



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN  
TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY  
MAY 13, 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 13**

Seventh Sunday After Easter

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Celebrating the Gifts of Women

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

Women of the Church Preaching

## **Monday, May 14**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

## **Tuesday, May 15**

**Co-op closed**

9:30 am- Yoga

7:30 pm- Deacons

## **Wednesday, May 16**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Brownie Troop 504

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:30 pm- Book Look

## **Thursday, May 17**

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:00 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Boy Scout Troop 277

## **Friday, May 18**

7:00 pm- Adult Social: Bowling

## **Saturday, May 19**

2:30 pm- Cub Scout Troop 228 Event

## **Sunday, May 20**

Pentecost

Music Appreciation Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

Pastor François Preaching

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



**A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION**

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*From Women we learn even the subtle truth that the wise not only know what is happening but also why it is happening. Women teach us that when we diminish the roles of women's experience and insight in our world we diminish the needs and humanity of men as well.*

-- J. Chittister

*“As a mother comforts her child,  
So I will comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13).*

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### 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

**We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.**

**Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

Verses 1, 2, 3

#### 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

Reflection

Rosalie Bonighton

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts, cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we can rest assured that we are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*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

ANTHEM

God of Wonders

Joseph M. Martin

God of wonders. The poet wonders at the sight of mountains standing tall.  
The snow-capped peaks, the canyons deep, the Lord God made them all.  
The artist wonders at the scene of peaceful skies above.  
The clouds that play both night and day, the Lord God made them all.  
Alleluia. Glory be to God.  
The singer wonders at the sound of nature's harmony.  
The waterfall, the eagle's call, the Lord God made them all.  
Alleluia. Glory be to God. –Words by J. Paul Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 15:19-22

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:16-18

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

RESPONSE 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

**\*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

**God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring that all may feast at the table of abundance. Amen.**

## 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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Christ in Triumph

Lani Smith

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

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Pat Tillson, in honor of my father,  
Eugene Courtney*

*Thank you to 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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Please join us in coffee hour for a time of celebration as we recognize the gifts and talents of the women of our congregation.

## ONE FLAW IN WOMEN

Women have strengths that amaze men.  
They bear hardships and they carry burdens,  
but they hold happiness, love and joy.

They smile when they want to scream.  
They sing when they want to cry.  
They cry when they are happy  
and laugh when they are nervous.  
They fight for what they believe in.  
They stand up to injustice.

They don't take "no" for an answer  
when they believe there is a better solution.

They go without so their family can have.  
They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.  
They love unconditionally.  
They cry when their children excel  
and cheer when their friends get awards.

They are happy when they hear about  
a birth or a wedding.  
Their hearts break when a friend dies.  
They grieve at the loss of a family member,  
yet they are strong when they  
think there is no strength left.  
They know that a hug and a kiss  
can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors.

They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you  
to show how much they care about you..

The heart of a woman is what  
makes the world keep turning.

They bring joy, hope and love.  
They have compassion and ideas.  
They give moral support to their  
family and friends.

Women have vital things to say  
and everything to give.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN  
WOMEN,  
IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR  
WORTH.

**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 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) .

**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. Checks should be made out to Wallingford Presbyterian Church and marked "Mission Kits." Contributions can be sent to the Church Office by 6/1/2018.

**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 6/3 to 8/19. 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!

**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 flower pots. Your donations greatly help the success of our booth. Once again, we will be ordering other plants from Miller's Greenhouse. Please contact Dottie Celebre or Marjorie Waltman with your questions. Thank you.

**ADULT FORUM** Today after Worship: May 15 is a primary election in the newly created 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes virtually everyone in the WPC congregation. As you may or may not know, the new PA-5 replaces the notorious 7<sup>th</sup> District and exists due to efforts to address political gerrymandering in Pennsylvania. It is a pretty dramatic story, but it is only one of several significant gerrymandering controversies around the country. Adult Forum is going to review the changes to the Pennsylvania district maps and the growing trend reversing this widespread problem, and ask the question: what does gerrymandering reveal about the way we think about government? Next up, we will return to bible study: to figure out the topic, take a close look at the Rose Window.

**MEMORIAL TO THE LOST** WPC will again be hosting the Memorial to the Lost (aka the T-shirt memorial). Volunteers are needed to put the display up at 10AM on Saturday, June 2. Coffee and donuts will be available from 9:30 to 10 for anyone wanting to arrive early and socialize. If you can help, please contact Walt Kaminski ([kaminsww@gmail.com](mailto:kaminsww@gmail.com) or 610-334-2025).

# Cares and Concerns

## In our Prayers this week:

As a congregation, we celebrate and give thanks to God for the marriage of our Associate Pastor Rev. Taylor Mills to Rev. Doug Cornelius of Hamilton Square Presbyterian Church.

## We Continue to Pray for:

A loved one of the Callahans	Mina Varney
	Basil and Vera Gregorovich
June Schneider (Mom of Mary Smith)	Maegan Herrington
Sharon Feist	Debbie Teti (Daughter of Mary Rose)
Men, women and veterans of our armed forces	
Our Missionaries: Charles Knuckles for CityTeam Rescue & Recovery, San Jose, CA	
Rev. Dr. Barry Dawson & Shelley Dawson, Pres. World Mission, Southeast Asia	
Jeni Pedzinski for International Ministries in Thailand	
Charles & Melissa Johnson, Presbyterian World Mission in Zambia	
John Stauffer for The America Team for Displaced Eritreans	

*Please note that prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for four consecutive weeks. If you wish to have your concern listed again, please fill out a new prayer card or contact the office.*

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