



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY
MAY 26, 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 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' Café

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day- Office Closed

12:00 pm- WCNS Exec Lunch

Tuesday, May 28

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, May 29

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:00 pm- Youth Group- Year end BBQ

6:00 pm- WOW Year End Party

Thursday, May 30

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

Friday, May 31

Saturday, June 1

Sunday, June 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Feast of the Blessed Strawberry

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor Preaching

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

It is my earnest hope and indeed the hope of all mankind that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past – a world founded upon faith and understanding – a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfilment of his most cherished wish, for freedom, tolerance and justice... We have had our last chance. If we do not now devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological, and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art and literature and all material and cultural developments in the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh. – General Douglas MacArthur, September 2, 1945

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Congregational Hymn Sing

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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO CONFESSION'

It's not always easy or comfortable to look at ourselves in the mirror and confess our sin. But when we do, and we mean it, we open ourselves to God's loving judgement and to change. We are made new through God's love and forgiveness. We are free to turn around and begin again. Let us confess our sins trusting that God will love us and give us peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we are anxious people who deny your blessings and fail to keep your word.

(Silent confession)

Forgive us we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, let your hearts be still, for God loves us and forgives all our wrongdoing. God invites us to begin anew. Beloved of God, brothers and sisters, receive the peace of Christ.

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

Living God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we may open our lives to serve your world in love. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 11:7-44

NT 104

ANTHEM

O Lord the Guardian of My Heart

Carol Browning

O Lord, the guardian of my heart, who rules the day and night,
You guide me through my darkest hours and lead me into light.

Teach me the way of your truth, help me to know your wisdom.
Keep me in your presence, Lord, show me how to love.

Take my weakness, O God. Build my strength in faith.
Save me in your mercy, Lord, clothe me with your grace.

Wipe away my fear, lift me from my sorrow.
Wash away my brokenness, heal my wounded soul.

SERMON

A Conversation About Life and Death

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 821

My Life Flows On
(verses 1 and 4)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

COMMISSIONING SERVICE – STEPHEN MINISTERS: Carol Freidinger, Helene Furlong and Lise Meloy

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

REQUESTS OF THE CANDIDATES

COMMISSIONING QUESTIONS

COMMENDATION

PRAYER

BLESSINGS

*RESPONSE 697

Take My Life
(Verses 1 and 6)

HENDON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

In Deep Humility I Pray

Lani Smith

*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

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER, 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

Congregational Hymn Sing

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.)

**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.

Thank you to Bob Kenworthy 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 TODAY 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 signup 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 Jesus side of the Reception Room. 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 *this 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.

70TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2019

Monday, June 3, 2019

We are counting down the days! 8 days 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. We are also looking to borrow heavy duty extension cords and coolers.

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.

KIDS COMMUNION In the Presbyterian Church USA all are welcome to partake in the sacrament regardless of age or understanding, so we extend an invitation for the parents to consider allowing their children to join in the sacrament with us if they so wish. We are excited to offer this opportunity to the next generation of Christ's disciples, and hope you will join us for these special days where we all feast on God's grace together as a church family.



CALLING ALL GRADS

If you or a loved one are graduating from high school, college, grad school, or technical school this spring, we'd like to celebrate you! Fill out the form below and return it to the church office, or put it in the offering plate. (You can also email the information to Kate if you're feeling more technologically minded.) We will be recognizing our grads in the service on June 16th.

Grad Name	School	Degree

STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor
Rev. Taylor Cornelius, Associate Pastor
Elizabeth Braden, Director of Music
Kate Callahan, Church Administrator
Zoe Andrews, Youth Ministry Assistant
Leslie Krowchenko, Communications Coordinator
Judith Kenworthy, Clerk of Session
Andy Yost, Treasurer
Michelle Hall, Financial Secretary

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
110 E. BROOKHAVEN RD, WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 19086
WEBSITE: www.wallingfordpres.org *PHONE:* 610/566-1644,
EMAIL: OFFICE@WALLINGFORDPRES.ORG

If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the left to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card

