



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 19, 2019

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, May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Music Appreciation Sunday

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration

Monday, May 20

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

12:00 pm- WCNS Executive Meeting

6:30 pm- VBC Planning Meeting

7:30 pm- Worship Council

7:30 pm- Education Council

Tuesday, May 21

9:00 am- Yoga

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, May 22

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Wednesday (Continued)

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- Youth Group: Grandparents Day

6:30 pm- W@W Prison Reform Talk

Thursday, May 23

9:00 am- Yoga

6:00 pm- Yoga

6:30 pm- Choir Picnic

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:15 am- Kids Cafe

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive.”
— Dalai Lama XIV, *The Art of Happiness*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is alive; rejoice and be glad!
Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN 669

Let's Sing unto the Lord (*Cantamos al Señor*) CANTAMOS AL SEÑOR

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES - TEACHER APPRECIATION

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

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
Bell Choir

arr. Sondra Tucker

MUSIC APPRECIATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgement that hinders your goal for humanity.

(Silent confession)

Forgive our sins, we pray,

And give us a true repentance that leads to new life for all creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's promises are trustworthy and true; God forgives our sins. Be at peace friends, and let us serve the Lord together. And, may we always be known by our love. **Amen.**

*SUNG 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.

*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

O God of promise, by the power of your Holy Spirit refresh our hearts and minds with your word. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

NT 108

ANTHEM

Christ, Our Peace

Marty Haugen

(Refrain): Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.

All you with hungry hearts, who seek God's gracious reign,
All you who thirst for justice, come to the feast of...

No longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free,
No longer male or female, now you are one in...

And we, who had no hope, who lived apart from God,
We, who were far from mercy, now are brought near in....

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

NT 130

SERMON

Observations from Sea and Shore

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Peace I Give You
Bell Choir

Ron Mallory

*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

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and through his resurrection. Accept the gifts we give today for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love with our neighbor. 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 699

Fill My Cup

FILL MY CUP

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

Alleluias

Noel Rawsthorne

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Holly and Bob Renegar in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary.

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

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: TEACHERS WANTED! Memorial Day Sunday will be the first week of Summer Sunday School, and we will be watching the Buck Denver Series "What's in the Bible." This year we'll be doing the New Testament. Sign up to teach on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. Lessons are simple and video based. No special knowledge or skills necessary!

KIDS CAFÉ: SING AND PLAY The next Kids Cafe will be next Sunday, May 26th after the worship service. All children are invited to join Pastor Taylor for games, snacks, and a sing along!

FLOWER POWER! Help is needed in the coming weeks to keep the four large planters outside the Narthex watered so that they look their best. In the heat of the summer, the plants in these containers require watering at least every other day. This is one of those small jobs that make a big difference. Water and a water can are available at a spigot just outside the Narthex, and so the job requires less than 10 minutes a day. If you can water for a week or two, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL DROP-OFF Attic Treasures (including jewelry) and books may be dropped off beginning today. Please place items in the marked areas in the Library. Questions? Contact Chris Darr (610-357-3587) for Books or Sally Clyde, Mary Ann German or Leslie Krowchenko (610-357-6712) for Attic Treasures.

WOW CIRCLE END OF YEAR PICNIC We will be meeting at the home of Cyndi Lacroix on *Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00pm* for our end-of-the-year picnic. Everyone is asked to bring either a salad or dessert to share with others. All women of the Church are invited to join in for a time of good food and fellowship.

FAITH EXPLORATION is calling all hymn-lovers! We love to sing them, but we sometimes overlook the theology and message in the lyrics. For our final class before summer, we will take a closer look at the lyrics of some selected “favorite hymns.” Then, of course, we will sing a few verses! If we start promptly at 11:30, we should be able to cover 8-10 hymns. All are welcome regardless of vocal talent. Led by Frank Noyes, with accompaniment by Liz Braden.

W@W: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM Wednesday, May 22, Potluck – 6:30 pm; Discussion – 7:30 pm. Bobby Harris, who has first-hand experience of the incarceration system, will talk about work being done in the Delaware Valley to reform the criminal justice system. Harris, who now serves as a community organizer and leader to bring change and hope, will share his personal story of imprisonment, the challenges he overcame and the work he is involved with to close jails, build communities and address the collateral consequences of incarceration. Rick Lowe, an attorney and volunteer at Graterford Prison and in the effort to review the sentences of “juvenile lifers”, will also join us. The program, sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, is presented as part of Wednesdays @ Wallingford.

70TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2019

Monday, June 3, 2019

We are counting down the days! 15 to go! Great food, entertainment, Attic Treasures, books, and plants. Volunteer opportunities are available via sign-up board in Fellowship Hall and online via Sign-up Genius. Contact Zoe Andrews to help with games at strawberryfest2019@gamil.com or Teresa Sawyer at mtahern@comcast.net for all other areas.

The Strawberry festival can't happen without your help!!

TICKETS FOR THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL begin pre-sale during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall today!

MISSION PROJECT FOR THE SPRING We are asking individuals and groups to make monetary contributions to purchase items to assemble Health, School, and Emergency Clean-Up Bucket kits for Church World Service. Kits are valued as follows: Health Kits are \$17; School Kits are \$17; and Emergency Clean-Up Bucket kits are \$78. *Checks should be made out to Wallingford Presbyterian Church and marked "Mission Kits."* Contributions can be sent to the Church Office with the deadline of June 30th

THE BOOKLOOK will meet on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:30 pm to discuss "The Liars' Club: A Memoir" by Mary Karr. Per Goodreads, "When it was published in 1995, Mary Karr's *The Liars Club* took the world by storm and raised the art of the memoir to an entirely new level, as well as bringing about a dramatic revival of the form. Karr's comic childhood in an east Texas oil town brings us characters as darkly hilarious as any of J. D. Salinger's—a hard-drinking daddy, a sister who can talk down the sheriff at twelve, and an oft-married mother whose accumulated secrets threaten to destroy them all."

In addition, the BookLook is getting a start this summer reading "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow in preparation for the September 17 BookLook. Hamilton is a long book, so it is good to start early.

Anyone wanting to order a book can contact Walt Kaminski. The Liars Club cost approximately \$6 and Hamilton costs approximately \$8.

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