



## 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 9

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Congregational Meeting

11:30 am- Church Picnic

### Monday, September 10

7:30 pm- Session

### Tuesday, September 11

12:00 pm- PrimeTime

### Wednesday, September 12

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Girl Scouts 50

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

### Thursday, September 13

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

### Friday, September 14

6:00 pm- Sprouts- Bowling

7:00 pm- Sons of Norway

### Saturday, September 15

### Sunday, September 16

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

**SPROUTS GO BOWLING!** This 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!

**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."

**THE ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will resume at 9:30am on Monday, September 10, focusing on the book of Ephesians. No Bible knowledge is necessary to participate.

**FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS**, a men's discussion group, will resume at 10am on Wednesday, September 12. We spend part of the hour discussing politics and personal issues and part of the hour on book discussion. This year's book is *Moral Man and Immoral Society* by Reinhold Niebuhr, a writer how has influenced many presidents of the United States.

### 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.

**WOW CIRCLE** - will meet this coming Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the Reception Room at 7:00 pm. Join us for a Meet and Greet and light refreshments. Then, at 7:30 Cyndi Lacroix will again bring the voices of women of the past alive for us. See you then!

*A community where all who seek God are welcome...*



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 306      Blest Be the Tie That Binds      Dennis  
(VERSES 1 AND 4)

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      Allegro Festivo      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.)*

## MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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

*“Words and music printed for the hymns, Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A71731.”*

*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Ken and Polly Ezzell in celebration of our 20th wedding anniversary.*

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** There will be a congregational meeting today immediately following the service, for the election of new church officers.

**RALLY DAY IS HERE!** 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** is today after the congregational meeting. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION - “The world has our hands, but our soul belongs to Someone Else. Six days a week we seek to dominate the world, on the seventh day we try to dominate the self.”

- Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath: Its Meaning for Modern Man

## 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

We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and me.

**We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.**

We believe the Holy Spirit works through

**Balloons and ministers... daisies and wiggly children**

*Clanging cymbals and silence... drama and the unexpected*

**Choirs and banners... touching and praying**

Spontaneity and planning... faith and doubt

**Tears and laughter... leading and supporting**

Hugging and kneeling... dancing and stillness

**Applauding and giving... creativity and plodding**

*Words and listening... holding and letting go*

**Thank you and help me... Scripture and alleluias**

Agonizing and celebrating... accepting and caring

**Through you and through me... through love.**

We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.

**We believe in praising God for Life.**

*We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.*

**We believe in the poetry within each of us.**

We believe in dreams and visions.

**We believe in old people running and children leading.**

We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

**We believe in Love.**

## 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.*

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR CHILDREN

## COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS

## COMMISSIONING PRAYER

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Lani Smith

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, our loving God is a God of welcome and hospitality whose love for us is beyond our imagining. With courage and trust in the promises of God we share our confession with God and with one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: Welcoming God we come to you with our load of troubles trusting you with our bundle of cares and doubts.

**We bring them here, we bring them home, to a place of healing; to a community of forgiveness; to this family.** *(Silent Confession)*

Holy God, forgive us our sins, lighten our load and give us rest.

**Loving God, through Jesus Christ give us hope for the future, courage for each day and a song for this moment.**

## 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.**

## 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

Genesis 1:31-2:3, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

## ANTHEM

Come and Find the Quiet Center

arr. Shirley E. Murray

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!*

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 4: 16-21

## SERMON

Working to Live, The Sabbath

Pastor François

## \*RESPONSIVE HYMN 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERTORY

Peace

Eugene Englert

## \*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.***