



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST, 26, 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 26**

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Officer Training

## **Monday, August 27**

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Tuesday, August 28**

7:30 pm- Trustees

## **Wednesday, August 29**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

## **Thursday, August 30**

7:30 Mission and Service Committee

## **Friday, August 31**

## **Saturday, September 1**

## **Sunday, September 2**

Fifteenth 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

Your God is too small. – J.B. Phillips

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Saint Augustine, a leader of the Christian Church who lived about sixteen hundred years ago, once prayed in this way to God, “You stir humanity to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

Let us take a few moments as we begin our worship to be still and at rest before we call upon the name of our God.

*(The congregation is invited to be still, breathe and sit in the presence of God’s Spirit)*

At home in the kindness of God, **we come to be restored, we come to be changed.**

At peace in the welcome of Christ, **we come to be restored, we come to be changed.**

And at one with the Spirit of Love, **we come to be restored, we come to be changed.**

### OPENING HYMN

Hymn Sing

### 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

Word of God Speak  
Paul Sommers, soloist

Peter Kipley

### 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

In and through Christ, we offer our confession before the God of undeserving kindness and love.

For a lack of trust in your welcoming love and lingering doubts about our God-given dignity.

**We confess our disbelief; we feel our hardness of heart** (*silent reflection*).

For the high walls we build around ourselves in the desperate need to protect and defend.

**We confess our disbelief; we feel our hardness of heart** (*silent reflection*).

And for the lengths we will go to exclude yet for the very best of religious reasons.

**We confess our disbelief; we feel our hardness of heart** (*silent reflection*).

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, the love of God embraces and welcomes us as precious children. In that love we are renewed in body and soul. 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 6:10-20

### GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

### SERMON

God, Jesus, and Religion

Pastor François

## \*RESPONSE

Hymn Sing

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## \*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 hospitable and empowering love, take these gifts and use them through us for the well-being of others. Take all that we have in the vision of peace, shelter, and goodwill to all. 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

Hymn Sing

## BENEDICTION

## TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

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

**And also with you.**

*(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

## POSTLUDE

Flourish on "Salzburg"

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 Helene Furlong, in memory of John and Helene Furlong*

*Thank you to Bob Kenworthy 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.

**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 confessionals, *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."

## **HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

It is exciting that we have a new sound system in the sanctuary that will enhance our worship experience. The cost of the new system was paid with Memorial Funds. Thank you all.

## **DID YOU KNOW???**

The Memorial Committee is charged with recommending to the Session ways of using memorial funds to enhance the worship and faith experiences of those who come to Wallingford Presbyterian Church. As people give money to the church in memory of a loved one, the money is placed in the Memorial Fund to be managed by the Memorial Committee. General funds from the Memorial Fund have been used to purchase the Stained Glass window books that are found in the pews, the banners hung in the sanctuary, various communion chalices, plates, pitchers, and more. Specific larger donations have been given in memory of loved ones. These funds purchased the stained glass windows, the cross in the chancel, the Carillon bells music system, the baptismal font, and much more.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SAVE A LIFE...OR TWO...OR THREE**  
**Wallingford Presbyterian Church**  
**BLOODMOBILE**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2:00-7:00PM**

You can sign up online by following the instructions below.

- ♥ Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org>
- ♥ Find "Find a Blood Drive" (upper right hand corner...enter Sponsor Code WPC)
- ♥ Select your Appointment time and Donation Type.
- ♥ Enter Donor Login info if you already have a Donor Login or click on Register Now under New User. It's very easy to register.

Your login will be taken directly to the appointment page to set up a time.

**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.**

## STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor  
Rev. Taylor Cornelius, Associate Pastor  
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