



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 8, 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, July 8

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

Monday, July 9

6:30 pm- VBC Meeting

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, July 10

Wednesday, July 11

Independence Day: Office Closed

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Thursday, July 12

Friday, July 13

Saturday, July 14

Sunday, July 15

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“That day, I learned that I could be a giver by simply bringing a smile to another person. The ensuing years have taught me that a kind word, a vote of support is a charitable gift. I can move over and make another place for someone. I can turn my music up if it pleases, or down if it is annoying. I may never be known as a philanthropist, but I certainly am a lover of mankind, and I will give freely of my resources.” — Maya Angelou, Letter to My Daughter

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

Take time to smell the flowers, to roll down a grassy hill, to make a dandelion necklace, and bask in the warmth of our God.

We gather to rest in God.

Slow down the pace of your life, take a deep breath, share a cup of coffee with a friend, and bask in the warmth of our God.

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Enter this sacred space, wait for the Spirit to stir, feel Christ lift your burdens, and bask in the warmth of our God.

We gather to rest in God.

OPENING HYMN 397

Oh Look and Wonder

MIREN QUE BUÉNO

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends in Christ, if we are brave enough to admit it we know that we strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we are in constant need of grace. With faith and trust in the love of God let us confess our need for forgiveness and God's life giving grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherding God, you are present in all the moments of our lives,

Calling us into the ways of abundant life. You send prophets and leaders to model your compassion, and we so often prefer instead the ideals of our competitive world.

(Silent reflection)

Loving God, you are present in all the moments of our lives,

Jesus invites us to simple discipleship, and yet we are tempted to measure our success by what we own, by what we possess.

(Silent reflection)

Merciful God, you are present in all the moments of our lives,

You offer us grace sufficient for all our needs, and yet we so often seek validation of our worth from others, unwilling to believe that through Jesus Christ we are made one with you.

(Silent reflection)

Forgive us, God.

Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved friends, God provides all that we need so that we might be made whole. And God is always ready to begin again with us. God loves us. God forgives us.

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glorify 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.

*RESPONSE

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of eternity, without beginning, without end, speak your Word to us this day by the power of your Spirit, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

ANTHEM

SERMON

Observations from the Field

Pastor François

HYMN 19

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT
AND GOD OF SMALL

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

*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

We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money, and our lives, might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by John and Teresa Sawyer in memory of loved ones.

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

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 8/26. Any questions, please see Pastor Taylor.

THE NEXT BOOKLOOK will take place on Wednesday, July 11. The book chosen is Markus Zusak's "The Book Thief". Here is a quick review from Amazon (with edits), "The extraordinary #1 *New York Times* bestseller that is now a major motion picture, Markus Zusak's unforgettable story of a German family and a Jewish boy in 1939 pre-war Germany is about the ability of books to feed the soul." Books cost \$5. If you want to order one, contact Walt Kaminski.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP With school ending, it's about to be camp season! Mark your calendars now for WPC's 2018 Vacation Bible Camp on July 16th-20th, 6pm-8pm. Our theme will be "Shipwrecked!" We'll learn all about how God saves us! We'll sing great songs, do activities, and learn about God's Word. We need your help to make this camp a week to remember for our kids! If you'd like to sign up to be a teacher, helper, or if you'd like to donate snacks, you can email Pastor Taylor (pastortaylor@wallingfordpres.org) or sign up in Fellowship Hall. To reserve a spot for your child you can call or email Pastor Taylor, sign up in the church office, register on the church website, or sign up the day-of.

BLUE SHEETS? Do you have any old blue king or queen sized sheets sitting around that we could borrow? We're looking for backdrops for VBC. Contact Pastor Taylor if you can help.

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