the example of the saints who have gone before us. May all that we offer today continue their good work to bring your message of love and mercy until the end of time. Bless your church in all that it does in obedience to your plans and purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN NO. 326 - *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

### \*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 Charge and Benediction Jeff (steps or Lectern) and Liturgist (pulpit)

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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 - *Postlude on SINE NOMINE*

Charles Callahan

**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 November 6, 2022



### STEWARDSHIP 2023

Our Giving Team stewardship theme for 2023 is **“Together for Joy.”** This theme invites us to experience joy in this tumultuous season of our personal and communal lives. We invite you to join us in giving thanks for all of the resources and gifts that are shared – spiritual, theological, physical and financial – that support this indispensable work. Pledge cards are available in the narthex or pledge online.

Beyond the  
Offering Plate



Adam J. Copeland, editor  
Foreword by Dorothy C. Bass

### NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS:

“Beyond the Offering Plate: A Holistic Approach to Stewardship”  
Sundays, 8:45-9:45 am, through Sunday, November. 20

Join Pastor Jeff this fall as we study five chapters from the recent book, “Beyond the Offering Plate: A Holistic Approach to Stewardship,” edited by Adam Copeland. (1) time; (2) money; (3) body; (4) community; and (5) work. Each week, we’ll dive into different aspects of stewardship with the lens of our faith: (1) time; (2) money; (3) body; (4) community; and (5) work. Scanned copies of the chapters we’ll discuss this week are available, but not required to read ahead of time. The class will meet in person in the Lounge and virtually via Zoom for 5 weeks on Sundays: through Nov. 20, 8:45-9:45 am. Zoom Link; Meeting ID: 840 3593 7190; Password: 815640



### OUR CALL TO RACIAL JUSTICE: *Every Voice Heard*

As midterm elections approach, it is a good time to remind ourselves of the privilege and responsibility we have as members of a democratic nation to vote. Unfortunately, equitable access to voting rights continues to be denied to many people in our country. Please take some time in the coming weeks to learn about how suppressed voices can be lifted to ensure everyone can practice their right to vote. Please checkout the Racial Justice page on our website to learn more about this importance concern.

### WINTER CLOTHES FOR REFUGEES

Our friends at World Relief have a great need for **winter clothes** for adult refugees/immigrants coming to Chicago. For the long winter ahead, they will need children and adult winter clothing which includes, **hats, scarves, gloves, coats and boots.** FPCW had a successful winter clothing drive for World Relief in the fall of 2016 and members were very generous in their donations. We will have a drop-off location near the Narthex for the next several weeks to accommodate your gifts. Your participation in this request is greatly appreciated.

### THE RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a civil rights history pilgrimage in the fall 2023, including visits to Atlanta, Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery. The three-day journey will include visits to landmarks from the American Civil Rights movement, giving us the opportunity to better understand our past and current national identity. During our time together, we plan to travel, dine, learn, pray, reflect and connect with one another. If this is something that might interest you, please join us for an informational meeting in the Chapel after worship on **Sunday, November 13.** The trip will be open to individuals, couples, and families. We are interested in getting your ideas about the trip and how we can best prepare for the journey ahead as we are just getting started in our planning. Questions about the meeting or preliminary plans? Please contact Mary Watt at [mhw1117@gmail.com](mailto:mhw1117@gmail.com).



### CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. **abby mohaupt** (who regularly worships here)

For receiving the Women of Faith award, given annually by the PCUSA since 1986! This year's theme is "Women Leading Movements for Positive Change," abby is being recognized for her leadership as moderator of [Fossil Free PCUSA](#) (FFPCUSA), an advocacy organization working to end the denomination's relationship with fossil fuels. She will receive the award on Thursday, November 3, during a Facebook Live event.



### **GIVING TREE 2022**

Please help us give the children and families of The Erie House and Family Promise a happy holiday by purchasing a gift from their wish list off of FPCW's "Giving Tree". Just visit our tree outside the office, select one of the hanging tags with someone's gift wish on it, write your name on the bottom of tag and leave it in the basket so we know who is providing that gift, and return UNWRAPPED gift by Sunday, November 27th to the boxes outside office! Any questions, please call Jenni Holt at 630-887-6505.



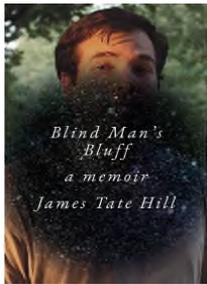
### **POINSETTIAS**

Help beautify the church during Advent season by buying a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in appreciation of a special person. The cost is \$15 per plant. Order forms are available in your Sunday bulletin and the church office. Orders are due in the church office by **Wednesday, November 23rd.**



### **USHER IN ADVENT WITH...**

Advent Lessons & Carols service  
Sunday, December 4, 2021, 4:00 pm  
Followed by our traditional Wassail Party  
NOTE: there will be no 10:00 am worship service this day!



### **FPCW BOOK GROUP**

Book Group's next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 pm in the Lounge. The group will be discussing "Blind Man's Bluff: A Memoir" by James Tate Hill. We hope you can join us.

## **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](mailto: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 [bwherbie007@att.net](mailto:bwherbie007@att.net)

**Book Group** – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm (November 16th) – Church Lounge

Members take turns leading a book discussion. Hosted by Joyce Knauff [joyce@jckassociates.com](mailto: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](mailto:jlehn@fpcw.org)

**Senior Supper Club** – Next gathering: Tuesday, Nov. 15th, 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](mailto:bwherbie007@att.net)

### **WOMEN'S GROUPS**

**Slowing Time for Women** – Next Gathering: Wed. Nov. 16th, 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](mailto: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](mailto:njwfreeman@gmail.com). Next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 9th.

**Westminster Place "Spoke"** – 1st Thursday 10:00-11:00 am 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. If you have questions or would like to join our mail list, please contact Steve Reinhart [steve.reinhart@gmail.com](mailto:steve.reinhart@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:iboaz@ameritech.net).

**Weekly and Monthly Parent Fellowship Groups** – Contact: Rev. Laura Sherwood

[lsherwood@fpcw.org](mailto:lsherwood@fpcw.org)

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 pm in the Green Room during Mid-Week Meetup for PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Graders

1st Sunday 8:45 am-9:45 am in the Upper Room

**Coming Soon:** College Parent Fellowship

## Calendar for the week of November 6th, 2022

### Sunday, November 6th - All Saints' Sunday and Communion Sunday

8:45 am	Jr. High Youth class	Yellow Room (2nd floor)
	Middle High Youth Class	Red Room (2nd floor)
	Adult Faith Formation	Lounge/Zoom
	1st Sunday Parent Fellowship	Upper Room
9:45am	Nursery Care available —11:15am (ages 0-3)	Nursery
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
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth Group	Tower
6:00 pm	Tower Senior High Dinner	WMFC

### Monday, November 7th

5:00 pm	Tech Task Force	Zoom
7:00 pm	Troop 5	WMFC
8:30 pm	Crew 5	Yellow Room

### Tuesday, November 8th

7:00 am	Election	WMFC
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Off-site

### Wednesday, November 9th

5:00 pm	Midweek Meetup	Fellowship Garden
5:30 pm	Session	Upper Room
	Parent Fellowship	Green Room
6:00 pm	Church Family Dinner	WMFC
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Music Room

### Thursday, November 10th

10:00 am	Bible Study (Lounge)	In-person/Zoom
7:00 pm	APNC* (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
	Men's Hour	Lounge
7:45 pm	Chancel Bells	Music Room

### Friday, November 11th

Veterans Day

### Saturday, November 12th

8:00 am	Men's Council	WMFC
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### Sunday, November 13th - Family Worship Sunday

8:45 am	Jr. High Youth class	Yellow Room (2nd floor)
	Middle High Youth Class	Red Room (2nd floor)
	Adult Faith Formation	Lounge/Zoom
9:45am	Nursery Care available - 11:15am (ages 0-3)	Nursery
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lounge

WMFC = Wallace Moore Fellowship Center  
APNC = Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

## Joy and Celebration:

- Beautiful fall weather

## Prayers of Care and Concern:

- All areas of the world suffering from recent hurricanes and extreme weather,
- 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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