



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 12, 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 12

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

11:15 am- New Officer Training

Monday, August 13

Tuesday, August 14

6:30 pm- Sunday School Teacher Mtg

7:30 pm- Education Council

Wednesday, August 15

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Thursday, August 16

12:00 pm- Staff Meeting

Friday, August 17

Saturday, August 18

Sunday, August 19

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

Monday-Friday: Sound System

Installation in Sanctuary

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can't change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit.” — Charles de Lint

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

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

We come as God's beloved children, seeking the bread that gives new and everlasting life.

Come, let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

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

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

Earl Varney, trombone and Gwyn Vernon, piano

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

Living God, being together gives us time to reflect on our presence in your world.

We confess that sometimes our living does not reflect our gratitude for all you give so freely. When we do not live as neighbors, when anger controls our actions, when we walk away from hard conversations, when we avoid our own guilt, and fail to build up the Body of Christ, forgive us, God, and help us. (*Silent Confession*)

Renew our desire to live transformed by your love. Do not let us be defeated by our failures. In being honest with you, keep us from being disheartened disciples.

Renew us, God, and help us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives us unconditionally. Through this gift of grace may we have confidence to live, transformed by God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SUNG 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.

*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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

ANTHEM

Largo (from *The "New World" Symphony*)
Gwyn Vernon, piano

Antonin Dvorak

GOSPEL READING

John 6:35, 41-51

SERMON

Rules for the Journey

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 699

Fill My Cup

FILL MY CUP

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Through Jesus, God gives us every spiritual gift and a glorious vision of the fullness of time. Come people of God, let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

Ave Verum Corpus
Earl Varney, trombone and Gwyn Vernon, piano

W. A. Mozart

*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

Wise and wonderful God, your love defines our lives, giving shape and direction to our days. Accept these, our gifts we pray, and give us one thing more, to live according to the graceful, challenging, and exhilarating rule of your love. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Julia Winton in memory of her parents Elizabeth M. Burrow and Jarrel G. Burrow.

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

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.

RALLY DAY IS COMING! 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.

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