



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 23

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor Taylor Preaching

Ordination and Installation of Officers

11:15am- ChristMarket Committee

11:15 am- Adult Forum

Monday, September 24

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

Tuesday, September 25

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, September 26

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

6:00 pm- Youth Group

6:00 pm- Potluck and Israel Palestine Report

Thursday, September 27

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, September 28

Saturday, September 29

9:30 am- Yoga

Sunday, September 30

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

Ordination and Installation of Officers

3:00 pm- Antczak -Garrison Wedding

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“There are [those] who, being enlightened in their understanding and purified in their affection, always breathe after things eternal . . . and such as these perceive what the Spirit of Truth speaks in them. For it teaches them to despise the things of the earth and to love heavenly things; to disregard the world, and all the day and night to aspire after heaven.”

-- Thomas a Kempis, Of the Imitation of Christ

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 95:1, 2

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN 366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

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

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

CALL TO CONFESSION

Heb. 4:14–16

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*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

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

ANTHEM

Abide, O Spirit of Life

David Haas

*We stand firm here before you with our weakness and longing for you,
we are bound to love one another, Abide O Spirit of Life.
We ask you to guide all our actions, to show us the way we should walk,
we desire to know what will please you, Abide O Spirit of Life.*

*(Refrain:) Let peace fill our hearts, let love fill our minds,
Make us loving disciples of Christ,
So may we be one, so may we be yours, Abide O Spirit of Life.*

*May you be our sole inspiration, may you see whatever we do
may we act in your name forever, Abide O Spirit of Life. (Refrain)*

*May we walk together in justice, teach us wisdom unite all our hearts,
may your grace be here now to guide us, Abide O Spirit of Life. (Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11

SERMON

Spirit Thinking

Pastor Taylor

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #286

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERVICE OF ORDINATION, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING

PRESENTATION OF TRUSTEES, DEACONS, AND RULING ELDERS

Trustees: Charles Hammes and Walt Kaminski

Deacons: Carol Dotts, Mimi Haggerty and June Tolomeo

Ruling Elders: Chris Darr, Lin Floyd and Leslie Krowchenko

INVITATION

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different persons in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit to use for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION AND THE COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEES.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Hayes

*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

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

SHARING OF 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 749

Come, Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Noel Rawsthorne

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.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Helen and Ver Picher to give grateful thanks to God for our 32nd wedding anniversary and for the continuing recovery of loved ones.

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

CHRISTMARKET is coming up sooner than you think! Are you involved with an organization that could use our help? We'll be having the first meeting to plan our annual alternative gift shop *today* after worship, and we'd love to hear your ideas!

ADULT FORUM continues today at 11:30 in the Reception Room.. Pastor François will offer a discussion on Presbyterianism 101 – “Curious? Find out more... about being Presbyterian and WPC.” Throughout the academic year, topics will be presented after worship by Pastor François, Pastor Taylor, Liz Braden, and the Peace-making and Social Justice Committee, with regular Adult Forum discussions with Frank Noyes in between. Pastor Taylor will lead a discussion of “Jesus and Elijah: Similarity and Fulfillment” on *September 30*. October sessions will be announced shortly and the schedule will be posted on the online calendar on the website. **Every Sunday there will be an opportunity to linger after worship for a discussion on Bible study or topics concerning aspects of faith and faithful living**, generally running from 11:30 for approximately one hour. Plan to stick around on Sundays and join us whenever you can.

ISRAEL PALESTINE- THROUGH MY EYES Wednesday, September 26th, Join Pastor François as he shares his experience in Israel and Palestine. He will share his reflection of what it means to be a Christian in a land called Holy. Bring a dish to share at 6pm. The program will be from 6:30 to 8pm.

PLAY GROUP Join us for Children's Playgroup on Saturday October 6th at 10am. We'll welcome a special guest, Rhythm Babies! Rhythm Babies "enhances young children's auditory senses, cognitive and musical skills through singing, rhythm, and creative movement activities." We will meet at 10am in the Reception Room. This is a free event and is best for children 5 and under. Siblings are welcome! Contact Leah Hillemeier (484-832-1235) with any questions.

WANT AN EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK? We need you! If your own children or grandchildren are far away, you can share a little bit of your love for them with the children and youth of our church. We need volunteers to provide dinner for Youth Group and Sprouts, and would love your help making this happen. It is a one-time commitment, and it brings great joy to our kids. If you'd like to sign up, you can call the church office, call or email Pastor Taylor (pastortaylor@wallingfordpres.org) or sign up online through the links provided in the WPC Happenings emails.

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."

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, or by scanning the QR code to the right. Questions? Contact Tom Erickson at 610-565-8458 or Tom.Erickson@railcents.com



TODAY THE ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES are hearing the story of Joseph and the coat his father gave him (Genesis 37:1-11). The focus of our curriculum is growing in grace and gratitude for all God's blessings. Your Education Council is supporting this focus by sponsoring a coat and jacket drive beginning next Sunday, September 30th, and concluding October 21st. Collection boxes will be scattered around the church and clearly marked. We are asking for donations of new or gently used (clean) coats or jackets for men, women, and children of all sizes. This is a Mission Project sponsored by the WPC Education council in collaboration with the WPC Mission and Service Committee. We ask for your support of Christian Education programs here at WPC.

WEDDING BELLS! *Next Sunday, at 3pm, Kristen Antczak and John Garrison will be getting married here at Wallingford Presbyterian Church. They invite any member of our church family who would like to attend the service to come witness their union.*



Wallingford Presbyterian Church Feeds the World Sunday, October 14th

Jobs for all from age 6 to 96...

- ⇒ Load in Crew from 7:30 AM to bring in the equipment and supplies.
- ⇒ Lunch Crew from about 11 am to about 12:30 pm serving the pizza and salad lunch for the volunteers.
- ⇒ Packing Crew from about 12:30pm to 3:00 pm to fill, weigh, seal, and pack meals to meet our 12,528 meal goal.

All we need is YOU!

(Families welcome...child care provided for younger children.)

7:30 am Load-in and Set Up

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

11:15 am – Fellowship in the Reception Room

11:45 am – Lunch for the Volunteers in the Reception Room

Hear from Rise Against Hunger while we eat.

12:30 am – Start the Pack Out and the Music

Jobs for ages 6 to 96....

3:00 pm – Celebrate Success

3:00 pm – 3: 30 pm Clean up and Load out

Please sign up on the clipboards in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!

Mission and Service Committee



**SAVE THE DATE
SAVE A LIFE...OR TWO...OR THREE**

Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Bloodmobile

Wednesday, October 24th
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.

“FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.”

MATTHEW 6:22

As we move into the season of harvesting and gathering, we are invited to witness the results of our past year of *Building on a Foundation of Faith*. We see our faith in the upgrades to our campus, which is the center of our community life - a home to scouts, after school programming, Cop Nursery School, Women of Wallingford, Yoga, and Sunday school students (young and old). We see our faith in our new members. We hear it through the new sound system, the voices of our choir, and in the wisdom of our Young Disciples.

This year our 2019 pledge drive will begin on Sunday, Oct. 14, and close in celebration on Dec. 2, the first Sunday in Advent. We chose to celebrate our commitment on this date because Advent is a time when we prepare ourselves to rejoice in Jesus' coming into the world.

In this church, Faith truly is a verb. We recognize that this fall is as active as usual, with many requests for our time, resources, and money. In the midst of these busy days, we ask that you prayerfully remember that we make so much possible through our giving to WPC and feel its impact in our lives each day.

SPIRITUAL PROMISES

Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Philippians 4:6-7

. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 86:15

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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