



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 7, 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, 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

Monday, October 8

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

5:00 pm- Fuse

Tuesday, October 9

12:00 pm- PrimeTime

Wednesday, October 10

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

2:00 pm- Presbyterian Staff

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

Thursday, October 11

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, October 12

7:00 pm- Sons of Norway

Saturday, October 13

9:30 am- Yoga

Sunday, October 14

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 am- RAH Load-in

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

11:15 am- Rise Against Hunger

Annual Giving Kickoff

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Christians should put survival of the planet ahead of national security...Here is the mystery of our global responsibility: that we are in communion with Christ- and we are in communion with all people...The fact that the people of Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Russia, Afghanistan, and Ethiopia are our brothers and sisters is not obvious. People kill each other by the thousands and do not see themselves as brothers and sisters. If we want to be real peace-makers, national security cannot be our primary concern. Our primary concern should be survival of humanity, the survival of the planet, and the health of all people. Whether we are Russians, Iraqis, Ethiopians, or North Americans, we belong to the same human family that God loves. And we have to start taking some risks- not just individually, but risks of a more global quality, risks to let other people develop their own independence, risks to share our wealth with others and invite refugees to our country, risks to offer sanctuary- because we are people of God” -Henri Nouwen

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND MONTHLY BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Happy Birthday to you, We give thanks for your life,
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.*

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and make peace in it.

This is the hour that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and make peace in it.

This is the church that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and make peace in it.

This is the earth that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and make peace in it.

(From Psalm 118:24)

OPENING HYMN 400

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

ENGLAND

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

The Invitation

On this day, people of faith all over the world gather at Christ's table. In languages as diverse as God's people, and tables of every size and shape, we proclaim, together, the unity of our life in Christ. This table belongs to Christ and extends to every corner of the Earth. On World Communion Sunday, may joy be made complete. May we share in one mind, in one love, and in one Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you praise, O God. You created the world and all that is in it... Therefore with our parents in faith, from every time and place, we sing the fullness of your witness to your world saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

God of meekness and service

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, your presence, and your pain

Our very bones cry out Hosanna, Hosanna, blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy are you, God of Grace, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Choosing to leave the shelter of heaven, he comes to gather us into a new family... There is enough food for all, enough peace for all, enough love for all, enough hope for all, enough grace for all. In this truth and in this hope we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Until you appear again among us, we ask your Holy Spirit's presence and guidance in a broken world grasping for wholeness. May the church yearn to proclaim the good news of a world made new and a mercy wider than imaginations can span. Teach us to pray continually the prayer our Savior taught, saying:

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, you have met us in these acts at this table. In this sacrament we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Song from South Africa

Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

(Traditional melody, arr. Welile Sigabi, transcription by Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

"I've got peace like a river. I've got love like an ocean. I've got joy like a fountain." We've heard this song before. It's the song the children sing. They sing as they collect water from rivers polluted by war and waste. They sing from the decks of migrant ships as they float on oceans of uncertainty. They sing in between sips from the school water fountain in Flint, Michigan. They sing in tents in Texas and around the world seeking asylum, seeking peace.

People of God, we have sinned. We have sinned against our children, the children of the world, and against one another. As children ourselves, both humble and bold, let us confess together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of peace, we confess the ways we have sought division rather than reconciliation. We are too fond of our doors and fences and all manner of things that keep family from family, neighbor from neighbor, human from human. We have sinned and we are sorry. Teach us to live as peacemakers, as bridge builders, as members of your beloved community, gathered together in the love of Jesus Christ. *(Silent Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the City of God there is a river flowing with living water – an ocean pure and bright – and to the thirsty will be given water springing from the font of life. From these waters we are born. Into these waters we die. And up from these waters we are raised to new life in Christ Jesus. Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Amen

*SUNG RESPONSE 585

Glory to God (Gloria a Dios)

MACHU PICHU

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, O Holy Spirit, and open our hearts to your word. Open our ears to your Wisdom as she sings to us of your goodness. Open our mouths so that we may breathe in your hope and breathe out your love. Open our minds that we might be challenged by your call. Open us up, so that we may be opened up for the sake of the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

HOMILY

What will it take?

*RESPONSE (From the Confession of Belhar, 10.5)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

ANTHEM

Come, All You People

Song from Zimbabwe

Come all you people, come and praise your maker, come now and worship the Lord.

(Words and music by Alexander Gondo, arr. John L. Bell)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

As we collect the Peace and Global Witness special offering for the ministries of Peacemaking and reconciliation, we give thanks for those working to bring civility to our public discourse, for those seeking to build relationships in war-torn countries, and for those working to end domestic abuse against women and children. May God bless these ministries and may we be a blessing to the world through our gifts of prayer and financial support.

OFFERTORY

*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 hope, we bring our offerings of peace before you, trusting that you will use them toward the work of shalom, the work of peace and wellbeing for all people. May these gifts be multiplied throughout your church as we work with you to repair the broken places in our communities and in the world. Make us faithful witnesses in all times and in all ways to the peace found in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 391

This Is the Day

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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 Bob and Judy Kenworthy in honor of Christians throughout the world.

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

ADULT FORUM 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.

WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD will be meeting for fellowship and study this Wednesday, to continue our series on women of the reformation, led by Cyndi Lacroix.

PRIME TIME “Timely Topics: Supreme Court Nomination and Navigating the Conversations” Interested in how to improve your listening and communication skills on difficult topics such as the current supreme court nomination and process? Come to Prime Time on Tuesday October 8 at noon where we will review the foundational principles for effective communication and spend time applying those principles to a lively discussion. Bring your opinions and your openness, your listlessness and listening skills, your disagreements and distractions. Bring research and rhetoric, conclusions and counter-conclusions. Bring a lunch, too. All are welcome – we will make it a safe environment and learning moment!

WANT AN EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK? We need you! 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 DRIVE As our elementary Sunday School classes learn the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors (Genesis 37: 1-11), they are asking you to help them share the warmth. New or gently used (clean) coats in all sizes for men, women and/or children may be placed in the clearly-marked boxes scattered throughout the building. They will be donated to Cityteam. The focus of the current curriculum is grace and gratitude for all of God's blessings.

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. Prizes for best trunks will be awarded! 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, Coop 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? In 2003 (15 years ago), Wallingford Presbyterian Church had 614 members. Over the next 10 years as members retired, moved or changed their faith commitments, our membership declined to 418 (a 32% drop). While many churches continue to lose members, since 2014 (shortly after Francois was called to lead our church), our membership has *increased* by slightly more than 2%! In a time of challenge for churches nationwide, we are blessed to have a renewed commitment to the ministry and mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

Families welcome...child care provided for younger children. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex or Call or text David Rudd at 717-644-5450



BLOODMOBILE
WEDNESDAY, OCT 24TH
2:00-7:00PM

Please sign up NOW for the fall blood drive at Wallingford Presbyterian Church
You can sign up online by following the instructions below.

- Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org>
- Locate "Find a Blood Drive" (upper right hand corner...Enter Sponsor Code "WPC" and click.
- 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. When you login, you 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 David Rudd at 717-644-5450.

<3 Just one blood donation can save up to 3 lives!

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