



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

Sunday, June 4th, 2023

Trinity Sunday

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. No matter what's happening in our lives or in the life of the world, we will continue to be agents of God's love. We will keep growing as followers of Christ. We will keep loving and listening to our neighbors. We will continue praying for one another. 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—also see the QR code later in this Bulletin to give online.
- Join us after worship for Fellowship Hour in the Lounge.

We're so glad to be worshipping with you in person and online!

With gratitude in Christ,

Pastors Jeff Lehn, Kara Smith-Laubenstein and Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski

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 breathe in that God breathes life into you. As you breathe out, imagine releasing all 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.

Christine Valters Paintner, *Water, Wind, Earth & Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements*, p. 22.

Join us after worship in the Church Lounge.
Cookies, coffee, and lemonade will be served.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

***PLEASE STAND**

Rev. Jeff Lehn, Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein, and Rev. Lolly Dominski, Preaching
Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein, Pastoral Liturgist
Bruce Lyon, Liturgist
Wonee Kim, Accompanist
Chancel Choir
Andrew Singer-Sords, Violin
Doug Culclasure, Soloist

PRELUDE - *Sicilienne*

Maria Theresia von Paradis

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**

Who made this beautiful day?

We believe God, the Creator, made this day;

God made this day so we can rest, and reflect, and enjoy;

God made this day so we can open our eyes and see beauty,

And see pain, and see opportunity,

And see hope.

So let us go into this day with our eyes and hearts wide open,

And let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN NO. 1 - *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

With hope for God's mercy and trust in God's love, let us admit the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, gracious Creator, forgive us for not seeing the beauty that surrounds us. Forgive us when we look at screens rather than sunsets; forgive us when we read about a crisis and do not respond. Forgive us for thinking that we are the source of power and beauty and life. Turn us around, and give us new eyes to see, ears to hear, and minds to perceive. Open us to the ever-flowing fountain of your triune love, available to all of us every moment. Inspire us. Challenge us. Renew us. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, nothing, nothing, nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The only thing that can separate you is the thought that you 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!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children are invited to share the peace and gather with leaders to go to the Chapel and continue to worship together in an age-appropriate and meaningful way. They will return to sit with their families toward the end of the worship service in the Sanctuary.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN NO. 548, verses 1 and 2** - *May God Support You All Your Days*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, help us to experience the truth that the Bible is not just ancient literature, but is your living Word today. Speak to us through these words from 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 - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (page 186 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jeff, Kara, Lolly

HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 520, congregation: please sing all refrains - *Taste and See*

TASTE AND SEE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC - *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

A. Showalter, arr. E. Nelson

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



We invite you to give via our church website www.fpcw.org (see QR code), our smartphone app, or by sending a check to the church office. An offering plate is also available on your rights as you exit the sanctuary. We are grateful for your generosity!

ANTHEM - *Better Than I*

John Buchino

***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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all you have given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we give. Let us give generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.

MISSION TESTIMONY

Laura Byes, Learning Bridge

SENDING HYMN NO. 769, verses 1, 3, and 5 - *For Everyone Born

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**

***POSTLUDE - *Allegro* from Sonata No. 2**

J.S. Bach



On Sunday, June 11 we will be pleased to welcome the Rev. Robert House and members of his congregation from New Life Baptist Church to our worship service.

Located on Chicago's South Side, New Life Baptist Church is a mission partner of First Pres Wilmette. Through its outreach efforts, New Life offers food and shelter to homeless people in the community.

Following the June 11 service, we invite you to join our friends from New Life for lunch and conversation in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center.

This is the third summer pulpit exchange between New Life and First Pres Wilmette. On Sunday, July 23, Pastor Jeff Lehn will preach at New Life. Join him and members of the New Life congregation that morning! Carpools available; contact the church office for details (office@fpcw.org | 847-256-3010).



Discover Our Pipe Organ with Director of Worship and Music Peggy Massello

Have you ever wondered how our pipe organ works? Have you ever wanted to play it? If so, you'll want to join Peggy Massello for a demonstration and explanation of our pipe organ **today** immediately after the Postlude. We'll gather in the Chancel and sit in the choir pews. Stay as long or as little as you wish! This will be informal with time for questions and answers.

Join the 2023 Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate

Register now for the 10K run, 5K run/walk, or the youth mile on **Sunday, June 18 beginning at 7:30 am** at Long Field in Evanston. The YWCA Evanston/North Shore uses funds raised during the Race Against Hate to engage children and adults in dialogue, nonviolent action, and the pursuit of racial justice. Besides contributing their registration fee, participants may raise additional funds toward this year's overall fundraising goal of \$75,000.00.

Consider leading a First Pres Wilmette team! Email or call the church office for more information about team leadership or for assistance finding more information about the Race Against Hate and individual runner registration (office@fpcw.org | 847-256-3010).

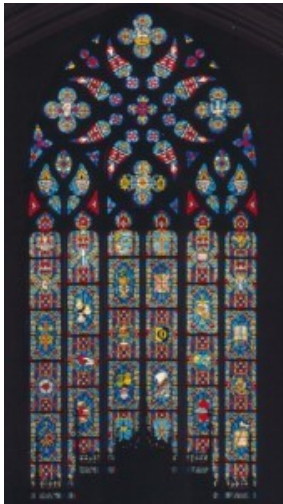
(Long Field is located at the corner of Sheridan Road and Lincoln Avenue in Evanston.)





Attend the Book Group's Discussion of Tilar J. Mazzeo's *Sisters in Resistance*

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm** in the Church Lounge to discuss *Sisters in Resistance: How a German Spy, a Banker's Wife, and Mussolini's Daughter Outwitted the Nazis*. Kirkus Reviews calls the book "A tantalizingly novelistic history lesson." Join us! Contact Joyce Knauff (joyce@jckassociates.com) with questions.



Seeking a New Vision for the Sanctuary and Pipe Organ

The newly-formed **Bill Tempelmeyer Committee**, composed of several church members and led by Peggy Massello, has begun exploring updates, improvements, and potential changes to the layout and use of the sanctuary and, in particular, the organ. The committee will consider a wide-range of options that seek to better align the physical space with the church's theology and better reflect the present era. The committee welcomes additional members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Peggy to learn more (pmassello@fpcw.org | 847-256-3010 ext. 103).

Our Call to Racial Justice: Diversity and Inclusion



Do you know the difference between diversity and inclusion? Having one doesn't necessarily mean having the other. Diversity is the presence of differences, while inclusion is the practice of ensuring that people feel welcome, respected, supported, and valued. This effort shouldn't be limited to workplaces; it should stand wherever and whenever we gather in groups. The integration of personal, physical, and social characteristics makes us better thinkers, problem solvers, and a stronger community, but it needs to go beyond the optics of diversity alone. The full story needs inclusion, which promotes the full participation at all

levels of all people, especially lifting those who have been historically underrepresented or discriminated against. Although some of the resources suggested below discuss the workplace, we must implement diversity and inclusion in all of our spaces.

Learn: [Defining diversity and inclusion](#)

Advocate: [To speak up for inclusion, we need to speak about inclusion](#)

Activate: [Three ways to be more inclusive](#)

Email or call the church office for assistance locating these three videos, all on YouTube.

(office@fpcw.org | 847-256-3010)

OUR GRADUATES

Audrey Baer, Harris School of Public Policy at The University of Chicago

Wesley Crosswhite, Elmhurst University

Victoria Flannagan, University of Illinois

Daniel Fogarty, Boston College

Ellie McJoynt, California Polytechnic State University

Spencer Olson, University of Illinois

Colin Reinhart, University of Michigan

Canyon Tobin, Dartmouth College

Joe Traynor, Have Dreams Academy

High School Graduates:

Charlie Buffton

Will Olson

Meada Estrada

Nathan Pion

Ella Hairston

Jackson Sandee

Natalie Mills

Patrick Zimmer

Get the word out about an upcoming meeting, program, or event

by sending information to office@fpcw.org.

For consideration, send a submission by 5:00 pm on Mondays
for the next day's release of Daily Bread.

Send a submission by 12:00 noon on Thursdays
for the following Sunday's Common Life section of the Worship Bulletin.

Questions about these publications and their contents always welcome.

Write to office@fpcw.org or call the church office at 847-256-3010.

CONNECT, GROW, SHARE – Adult Groups at First Pres Wilmette 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, Church Lounge, Led by Rev. Jeff Lehn

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

Bible Study – Thursdays, 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 (June 21), 7:00 pm, Church Lounge

Members take turns leading the book discussion. Joyce Knauff (joyce@jckassociates.com) hosts this group.

FELLOWSHIP AND MEAL GROUPS

Lunch Hour Loop Group – 1st Wednesday (June 7), 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 Jeff Lehn jlehn@fpcw.org.

Parents of High School Youth (POHSY)

Parents meet several times a year in a 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 join together to lend support to one another. Contact Iris Boaz iboaz@ameritech.net.

Senior Supper Club – 3rd Tuesday (June 20), 5:30 pm, Ridgeview Grill in Wilmette.

If you are an over 65 member and want to get to know others more casually, please join us! Contact Bonnie Wehrenberg bwherbic007@att.net.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Slowing Time for Women

Group members share articles and poems about our relationship with Time: Chronos, or human time, focused on productivity, and Kairos, God's time, focused on fruitfulness. Snacks provided by members. Contact Marcia Baylin marciabaylin3101@comcast.net.

Lunch Group for Women – 2nd Wednesday (June 14), 11:30 am, Church Lounge

Each month a member leads the discussion. Contact Nancy Freeman njwfreeman@gmail.com.

Westminster Place “Spoke” – 4th Wednesday (June 28), 10:00-11:00 am, Westminster Place in Evanston 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. Kara Smith-Laubenstein. Contact Anne Menard amenard4347@yahoo.com.

MEN'S GROUPS

Men's Hour – Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Church Lounge

Men's Hour consists of a brief group reading, a silent five-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! Contact Paul Traynor paultraynor@haymoon.com.

Men's Council – Saturdays, 8:00-9:30 am, Church Lounge - on summer break

Meets mid-September through mid-May. Participants gather for breakfast and then listen to an interesting program. All are welcome any Saturday. Contact Steve Reinhart steve.reinhart@gmail.com.

Calendar for the week of June 4th, 2023

Sunday, June 4th

8:45 am	Adult Faith Formation	Church Lounge/Zoom
9:45 am	Nursery Care ages Birth-3yrs during worship	Nursery
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Church Lounge
11:00 am	Pipe Organ Demonstration and Discussion	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Joint Session/Deacon Meeting	Upper Room

Monday, June 5th

7:00 pm	Troop 5 Meeting	WMFC
7:30 pm	Personnel Support Committee Meeting	Zoom

Tuesday, June 6th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Church Lounge
12:00 pm	Faith Formation Committee Meeting	Church Lounge
7:30 pm	Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting	Church Lounge

Wednesday, June 7th

11:00 am	Welcome and Connections Committee Meeting	Church Lounge
12:00 pm	Lunch Hour Loop Group	Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Music Room

Thursday, June 8th

10:00 am	Bible Study	Church Lounge/Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Church Lounge
7:45 pm	Chancel Bells	Music Room

Friday, June 9th

6:00 pm	Sukkat Shalom Shabbat Service	Fellowship Garden
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Saturday, June 10th

No scheduled events

Sunday, June 11th

8:45 am	Adult Faith Formation	Church Lounge/Zoom
9:45 am	Nursery Care ages Birth-3yrs during worship	Nursery
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	Lunch honoring New Life Baptist Church guests	WMFC

WMFC = Wallace Moore Fellowship Center

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for those in the midst of illness, walking through a season of grief, or homebound and unable to join us this day.

Pray for graduates at every level as they celebrate their accomplishments.

Pray for those touched by gun violence in our city, nation, and world.

Pray for those experiencing war, extreme weather, and natural disasters:

- In the war-torn country of Ukraine;
- As refugees from conflict in Sudan; and
- During record-setting forest fires in Alberta and Nova Scotia.

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Joyce Knauff in memory of the anniversary of her parents, Josephine and Ed Kuhles, and the birthday of her sister, Linda Kuhles Lellinger.



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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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