



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 22, 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 22

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

Monday, July 23

7:00 pm- Stewardship Council

Tuesday, July 24

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, July 25

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Thursday, July 26

Friday, July 27

Saturday, July 28

Sunday, July 29

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Favorite Hymn Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor Taylor Preaching

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Those who cannot hear the music think the dancer mad...

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

On the Sabbath, God invites us to come away and rest a while.

We gather to be with God and with one another.

The love of God gives us our place.

The love of God gives us our peace.

The love of God refreshes and renews.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN 401

Here in This Place
(verse 1, 2 and 4)

GATHER US IN

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL OFFERING FROM VBC

MUSICAL OFFERING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sin, confident in God's love for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(An extended period of silence is kept for personal confession)

Loving God, forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, through the love of God in Jesus Christ we have been restored to the grace of God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*SUNG 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

Holy Spirit, come dwell with us and in us, that as we read and listen to God's Word we might be blessed with understanding. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

ANTHEM

Soloist Karina Sweeney

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

Graceful Dancing

Pastor François

RESPONSIVE HYMN 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

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

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 742**

We Will Walk With God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on 'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

arr. Dan Edwards

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

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Russ Kinder in memory of the birthday of his daughter, Susanna B. Kinder.

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

WE THANK JOHN CONAHAN, our substitute organist who will be covering for Liz, as she is on vacation for the month of July.

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped to make VBC a success!

PASTOR FRANCOIS WILL BE ON VACATION from Tuesday, July 24th to Wednesday, August 8th. Any immediate concerns or questions during that time can be directed to Pastor Taylor, or to Kate in the office.

Youth Movie Night Wednesday, August 8th, all middle and high school youth are invited to a movie night. We will be watching the 1980's classic *The Princess Bride*, a silly tale of pirates, princesses, and sorcerers! Contact Pastor Taylor with any questions.

THE NEXT BOOKLOOK will be held on Wednesday, August 22 at 7:30 pm. The book chosen is "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett. Here is an abbreviated summary from Amazon:
“One Sunday afternoon in Southern California, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating’s christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny’s mother, Beverly—thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families. Spanning five decades, Commonwealth explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children involved... When, in her twenties, Franny begins an affair with the legendary author Leon Posen and tells him about her family, the story of her siblings is no longer hers to control. Their childhood becomes the basis for his wildly successful book, ultimately forcing them to come to terms with their losses, their guilt, and the deeply loyal connection they feel for one another.” Commonwealth is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation, and the ownership of stories. It is a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility that bind us together. If anyone wants to order a copy they can contact Walt Kaminski. Cost is approximately \$5.50.

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