

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENTECOST JUNE 9, 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.

<u>Visitors</u> 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, June 9

Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:15 am- Shepherd Meeting

Monday, June 10

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

4:00 pm- Staff meeting

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, 11

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- Prime Time

Wednesday, June 12

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:30 pm- W@W Prison Reform

Thursday, June 13

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

Friday, June 14

7:00 pm- Mr. Rogers Movie Screening

Saturday, June 15

Sunday, June 16

Trinity Sunday

Graduate Recognition

Father's Day

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

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



Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Words of Meditation
"The dove descending breaks the air
With flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare
The one discharge from sin and error.
The only hope, or else despair
Lies in the choice of pyre or pyreTo be redeemed from fire by fire.

Who then devised the torment? Love. Love is the unfamiliar Name Behind the hands that wove The intolerable shirt of flame Which human power cannot remove. We only live, only suspire Consumed by either fire or fire."

— T.S. Eliot, Four Quartets

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It's Pentecost!

Tongues of fire and strong winds blowing again.

Getting inside us, burning away fear.

Setting loose contagious joy and bold compassion.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, how is the spirit of God calling us to respond in this place, here and now?

*Response 301

Let Us Build a House (Verses 1-3)

Two Oaks

It's Pentecost!

Burning flames like tongues of fire, whipped by winds, strong, spirit winds.

Yet, nothing destroyed, except fear - fear of speaking, fear of loving.

Nothing destroyed, except timidity - timid actions, hesitant witness.

Children of God, how is the spirit of God calling us to respond in this place, here and now?

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM - Grace Campbell

Presentation

Vows

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

Blessing

WELCOME

Grace has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are a people confident in the love of God in Jesus. Yet we often do not reflect that love in how we live. Inspired by Jesus' fearless Spirit, let us be fearless as we confess those things that keep us from God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection hope, you taught us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit those who are imprisoned. You taught us to love one another. Yet we often turn from your teaching, allowing our fears, assumptions and biases to get

in the way of faithfully serving you. We pick and choose how we understand your Word. We ignore your commandment to love one another. We become so focused on the way things have been that we cannot see what can be. (Silent confession).

Forgive us, loving God.

Soften our hearts and set free our resurrection imaginations so that we might creatively and faithfully be reflections of hope in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Disciples of Christ, friends of Jesus, brothers and sister, hear the Good News of the Gospel. We are not bound by our sin, but through God's grace in Christ we are set free and made whole.

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

Holy Wisdom, breath of God that leads us into each new moment of our lives. Settle now into our hearts and illuminate your will we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

NT 130

Anthem Breath of God

Sheldon Curry

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, Till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breath on me, breath of God, so shall I never die; But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35, 14:15-17

NT 107

SERMON

This Changes Everything

Pastor François

*Responsive Hymn 290

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

JOHNATHAN'S TUNE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Because God first loved us, we are made to love one another. For the sake of the life of the world, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions as signs of love.

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

Make us thankful every day, O God, for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty. Guide us to use these offerings to your glory for the health of your people and creation. 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 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

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

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God.

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.

Special Thanks to Lisa Higgins for accompanying the anthem on flute today.

GUEST ORGANIST Liz Braden is in Bethlehem this morning attending her niece's baptism. We are grateful to Lee Hagon-Kerr for providing music and leading the choir in today's worship service.

LIZ BRADEN'S FINAL SUNDAY WILL BE JUNE 23. Help honor Liz Braden, our Director of Music, in her final service at WPC by recounting her 20 years with us. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

PRIME TIME Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Gather at noon; speaker will begin at 12:30pm. Bring your own lunch. We will have beverages, snacks and desserts for everyone. All are welcome! The Reverend Zuline Wilkinson, MSW, MDiv, Executive Director of Chester Eastside, will share information about the newly focused mission and work of the organization since she assumed leadership in recent years. CEI is making a significant impact in the lives of children and adults in the city of Chester. Come and hear about the programs, impact metrics, volunteer and support opportunities.

Criminal Justice Reform II – Should Prisons be Abolished? Wednesday, June 12 Potluck – 6:30 pm, Discussion – 7:30 pm Malik Bandy and our own Jeff Draine, who have shared experience in the educational program Inside Out at Graterford Prison (now SCI Phoenix), will provide a follow-up to the May 22 prison reform program (although please plan to attend this event even if you were unable to attend the first one). Prisoners and non-prisoners regularly meet to discuss and debate issues of crime and justice and the inclusive format is intended to involve all participants as equals. Malik and Jeff plan to replicate the model of education and motivation for change and share some short selections for advance reading. The program, sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, is presented as part of Wednesdays @ Wallingford.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP at WPC will be June 24-28th, 6:00-8:00 pm. The cost is \$15 per child, or \$30 per family. Register now online or in the office. Questions? Contact Pastor Taylor.

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

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