



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 11, 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, August 11**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

## **Monday, August 12**

## **Tuesday, August 13**

7:00 pm- Peacemaking and Justice

## **Wednesday, August 14**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

## **Thursday, August 15**

## **Friday, August 16**

## **Saturday, August 17**

## **Sunday, August 18**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

“If we only had eyes to see and ears to hear and wits to understand, we would know that the Kingdom of God in the sense of holiness, goodness, beauty is as close as breathing and is crying out to born both within ourselves and within the world; we would know that the Kingdom of God is what we all of us hunger for above all other things even when we don’t know its name or realize that it’s what we’re starving to death for. The Kingdom of God is where our best dreams come from and our truest prayers. We glimpse it at those moments when we find ourselves being better than we are and wiser than we know. We catch sight of it when at some moment of crisis a strength seems to come to us that is greater than our own strength. The Kingdom of God is where we belong. It is home, and whether we realize it or not, I think we are all of us homesick for it.” -- *Frederick Buechner*

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Psalmist writes that our souls wait for God, who is our help and our shield.

**We come today to worship and our hearts are glad, because we trust in God’s promises.**

My friends, have faith for God’s steadfast love is ever present.

**Let us worship God together in faith and with joy.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 388

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

#### 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

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still. It’s hard to imagine and sometimes harder to believe, but God waits in mercy to forgive. Friends in Christ, trusting in the promises given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you promise us a life of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back in fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Forgive us.

**Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God

**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 God, by your Spirit enlighten us; illumine us; inspire us; not for our sakes, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom we live. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

NT 225

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love  
*Soloist Andrea Couzens*

arr. Hal Hopson

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:32-40

NT 75

SERMON

What are you waiting for? It's here, and it's now!

Pastor François

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

#### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Ever mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ, we now offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

#### 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

**We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and use our lives that we might bear your fruit with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.**

#### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### 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 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

#### 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 David Rudd and all who assisted with the worship service this morning, those volunteering to usher, and to those assisting with fellowship time today.*

**KEEP FILLING THE RED WAGONS!** Next time you are at the grocery store, 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 and the Deacons will deliver the items to Media Food Bank, Chester Eastside, City Team and local families. Some suggestions for August include canned tuna, chicken, or ravioli, and for the kids, hot chocolate mix and cookies of any kind. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. One Red Wagon is always in the Office entry to the Church. The other Red Wagon is in the Narthex.

**THINKING OF JOINING WPC?** A number of folks will be joining on Rally Day (Sunday, September 8.) If you think you'd like to join them, please see Pastor François or Pastor Taylor.

**PASTOR FRANÇOIS** will be away this week. Contact Pastor Taylor for any pastoral care concerns, and Kate for any administrative questions.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** Giving statements for the first half of 2019 were mailed this week. Unfortunately, our local server went down as soon as those statements were printed. If you find any errors or have any questions about your statement, please contact Kate. She will take your information and get back to you as soon as we regain access to our files.

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August 5, 2019

Dear Members and Friends,

The Wallingford Presbyterian Church Music Ministry Search Committee and Session are pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Lee Hagon-Kerr as our new Director of Music Ministry. A 2006 graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, with a Master of Music from The Hartt School in West Hartford, Connecticut, Lee brings a church music ministry background to her new post. She served from 2008-2015 as Minister of Music at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. During her tenure, she also produced and directed benefit productions of Clausen's *A New Creation* and Handel's *Messiah* with choir, professional soloists and orchestra.



Lee is currently the director of Upper School Choral Music and theater productions at The Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr. Her experience with children and teens began in Massachusetts, where she founded a choral program at a prep charter school and directed choral activities at a high school.

Performance is also an important part of her schedule. She has studied under world-renowned pianists, and traveled throughout North America and Europe for recitals and festivals.

Lee was among 11 applicants who submitted resumes and music clips and three who were interviewed. The search committee was fortunate to have had such qualified individuals express interest in our opening.

In an email to Pastor François, Lee noted she is “so honored and excited to be considered a good match for the ministry at Wallingford.... The prospect of joining your team and sharing in meaningful worship together is a moving and powerful one! ... Deep thanks to you, Pastor Taylor and the committee for this wonderful opportunity! ... I, too, feel strongly called to join the ministry at Wallingford Presbyterian to continue to build on what is already a fantastic music program, and that is my intention,” she added.

Lee will begin her ministry with us on August 15 and her first Sunday at the console will be August 18. (Lee will take a six week break for her maternity leave in the November/December time frame and will return after the first of the year). **Please join us for a reception following the service on Sunday August 25 to welcome her to our congregation.**

Blessings,

Pastor François

## STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor  
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