



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 2, 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, September 2**

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

## **Monday, September 3**

Labor Day, Office Closed

## **Tuesday, September 4**

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Wednesday, September 5**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

7:00 pm- WCNS Parent Night

## **Thursday, September 6**

6:00 pm- Yoga

6:30 pm- Girl Scouts 518

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

## **Friday, September 7**

9:00 am- WCNS Picnic

## **Saturday, September 8**

## **Sunday, September 9**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Day

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Congregational Meeting

11:30 am- Church Picnic

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



**A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION**

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION — Brennan Manning, The Furious Longing of God

“The gospel is absurd and the life of Jesus is meaningless unless we believe that He lived, died, and rose again with but one purpose in mind: to make brand-new creation. Not to make people with better morals but to create a community of prophets and professional lovers, men and women who would surrender to the mystery of the fire of the Spirit that burns within, who would live in ever greater fidelity to the omnipresent Word of God, who would enter into the center of it all, the very heart and mystery of Christ, into the center of the flame that consumes, purifies, and sets everything aglow with peace, joy, boldness, and extravagant, furious love. This, my friend, is what it really means to be a Christian.”

WELCOME AND 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.*

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God sang the world into existence

**And all creatures sang their praise.**

The trees clapped their hands,

**The mountains echoed joy,**

And rivers babbled their praise.

**When the melody grew faint,**

God sent a new singer.

**Jesus was the new song of God’s love and grace ---**

A sustaining grace on the darkest night,

**A persistent grace when the road is long,**

Amazing grace when we don’t know where to turn.

**The song is strong; God’s love goes on and on.**

\*OPENING HYMN 365

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!  
(Verses 1 and 4)

MARION

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, children may return to their parents in the pews.*

# SACRED SONG SERVICE

## THE LIFE OF JESUS THE CHRIST

I invite you now to listen for the word of God expressed in scripture, music, song and hymn, in the silence, in prayer, in the movement of the spirit as we visit once again the Life of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Listen to the words spoken and unspoken. Listen for the Word of God, for the Spirit of God. Listen to God's story for us as it unfolds in the life of Jesus Christ.

### PROPHECY

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:1-10, John 1:1-18

RESPONSE 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent  
(Verses 1-2)

PICARDY

### NATIVITY

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20

RESPONSE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
Pastor Taylor

arr. David Haas

### BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-13

RESPONSE 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

### MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-19, Matthew 4:23-5:17

### 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.**

### The Institution of the Lord's Supper

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:20-30

### INVITATION

The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This morning we commune by intinction. At the invitation of the ushers please come forward to the table, using the center aisle, where the elders will offer you the bread and cup. Simply dip the bread into the cup and eat. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you.*

PASSION

SCRIPTURE

RESPONSE

Mark 14:12-42  
I Only Want to Say  
Pastor François

Andrew Lloyd Weber

SCRIPTURE

RESPONSE

Mark 15:1-20, 33-39  
Were You There  
Kara Mulder

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

*(Moment of Silence)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to our loving God who calls us close through our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you have called us to yourself, but we choose to walk away.**

**We forget that your story is our story. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to death.**

**Deceiving ourselves we abandon your commandment to love one another as Jesus first loved us.**

**We honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. (Silent Confession)**

Help us to hear the story of divine grace and love once more.

**Forgive us, cleanse our hearts and minds and show us the way back to you and to the heart of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*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.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has liberated us from death and made us new by the living word, filling our hearts with God's love.

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

\*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.***

Resurrection

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8 (and shorter ending)

RESPONSE 246

Christ Is Alive!  
(Verses 1, 4 and 5)

TRURO

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

BENEDICTION

TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

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

**And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

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

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Shirley and David Rudd in celebration of 53 years of marriage.*

*Thank you to Roger Demos 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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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2018** The Congregation of Wallingford Presbyterian Church will hold a meeting after worship on September 9th in order to elect new church officers.

**RALLY DAY IS COMING!** Welcome Home 2018

Sunday, September 9th Wallingford Presbyterian Church will be celebrating Rally Day! We will have a 10 am worship service, and it will be Registration Day for all Nursery and Sunday School students which will happen in their classes downstairs.

**THE ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will resume at 9:30am on Monday, September 10, focusing on the book of Ephesians. No Bible knowledge is necessary to participate.

**CHURCH PICNIC** As part of Rally Day on September 9, WPC Connections will be providing a catered picnic lunch by Chewy's. This event is to start the new year as well as celebrate all the work done by people of the church during the past year. While waiting for lunch to be served, we will be entertained by Dick Rainer, a juggler. In order to make the picnic a success, we need some help from the congregation. We need several people to put up tables and chairs in the courtyard at 4PM on Saturday, September 8. We also need volunteers to bring dessert. Sign-ups for both activities can be done in Fellowship Hall, or by contacting Teresa Ahern-Sawyer, Gail Weaver or Walt Kaminski.

**SPROUTS GO BOWLING!** Friday, September 14th 6pm-8pm, our children's program for K-5th Grade, Sprouts, will be going bowling at Sproul Lanes on September 14th from 6pm-8pm! We will start our Sprouts program year with a bang, and have some fun together, as well as pizza! There is no cost for the event, and we would love for your children to come join us to celebrate this new year together! We need three parents to stay as chaperones/drivers to Sproul Lanes. If you are interested, or if you have any questions at all, contact Pastor Taylor at [pastortaylor@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:pastortaylor@wallingfordpres.org), or call (610) 566-1644. We hope to see you there!

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** Smile! WPC is planning a new church directory (our most recent version dates to 2014) and hopefully all members and attendees will plan to pose. Greeting one another is so much easier when you can put a name to a face and everyone is encouraged to participate. Dates have been spread over two weeks to accommodate busy schedules. Sessions are 2 p.m.-8:40 p.m., Oct. 18, 19, 24 and 25 and 10 a.m.-4:40 p.m., Oct. 20. (If you are unable to attend, a limited number of self-provided photos may be used.) Sign-ups are available in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Tom Erickson at 610-565-8458 or [Tom.Erickson@railcents.com](mailto:Tom.Erickson@railcents.com)

**THE NEXT BOOKLOOK** will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday, October 17. The book chosen is *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. Books can be ordered individually, or by contacting Walt Kaminski (610-334-2025). Cost is approximately \$9.50. From Amazon: "Blending psychology, politics, spirituality, and confessional, *The Road to Character* provides an opportunity for us to rethink our priorities, and strive to build rich inner lives marked by humility and moral depth."

**FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS**, a men's discussion group, will resume at 10am on Wednesday, September 12. We spend part of the hour discussing politics and personal issues and part of the hour on book discussion. This year's book is *Moral Man and Immoral Society* by Reinhold Niebuhr, a writer how has influenced many presidents of the United States.

**BLOODMOBILE** SAVE THE DATE; SAVE A LIFE...OR TWO...OR THREE Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00-7:00PM. You can sign up online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org> It's very easy to register. 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.

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