



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 5, 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, August 5**

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor Taylor Preaching

## **Monday, August 6**

## **Tuesday, August 7**

## **Wednesday, August 8**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

6:00 pm- Youth Group Movie Night

## **Thursday, August 9**

## **Friday, August 10**

7:00 pm- Sons of Norway

## **Saturday, August 11**

## **Sunday, August 12**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

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

*The first step toward the soul's recovery is the knowledge of the sin committed.*

– Seneca

*Let us be assured that to do no wrong is really superhuman and belongs to God alone.*

– Gregory Nazianzen

### 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

Here at the feast of God's holy Word and holy meal,

**eyes and ears are opened,**

hearts flung wide,

**so that we may all be glad and filled with hope.**

**Let us worship God!**

### OPENING HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

### 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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

arr. Eugene Englert

### CALL TO CONFESSION

God has given us a sign showing that love is stronger than death. The sign of the cross points to our exodus from bondage to sin. Let us repent, seek God's forgiveness, and enter into new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise of our faith is that whoever turns to Jesus Christ will never hunger for forgiveness and that which gives life to the world. That is a promise of joy and peace, so let us live into the newness of life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\*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.*

**ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, may the reading of your Word be for us the bread you send from heaven that gives life to the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:1-12

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
Andrea Couzens, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

SERMON

A Man After God's Own Lamb

Pastor Taylor

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Meditation on an American Hymn

arr. Lani Smith

\*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 grace, receive these gifts, and may our lives be to you an offering for your Kingdom, in union with Christ's offering for us. Mobilize these gifts to bring your peace and love to all who need it. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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.*

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

\*CLOSING HYMN 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on 'Duke Street'

arr. David Paxton

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

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Jen Nicholas in Memory of Sidney, Frances, & Barbara Jones & Andrew Nicholas.*

*Thank you to Lin Floyd 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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**PASTOR FRANÇOIS 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.

**ART EXHIBIT OPENING** Kai Yokoyama would like to invite the congregation of Wallingford Presbyterian Church to the opening reception for an exhibition of this father Tokujiro Niishi's art at Drexel University on Thursday, August 9th from 5-7 pm at the Paul Peck Alumni Center. From the Drexel Collection's website, "*As a member of the Sakujitsu-Kai artists' group, Nishi's paintings embody the shared styles of traditional Japanese oil painting and the western-styles of Post-Impressionism and Neo-Expressionist artists.*" The exhibition itself will be running from 8/9 through 12/14.

**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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