



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 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, November 3

All Saints Sunday

7:30 am- RAH Load in

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

12:00 pm- Rise Against Hunger

Monday, November 4

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day

9:00 am- Yoga

10:00 am- Moms' Group

Wednesday, November 6

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Girl Scouts

Wednesday (continued)

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:30 pm- W@W- Taizé

Thursday, November 7

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, November 8

6:00 pm- Sons of Norway

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:15 am- Baby Shower for Lee and Taylor

11:30 am- Faith Exploration- Presby 101

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

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

Sing to the Lord a new song!

We rejoice and give thanks, for the Lord takes pleasure in the people. Hallelujah!

*OPENING HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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, preschool through elementary 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 Faith Formation 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

Christians We Have Met to Worship
Bell Choir

arr. Sondra Tucker

CALL TO CONFESSION

For the peace and unity of the saints, trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation, you have made us members of the very body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save; Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us God's forgiveness for our sins. Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness for all our sins in the name of the Creator, our Father, our Mother, and of the Son, Jesus Christ our redeemer and of the Holy Spirit our Gracious Sustainer. **Amen.**

*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

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God; with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might live in hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

NT 192

ANTHEM

At The River

arr. R. Wilding White

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:20-31

NT 64

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

We remember now the members of Wallingford Presbyterian Church who have died in the past year: Jean Burna, Anne Taylor, Jane Pfeiffer, Bart Halladay, and Virginia Moses Pollock.

(Silence is kept followed by the tolling of the bell)

We remember friends and family members who have died in the past year. *(Silence is kept followed by the tolling of the bell)*

We remember the host of the Church Triumphant. *(Silence is kept followed by the tolling of the bell)*

PRAYER

*RESPONSE 325

By All Your Saints Still Living
(Verses 1 and 5)

KING'S LYNN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

With gratitude for God's blessings through the power at work in Christ Jesus, we gather now the gifts of the church for the sake of the gospel.

OFFERTORY

By All Your Saints

arr. Christine Sullivan

*RESPONSE 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live.

The Angels were not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus name; that falls to you and me, and all who are made free. Help us O Lord, we pray to do your will today.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, all that we have comes from you. You bless our lives with the companionship of your people, the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin, the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty. Turn us toward those in need, in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

COME, SHARE THE LORD

INVITATION

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is always right and good to praise God, who created us and never stops loving us. God has such great love for us that we can call ourselves the children of God, and indeed, that is what we are: we are God's children. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

*CLOSING HYMN 326

For All the Saints
(verses 1, 3, and 5)

SINE NOMINE

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

Festive Piece

by Denis Eliot

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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+Wallingford Presbyterian Church uses only gluten free products for communion.

The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Earl and Mina Varney in memory of our parents.

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

YOU ALL ARE INVITED TO A BASKET OF BLESSING BABY BASH on Sunday, November 10th right after worship in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Lee and Pastor Taylor as they prepare for the arrival of their baby girls. Lee is due November 16th and Taylor is due December 3rd. There will be two decorated baskets that you all are invited to share cards of well wishes or gift cards for Taylor and Lee. It will be our best version of a baby shower.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BSA Troop 277 will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday November 12. Tickets will be available in advance and at the door.

Presale - Adult \$10.00, Youth \$5.00, Family \$25.00

Door - Adult \$12.00, Youth \$7.00, Family \$30.00

RED WAGON UPDATE

The Deacons report that the folks running the Media Food Bank are very grateful for the way your donations match up with their needs. To quote one of the Red Wagon elves... “the food just keeps showing up...like magic.” You are the magicians! Thank you!

The requests for October into early November include:

- Regular tea and Decaf coffee or tea
- Chef Boy-R-Dee canned spaghetti, Spam, and Lipton Dry Soups
- Canned tomato products, Canned fruit, catsup, salad dressing
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper and Personal Care products

This last request is a reminder that many of the people who use the food banks also need personal care products. 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.

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