

# Confirmation

*Don't let anyone look down on you because  
you are young, but set an example for the  
believers in speech, in conduct, in love,  
in faith and in purity.*

*1 Timothy 4:12*



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
MAY 6, 2018

# Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here with us, and hope that you'll feel right at home. Please join us after worship for fellowship and light refreshments in our Fellowship Hall.

Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged to participate in any of our programs, activities and ministry opportunities.

A Nursery is available downstairs for preschool children.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

If you need a little help hearing, portable listening devices are available.

Restrooms are located in the Narthex and throughout the church building.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for nursing mothers is located off the Narthex.

Activity books for children are available in the Narthex.

*Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!*

## **Sunday, May 6**

Sixth Sunday After Easter

Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor Taylor Preaching

2:00 pm- Tiger Pack

## **Monday, May 7**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

## **Tuesday, May 8**

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- PrimeTime

6:00 pm- Youth group

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Wednesday, May 9**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

2:00 pm- Blood Drive

4:00 pm- Daisy Troop 504

6:00 pm- WOW Dinner

## **Thursday, May 10**

6:00 pm- Yoga

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:00pm- Girl Scout Troop 5281

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Boy Scout Troop 277

## **Friday, May 11**

7:00 pm- Sons of Norway

## **Saturday, May 12**

Pastor Taylor Gets Married Today!

## **Sunday, May 13**

Seventh Sunday After Easter

Teacher Recognition Sunday

Gifts of Women Sunday

Mother's Day

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Women of WPC Preaching

*A community where all who seek God are welcome...*



**A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION**

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*“You will know as much of God, and only as much of God, as you are willing to put into practice.” — Eric Liddell, *The Disciplines Of The Christian Life**

### WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND MONTHLY BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Happy Birthday to you; We give thanks for your life;  
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.*

### TIME OF GREETING AND “PEACE”

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

**So great is your power!**

All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

**They sing praises to your name. Let us worship God!**

### \*OPENING HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King  
(Verses 1, 4, and 6)

### LASST UNS ERFREUEN

### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them. After the message, Sunday School age children will be excused with their teachers. Visiting parents with children are welcome to escort their children along with the teachers to the Sunday School classes or the church nursery. On the first & third Sundays of the month, MS/HS Students are invited to sit together near the front of the sanctuary during the service.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Philip Keveren

### CALL TO CONFESSION

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our hearts are hard, O God –

**Soften them with your love.**

Our hands are clenched, O God –

**Open them with your grace.**

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

**Invite us to dance with you.**

Our lives are not our own, we know –

**Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Friends, hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

#### \*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

### ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teachings so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

#### ANTHEM

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. Tom Trenney

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

MEDITATION

Pastor Taylor

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

WELCOME

RESPONSE 69

Here I am Lord

HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Fantasy on "Holy Manna"

arr. Colin Curtis

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**You are the Great Provider, the Giver of all gifts: your love the only true currency. Thank you for putting money into our hands, and so we freely offer it back to you, for use in your service. We do this in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

*(The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. W-2.4011.a Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata for a Celebration

Gene Clarke

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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*Thank you to Mina Varney and all who assisted with the worship service this morning, those volunteering to usher, and to those assisting with fellowship time today.*

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## "THANK YOU!" – FROM PASTOR TAYLOR

I just wanted to thank you all for an incredible Bridal Shower celebration on April 8th! It was so kind of you to think of me, and I feel so thankful for all of your well wishes and support as I approach my wedding! Thanks so much to all those who put in hard work to organize it and set up – it was beautiful! Thank you for all the sweet cards and gifts – you are too generous! It was such a lovely day, and I am so grateful to be in such a warm and loving congregation as this. With many thanks, Pastor Taylor

**PRIME TIME** Tuesday, May 8 at 12:00 noon - This month's speaker will be Pam Dimeler who spoke to the group several years ago about owls in the area. This month's presentation is entitled "The Linvilla Bluebird Trail". The program features her photography and videos of the Eastern Bluebird. Pam and her husband, Scott have maintained and monitored the twenty six Bluebird nesting boxes located on the Linvilla Orchard property for three years. Many aspects of the Eastern Bluebird will be discussed including Bluebird Conservation, how to maintain a Bluebird box and how to attract Bluebirds. Join us on May 8<sup>th</sup> for an interesting and informative lunch.

**BLOODMOBILE** Save a life, or two or three! The bloodmobile will once again be coming to WPC this Wednesday, May 9 from 2:00-7:00PM. This time we're doing sign ups online, which you can do by following the instructions below.

1. Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
2. Click blue box in upper right: "Make a Blood Donation Appointment"
3. Enter Sponsor Code "WPC" and click "find"
4. Click blue entry on right: "Click here to schedule an appointment to donate"
5. Enter Donor Login info if you already have a Donor Login or click on Register Now under New User. It's very easy to register.

Your login will be taken directly to the appointment page to set up a time.

*Need help booking your appointment or want someone to do it for you? Please call John Stauffer at 610-565-5094, or David Rudd at 717-644-5450. Thank you for your support.*

**WOW DINNER** The WOW Circle will be meeting at the home of Cyndi Lacroix on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for our end-of-the-year dinner. Everyone is asked to bring either a salad or dessert to share with others. All women of the church are invited to join in for a time of good food and fellowship.

**YOU'RE INVITED: TAYLOR AND DOUG'S WEDDING CEREMONY!** Pastor Taylor is getting married on May 12th, and extends an invitation to the congregation to come to the wedding ceremony! The service will take place at Woodside Presbyterian Church at 3:30pm on Saturday, May 12th. The address for the church is: [1667 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA](http://1667EdgewoodRoadYardleyPA).

**PICTURE REQUEST!** Are you one of the wonderful, wild, wacky women of Wallingford? If so, we need your help! Please bring a picture of yourself as a baby or little girl to the office (or email one) this week, to include in a fun game for Gifts of Women Sunday!

**GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY** Women of Wallingford, a gentle reminder that Sunday, May 13th we will be celebrating the gifts of you, our women young and not so young. If you would like, please bring an example of your gift or a symbol of that gift to display in fellowship hall during coffee hour. Example. If you are a knitter, bring something you have made or a skeen of yarn and needles. An artist, bring a painting or paint and brushes. A teacher, bring a picture of your class or your grade book. You can drop them off prior to worship. There will be tables set up for sharing. Any questions call Cyndi 724 991 9631

**WPC CONNECTIONS** is hosting an Adult Social Night – Fun Bowling on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sproul Lanes on Rt. 320 in Springfield. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. The sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Diane Corbett at [dcorbett1@hotmail.com](mailto:dcorbett1@hotmail.com)

**BLANKET FUND** The Women of Wallingford (WOW) would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the CWS Blanket fund. A check for \$675 was sent to them. This is an annual fund raiser that WPC has supported for many years. Thank you again!

**MISSION KITS** We are asking individuals and groups to make monetary contributions to purchase items to assemble Health, School, and Emergency Clean-Up Bucket kits for Church World Service. Kits are valued as follows: Health Kits are \$17; School Kits are \$17; and Emergency Clean-Up Bucket kits are \$78. Checks should be made out to Wallingford Presbyterian Church and marked "Mission Kits." Contributions can be sent to the Church Office by June 1, 2018.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** teacher sign-up sheet: there is a yellow sign-up sheet posted on the board in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in teaching Summer Sunday School. Weeks run from June 3rd to August 19th. Thanks to all who help educate our children. Any questions, please see Pastor Taylor.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** will be held on Monday, June 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Beginning on Monday, May 21st, items for Attic Treasures (including books, jewelry, household items & toys) can be dropped in the Choir Room. Please bring large items only on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Weaver, Nancy Curtis, Jen Nicholas, or Teresa Ahern-Sawyer.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS** are now up in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for a slot or two to help make our biggest annual event a success! No special skills are required. We need help with everything from selling tickets to scooping strawberries!

**GARDENERS AND PLANT LOVERS** It's not too early to begin planning for June 4th! As you clean out your gardens, please set aside plants to donate for the plant sale. House plants are also welcome! We would like to expand our booth to include garden tools, clay pots, baskets, and decorative indoor and outdoor pots. Your donations greatly help the success of our booth. Once again, we will be ordering annuals, herbs, tomato plants and pepper plants from Miller's Greenhouse. Please contact Dottie Celebre or Marjorie Waltman with your questions. Thank you.



# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Over the course of the last six months, five confirmands met monthly with Pastor Taylor to study what it means to be a Christian, and more specifically, what it means to be a Christian as a part of Wallingford Presbyterian Church. At the end of their time together, each student, with the help of their mentor, wrote a statement of faith. Four students presented their statements of faith before Session at a special meeting on May 1st. In accordance with the Book of Order, the Session voted to accept these four students into the adult membership of Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Today we Confirm and Commission these young people during the worship service.

**THANK YOU** to our mentors, who helped us learn and ponder. This year's mentors are Jeni Albany, Meghan Hawkins, Cyndi Lacroix, Lise Meloy, and David Rudd. We appreciate your support, love, prayers, and guidance.

## THE CONFIRMANDS

Joining our church today are Maddie, Miles, Eva, and Yvonne. Please read their profiles below to learn a bit about each of these special young people.

### **Maddie**

Maddie came to WPC through Bible Camp as a child. When she was old enough to be a shepherd, she started helping out, made friends with some members of the youth group, and decided to start coming each week. Maddie is ebullient, and brings joy and kindness with her in all her interactions. Maddie loves to read, learn, sing, and spend time with her friends. Her infectious smile and energy have been a blessing to our community.

### **Miles**

Miles started attending WPC in 6th grade, when his family moved from the Cleveland area. From day one, Miles has been precocious and adventurous. He loves to ask questions, pick apart ideas, and explore new concepts. Miles has a passionate heart, and a sharp wit, and loves to keep his leaders on their toes! He also loves history, babies, singing, acting, and sharing internet memes with his friends. Miles' propensity to question and dissect his world has blessed our group discussions with depth and complexity.

### **Eva**

Eva has been coming to WPC with her brother Max since they were tiny. Eva is often quiet and composed, but don't mistake a calm exterior for a lack of enthusiasm, lest her sudden repartee catch you by surprise! Eva plays soccer and ultimate Frisbee, and participates in Science Olympiad. In the last few years, she has become fervently invested in working towards social justice, and acting to free people from oppression. Eva is wise beyond her years, and compassionate towards all around her. We are truly blessed to have such a thoughtful young person among us.

## **Yvonne**

Yvonne has been a part of our congregation since childhood. She has blossomed over the years from a shy, quiet 6th grader, into a creative, fascinating young adult. Yvonne loves fantasy and science fiction, and spends her free time cosplaying (dressing up as fictional characters, using super-realistic costumes and props). She's passionate about art, photography, and film, and has a great flare for creativity and visual arts. Little ones are always delighted to meet her as Tinkerbell, Princess Anna, or even Rei, the Jedi knight, as she blesses our congregation and community with her talents.

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**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US** after the worship service to greet our newest members during coffee hour!



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