



Waiting on God, Victor Butler, 1995

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 25, 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 25

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:15 am- Reception Welcoming Lee

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, August 28

7:30 pm- BSA 2019

Thursday, August 29

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

8:30 am- Youth Hershey Park Trip

Sunday, September 1

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

Life of Christ in Scripture and Song

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Of the Seven Deadly Sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back--in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you.” -- Frederick Buechner

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, we want to be more than happy;

We want to be joyful!

Lord, we want to be more than healthy;

We want to be whole!

Lord, we want to be more than alive;

We want to be radiant!

Lord, we want to be more than adequate;

We want to be triumphant!

With all these intents before us, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 663

Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun

MORNING HYMN

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

Beautiful Savior

arr. Sylvia Oines

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Isa. 58:9a)

The prophet Isaiah assures us that when we cry for help, God will answer. So then, let us confess our sin, confident that God is ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.

But we forget, and yield to fear.

We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises.

We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world.

(Silent Confession)

Open us to your healing.

Free us from all that distances us from your presence.

Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

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

(Jer. 1:4-10; Luke 13:10-17)

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 37:7-9

OT 510

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

WPC Not Ready for Prime Time Ensemble

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

NT 76

SERMON

I'm So Angry I Could Spit!

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 797

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Mindful of the generosity of God and the awareness that all we have has been given, let us respond with the offerings of our lives and labor.

OFFERTORY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Sylvia Oines

*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

(Luke 13:10–

17)

Lord of the Sabbath, we rejoice in offering you these gifts, that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world. 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 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

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

Sun of my Soul

by H. Alexander Matthews

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Helene Furlong in loving memory of her parents.

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

OUR THANKS to the instrumentalists who shared their talents with us this morning: Flute: Danielle Haury, Lise Meloy; Clarinet: François Lacroix; Trumpet: David Haury; Trombone: Earl Varney; Baritone: Diane Gerlach

RECEPTION FOR LEE HAGON-KERR TODAY! As we welcome our new director of music, the Deacons invite you to a reception and time of fellowship after the service.

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.

JOIN US FOR PLAYGROUP! We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10am. Our next playgroup is scheduled for Saturday September 7th from 10am-12pm. We'll meet outside on the playground at the church if the weather permits, otherwise, we'll meet downstairs in the MMO room. Playgroup is a great chance to meet other local parents while allowing your children to socialize and play. This event is free and best for children 5 and under. Siblings are always welcome. Contact Leah Hillemeier (484-832-1235) with any questions!

ALL BULLETIN INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 8TH is due to Kate in the office on Friday morning, August 30th.

RALLY DAY Come kick off the church program year on Sunday, September 8th. Faith Formation classes begin for the year, and our teachers look forward to helping the children of WPC learn through the fun, exciting programming Sunday mornings this fall!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a short meeting of the congregation of Wallingford Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 8th after the service to elect new church officers. Please plan to be in attendance. We will not be serving a meal after the meeting, as we anticipate the church picnic coming on the 21st.

MISSIONARY VISIT Rev. Jeni Pedzinski, who serves at the New Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai Thailand, will be visiting WPC to share a report about her work with us on Sunday September 8th. Come join us for a time of fellowship and education following the congregational meeting.

SEPTEMBER 21ST: CHURCH PICNIC! WPC Connections will host an all-church picnic on Saturday, September 21st, featuring the normal hot dogs and hamburgers and a special treat – a lamb roasted on a spit by Roger Demos. Plan to arrive any time after 4 pm to enjoy appetizers and conversation. The lamb, burgers and dogs will be ready at 5. Please bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets for attendees as well as what you will bring (appetizers/sides/dessert) will be in Fellowship Hall beginning this week!

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Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor
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