



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

Sunday, November 5th, 2023

All Saints Sunday

*Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives.*

\*PLEASE STAND

**BOLD TYPE** INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL SPEAKING OR SINGING

**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**

For all the saints who went before us  
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,  
we praise you, O God.

**For all the saints who live beside us  
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,  
we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beyond us  
who challenge us to change the world with them,  
we praise you O God.

**Come, let us worship our God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 730** - *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Together let us confess our sin and receive the assurance of God's forgiveness.

## **LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

Blessed are we when we let go of possessions  
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

**Woe to us when we gather into barns  
for soon this life will be over.**

Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger  
for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.

**Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity  
for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

Blessed are we who know sorrow  
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.

**Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief  
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.**

Blessed are we who know scorn  
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.

**Woe to us who depend on the approval of others  
for to dance with Spirit appears foolish.**

Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,  
**For we will recognize abundance. Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. Amen.

#### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN NO. 2233 - *Where Children Belong***

RITCHIE



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the  
wor-ship-ing throng. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

Today is a Family Worship Sunday and so there is no Children's Chapel. Children are invited to worship with their families. The Nursery is available for babies and very young children. Worship bags are available in the Narthex (the entrance to the Sanctuary).

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING - 2 Corinthians 5:1-7, 16-21 (New Testament page 181)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein

#### **\*HYMN OF INVITATION - NO. 774, verses 1, 2, and 4 - *There Is Now a New Creation* STUTTGART**

## 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

**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Ellen Baldwin

Alice Milling

Gilbert Bowen

Charles (Jack) O'Kieffe

Robert Dunn

Jeanne Savely

Kenneth Kuhles

Peter Weyrens

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

### COMMUNION MUSIC

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Jesus Christ, lamb and shepherd, we remember you here, as we remember all your saints. Help us to remember you not just in this sanctuary but in our homes and schools, our cars and offices, to remember that every part of our life is shot through with your grace and that we are never alone but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses united by your love. Amen.**

### CALL FOR OFFERING



Give online here

*We invite you to give via the church website [www.fpcw.org](http://www.fpcw.org) (see QR code), our smartphone app, or by sending a check to the church office. An offering plate is also available as you exit the Sanctuary. We are grateful for your generosity.*

**OFFERTORY - *When the Saints Go Marching In***

Spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson

We are traveling in the footsteps of those who have gone before,  
And we'll all be reunited on that new and sun-lit shore.

*(refrain)* Oh when the saints go marching in, oh when the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

And when the sun refused to shine, oh when the sun refused to shine,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number, when the sun refused to shine.

Oh when they crown Him Lord of all, Oh when they crown Him Lord of all,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number when they crown Him Lord of all. *(refrain)*

**\*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**

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.

**\*CHARGE AND BENDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE - *Postlude on SINE NOMINE***

Charles Callahan

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein, Preaching  
Diane Baer, Liturgist  
Peggy Massello, Director of Music and Organist

Wonee Kim, Accompanist  
Chancel Choir  
Midweek Meetup

**FOR OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for Jeff Miller and his family after the death of his mother, Jan Miller, on October 30.

Join us after worship in the Church Lounge  
for fellowship, coffee, lemonade, and cookies.



## Common Life Week of November 5th 2023

### CONNECT, GROW, SHARE

#### **Make Your Pledge to the 2024 Stewardship Campaign**

We have received 42 pledges for a total of \$328,389 thus far. We continue to welcome your pledge card by mail, hand delivery to the church office, and through [the online form](#). You will find an introduction and invitation to the 2024 Stewardship Campaign on the [stewardship page](#) of the church website. Thank you in advance for your commitment and generosity.

#### **Attend Our Current Adult Faith Formation Study**

Rev. Jeff Lehn's will conclude the current study of scholar, philosopher, theologian, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman using Lerita Coleman Brown's book *What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman* on Sunday, November 12 at 8:45 am in the Church Lounge. Participation on Zoom available on request.

#### **Join Men's Council on Saturday**

The gathering will begin with breakfast at 8:00 am on Saturday, November 11 in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center and continue with a program titled "The Voice Over Actor: 'Say It Like You Mean It'" and presented by John Braeseke. Contact Steve Polkoff ([odyssey1516@gmail.com](mailto:odyssey1516@gmail.com)) for more information.

#### **Discuss November's Selection with the Book Group**

Read Anne Tyler's *French Braid*, which, according to *Washington Post* reviewer Ron Charles, "offers the comfort of a beloved hymn" and attend the discussion on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm in the Church Lounge. Contact Joyce Knauff ([joyce@jckassociates.com](mailto:joyce@jckassociates.com)) for more information.

#### **Note the Senior Supper Club's Winter Edition**

Gatherings will move to 1:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in November and continuing through February. The next gathering will start at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21 at Ridgeview Grill in Wilmette. Contact Bonnie Wehrenberg ([bwherbie007@att.net](mailto:bwherbie007@att.net)) for more information.

#### **Hear Lakeshore Brass at First Pres Wilmette**

Mark your calendars for a holiday concert on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and invite neighbors and friends to join you for this festive and joyful time. The concert is free, but we will accept contributions (\$15 recommended) to benefit one of our mission partners.

#### **Support Our Board of Deacons**

Contribute to the Deacons' Fund using a green pew envelope or through a designated [online contribution](#). Funds allow Deacons to purchase cards and small gifts for those in their care. Contributions also underwrite training materials and costs associated with maintaining the church's defibrillator.

#### **Follow First Pres Wilmette on Instagram and Facebook**

Find us at [instagram.com/first\\_pres\\_wilmette](https://www.instagram.com/first_pres_wilmette) and [facebook.com/firstpreswilmette](https://www.facebook.com/firstpreswilmette). Share our posts with your friends and tell us what you'd like to see from us on our social channels.



## Common Life

### Week of November 5th 2023

#### MISSION

##### **Volunteer to Serve Family Promise Guests Joining Us this Week**

We will host families from mission partner Family Promise between this evening and the morning of Sunday, November 12. We continue to seek volunteers to stay overnight on select dates and help us close the week. Learn more about this mission partner and what volunteering entails from our [Family Promise webpage](#). Then [sign up online](#) or by calling the church office (847-256-3010).

##### **Contribute to the Giving Tree Project for Mission Partners Erie House and Family Promise**

Please help us give the families of Erie House and Family Promise a happy holiday by purchasing a gift from their wish list off our Giving Tree, located outside the church office. Select one of the hanging tags with someone's gift wish on it, write your name on the bottom, and leave that portion so we know who will provide the gift. Return unwrapped gifts to the collection boxes, also outside the church office, on or before Sunday, November 26. Call or text questions to Steve Reinhart (847-702-8062).

#### WELCOME & CONNECTION

##### **Serve as a Greeter this Fall**

Welcome members and visitors as they enter the church or during Fellowship Hour. Read a complete description of this welcoming ministry and [sign up](#) online.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

##### **Support the 2024 Tower Work Trip by Purchasing Christmas Wreaths and Greenery**

Choose from a selection of wreaths plus garland, door sprays, and a tabletop tree for the best prices and for pickup at church or select from a wider variety of options [online](#) with delivery to your address. Learn more and place your order during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, November 5 and 12. Items will arrive during the week of December 4. When ordering online, use the fundraising code FIRSTPIL001 to connect your purchase to our church. Call or [email](#) the church office with questions (847-256-3010).

#### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

##### **Midweek Meetup and Church Family Dinner Continue**

Come at 5:00 pm Wednesdays for crafts, games, music, and fun for age three through grade six. Stay for dinner starting at 6:00 pm, all in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Parents and caregivers may drop children off, participate in the activity, or share fellowship with others who have children taking part. [Register children online](#) and then [email Peggy Massello](#) so we know you're coming to dinner.

##### **Use Our Bulletin Interactively Online**

Follow links and generate email messages by viewing our Sunday Bulletin online. Find it at [fpcw.org/worship-livestream/worship-archive/](http://fpcw.org/worship-livestream/worship-archive/)

## Calendar for the Week of November 5, 2023

### Sunday, November 5

8:30 am	5th-8th Grade Fellowship	Yellow Room
8:45 am	Adult Faith Formation	Church Lounge
9:45 am	Nursery Care for Ages 0-3	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
2:00 pm	Piano Recital and Reception	Sanctuary and Narthex
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Fellowship	Tower
6:00 pm	Family Promise Guest Arrival	WMFC
6:30 pm	Tower Senior High Fellowship Dinner	Church Lounge

### Monday, November 6

6:00 pm	Finance, Budget, and Operations Committee Meeting	Upper Room
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### Tuesday, November 7

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Church Lounge
2:00 pm	Endowment Fund Meeting	Narthex Meeting Room

### Wednesday, November 8

11:30 am	Lunch Group for Women Meeting	Offsite
5:00 pm	Midweek Meetup	WMFC
6:00 pm	Church Family Dinner	WMFC
6:30 pm	4th-8th Grade Bell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

### Thursday, November 9

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

### Friday, November 10

Veterans Day Observance; Church Office Closed

### Saturday, November 11

8:00 am	Men's Council Meeting	WMFC and WMFC Kitchen
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WMFC = Wallace Moore Fellowship Center

**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 in the world. 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.

I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God. After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you might just be home!

With gratitude in Christ,  
Pastors Jeff Lehn, Kara Smith-Laubenstein and Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski

#### **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.



#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

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