



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 14, 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, July 14

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

Monday, July 15

Tuesday, July 16

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, July 17

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

7:30 pm- BookLook

Thursday, July 18

Friday, July 19

Saturday, July 20

Youth and Pastors Leave for Montreat

Sunday, July 21

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Kevin Switala Preaching

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“...[M]ost of us have figured out that we have to do what's in front of us and keep doing it. We clean up beaches after oil spills. We rebuild whole towns after hurricanes and tornadoes. We return calls and library books. We get people water. Some of us even pray. Every time we choose the good action or response, the decent, the valuable, it builds, incrementally, to renewal, resurrection, the place of newness, freedom, justice. The equation is: life, death, resurrection, hope. The horror is real, and so you make casseroles for your neighbor, organize an overseas clothing drive, and do your laundry. You can also offer to do other people's laundry if they have recently had any random babies or surgeries.

We live stitch by stitch, when we're lucky. If you fixate on the big picture, the whole shebang, the overview, you miss the stitching. And maybe the stitching is crude, or it is unraveling, but if it were precise, we'd pretend that life was just fine and running like a Swiss watch. That's not helpful if on the inside our understanding is that life is more often a cuckoo clock with rusty gears.”

— Anne Lamott, Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope, and Repair

WELCOME, 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

Come, neighbors, friends and strangers,

Prophets and seekers of justice,

Those who need a helping hand,

And those who have something to offer.

Whether your faith is weak or strong,

We come, bringing our faith and our questions,

We come to worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

In humility and faith we come before God. With good courage and repentant hearts let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you call us to live fair and honest lives... We do not always do that. You ask us to be fair to the poor and homeless, to speak up for those who have no voice, and to defend the rights of the powerless... We do not always do that. Sometimes when we hear modern-day prophets calling us to change our ways, we treat them like the people treated your prophets of long ago: we try to discredit them. You ask us to see everyone as our neighbor, and to love them as we love ourselves. It's hard. Sometimes we don't love ourselves, and sometimes we don't love others. Forgive us, God, when we do not measure up. *(Silent Confession)*
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has passed away. A new life has begun. Friends, believe the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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, as we receive your Word through your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to your justice, open our ears to your judgement, open our hearts to your love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1-14

NT 199

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus (Crusader's Hymn) Germany c. 1840
Balm in Gilead African American Spiritual
(Flute Trio: Danielle Haury, Lisa Higgins, Lise Meloy)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

NT 71

SERMON

Then Jesus said, "Did you hear the one about..."

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be an offering that is pleasing to you, good gifts that come from the knowledge of a life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 372

O for a World

AZMON

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 given by the Sawyer Family
in memory of loved ones.*

*Thank you to Lise Meloy, Lisa Higgins, and Danielle Haury, and all who assisted with the
worship service this morning, those volunteering to usher, and to those assisting with fellow-
ship time today.*

THE CHURCH PICNIC that was schedule for this coming Saturday, July 20 has been postponed. The even will happen on Saturday, September 21st.

RED WAGON MINISTRY Next time you are at Trader Joe’s (or Acme, Giant, Shop Rite, Aldi, Lidl. . .), be sure to pick up some extra non-perishables to keep our Red Wagons brimming. Summer is an especially difficult time for those facing food insecurity. The Deacons deliver the items to Media Food Bank, Chester Eastside, City Team and local families. Some of these grocery stores regularly feature very low prices (10/\$10 for example) on staples like pasta...or 3/\$5 for pasta sauce. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. One Red Wagon is always in the Office entry to the Church. Another is in the narthex today.

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."

CHARLES AND MELISSA JOHNSON, our mission coworkers with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Zambia (CCAP), will speak at Wallingford Presbyterian Church July 24 about the partnership between PCUSA and CCAP. They will focus on the impact the collaboration is having on congregations and individuals in the U.S., as well as on the communities they serve in Zambia.

Charles is a Development Specialist and Melissa, a Health Education Program Facilitator, and they will discuss their work helping CCAP expand its holistic ministry of community development, food security and improved health.

The program, presented as part of Wednesdays @ Wallingford, will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 pm, (Bring a dish to share please) followed by their talk at 7:30 pm

MISSION AND SERVICE REPORT

The Mission and Service Committee recommends to Session the organizations to support with Wallingford Presbyterian's Benevolence Funds.

I received a thank you letter from Cynthia M. Staniszewski, Director of Development for the Chester Children's Chorus that we support every year. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

Children become what we expect them to be and our society has undervalued the students in our programs since birth. We, on the other hand, expect the best of them – musically, socially, and academically – and we incorporate all three dimensions into our school year and summer programs.

We have established a body of work over our first 25 years that provides “ample proof of concept” for our approach to harnessing classical music performance to bring about social justice awareness. Our singers are the primary agents of change as they imagine possibilities for their expression, for themselves, and for the world around them.

Thank you again, for providing CCC with the resources to support the mission of advancing choristers.

Thank you for supporting the many missions of WPC. I hope to have other reports in the months to come.

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