

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 30

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

Monday, October 1

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, October 2

Wednesday, October 3

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:00 pm- Pastor's Book Look

Thursday, October 4

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, October 5

6:00 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, October 6

9:30 am- Yoga

10:00 am- Play Group

Sunday, October 7

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

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

“Christian life is not a life divided between times for action and times for contemplation. No. Real social action is a way of contemplation, and real contemplation is the core of social action.”
— **Henri J.M. Nouwen**

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, bring your hearts and minds to God.

We Come, expecting Jesus to open for us a new vision for life.

Come, rejoice in the movement of the Spirit that knows no boundaries.

We give thanks for God’s presence among us. Open us, God!

Open our hearts to your unexpected, saving Word.

Open our minds to encounter your sure Wisdom.

Renew our spirits to follow your call.

Open us, God!

OPENING HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL’S 148TH

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

Praeludium

Michael Higgins

CALL TO CONFESSION

With confidence in the love and grace of God, Let us now confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be forgiven and healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For the times that we have tried to place human boundaries on your infinite Wisdom and your saving Word, Forgive us. For the times that our hearts have been hard against our families and neighbors, forgive us. For the times that our minds have been closed to learning from you how to extend your peace in the world, forgive us. For the times that our spirits have tried to limit the life giving work of your Spirit, Forgive us.

(Silent Confession)

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends in Christ, God's love is greater than all our lack of caring. God's forgiveness is bigger and wider than any hurt or harm we can ever receive or give. So open the windows of your hearts and hear the good news. We are loved. We are forgiven. We live in the grace of God.

Thanks be to God.

*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

Lord God, by the power of your spirit, enlighten our eyes, instruct our minds, rejoice our hearts, and revive our souls so that our lips and our lives may bear witness to your Word.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Selected Readings from the Letter of James

ANTHEM

The Way of Peace

arr. Sheldon Curry

*O may I walk the way of peace, where there is hate, let me sow love,
when fear destroys, help me restore, be the peace I'm longing for.*

*When tears flow free, reach out in grace when darkness comes reflect love's light,
when grief abounds show endless care, turn from violence anywhere.
May we care less to be loved than to love, to talk than to hear,
to rule than lift up, to keep than let go.*

*Teach us the ways of harmony, by pardoning we our guilt assuage,
by pouring out, we're made complete, thus we find the way of peace.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERVICE OF ORDINATION, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING

PRESENTATION OF TRUSTEES, DEACONS, AND RULING ELDERS

Trustees: Kevin Montague

Deacons: Mary Lou Day and Rosanna Denny

Ruling Elders: Michael Meloy

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

*RESPONSE 751

From the Nets of Our Labor
(Verses 1, 4 and 6)

HAMILTON

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY Stephen Ministry

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

It is the Spirit that gives life to all our good works. Therefore let the Spirit move and let your good works shine out the message of God's love.

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art

arr. Paul A. Tate

*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

Bring these gifts to life with your blessing, O God, and may they be used as Jesus would have used them. Amen.

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.

*CLOSING HYMN 69

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky
(Verses 1 and 3)

HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

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

Festive Postlude

Noel Rawsthorne

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Rhoda Morgan in loving memory of Del Morgan.

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.

WEDDING BELLS! *Today, at 2pm, Kristin 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.*

ADULT FORUM continues today at 11:30 in the Reception Room.. Pastor Taylor will lead a discussion of "Jesus and Elijah: Similarity and Fulfillment." 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.

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.

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



COAT AND JACKET DRIVE Beginning today, 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. Coats collected will benefit CityTeam.

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."

HALLOWEEN IS ALIVE AT WPC! Inviting our members and the community. Trunks needed, along with volunteers, to participate in the Third Annual Trunk or Treat event at WPC. On Sunday, October 28, from 4-6 pm, WPC will be hosting a fun event for young and old alike. Using our upper parking lot, kids will visit the "trunks" decked out for Halloween and get their "treats" in a safe, fun environment. We need your help to deliver on this Mission and Connections event. We need 20 to 35 "trunks" (cars, trucks, SUVs) with "treats" (pre-packaged, allergen-free candy or natural treats like apples, considered an in-kind donation to the church). We have parking lot attendants on board, and need several members of WPC to greet our guests. Please contact Shirley Rudd (dvr65sar@comcast.net or 484-479-3672) if you can help with this fun event. Call soon so we can move ahead with our plans. Sign up sheet available in Fellowship Hall. ***Your chance to dress up and bring Halloween joy to our kids, our neighbors' kids, and our friends' kids. Don't forget, our Boy Scout Troop will also be on hand with hot dogs right off the grill, along with drinks. A fun time to be sure.***

HURRICANE RESPONSE GIVING CHALLENGE - Wallingford Presbyterian Church seeks to respond to the victims of Hurricane Florence by making a special offering to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and so we are inviting you to take part in a giving challenge. The Mission and Service Committee will match your gifts dollar for dollar up to the first \$5,000. If you would like to make a gift, your check can be made out to Wallingford Presbyterian Church and the offerings will be sent in together. Please note “Hurricane Relief” in the memo. If you prefer to make a gift by credit card, you may do so directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at their website www.pda.pcusa.org/. Make sure to let us know that you have made a direct gift so that we can include your amount in the matching gift challenge. For more information about how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to these needs and many others, visit their website at www.pda.pcusa.org/. We thank you for considering this great need.

God is our refuge and strength

Therefore, we will not fear ... though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble. —Psalm 46

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by the storm on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months. The storm’s path is cutting across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the psalmist says, “a river whose streams make glad the city of God.”

STEWARDSHIP

“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 program, Co-op Nursery School, Women of Wallingford, Yoga, and a new group of 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, October 14, and close in celebration on December 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.

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING You may have looked at the bulletin on Sunday mornings and seen that we are a **Stephen Series Congregation**. Stephen Ministers were first trained at Wallingford Presbyterian Church in 1999. Since then there have been two other training classes. It is time for a new training class. In order to make the class more effective we are combining with Swarthmore Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church to run 50 hours of training on Wednesday nights from the middle of January until early May. There also will be two Saturday retreats. There will be a table with more information and application forms in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Please pray for those whom God is calling to be caregivers. If God is calling you to this ministry, please stop by.

Did You Know? Wallingford Presbyterian Church is blessed to be a living, loving and giving church. Through the generosity of our congregation, WPC's annual budget has remained close to \$500,000 over the past 15 years, even during difficult times. Our three capital campaigns have provided an additional \$700,000+, largely for deferred maintenance needs as well as improvements to our buildings and grounds. Your pledged commitment to the mission and ministry of our church has made this possible. Thank you.

WEDNESDAYS AT WALLINGFORD – THIS WEDNESDAY 7:00 – 8:30

PASTOR'S 'BOOK LOOK'

Join Pastor François for a review of JB Philips, *Your God Is Too Small*

This forty-year-old Christian classic and bestseller is a study group favorite; this book challenges readers' conventional views about God and encourages them to search for a meaningful redefinition of a higher power that is relevant to contemporary existence.



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.

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