



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRD SUNDAY IN *ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME
JULY 18, 2021

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. During our phased reopening, reservations for worship are required, and masks must be worn securely over the nose and mouth at all times. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, as we strive to keep all members of our community of faith safe and healthy!

Masks must be worn at all times when in the building, including during worship. Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

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.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for nursing mothers is located off the Narthex.

Activity packets As part of our phased re-opening, activity packets are available for children to use during worship.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

Sunday, July 18

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Third Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time
10:00 am- Worship
Pastor François Preaching

Monday, July 19

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study
11:00 am- Staff Meeting
7:30 pm- Education Council
7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, July 20

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Wednesday (continued)

7:30 pm- BookLook

Thursday, July 22

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

Friday, July 23

Saturday, July 24

10:00 am- Session Retreat

Sunday, July 25

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Fourth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Like sheep we get hungry, and hungry for more than just food. We get thirsty for more than just drink. Our *souls* get hungry and thirsty; in fact it is often that sense of inner emptiness that makes us know we have souls in the first place. There is nothing that the world has to give us, there is nothing that we have to give to each other even, that ever quite fills them. But once in a while that inner emptiness is filled even so. That is part of what the psalm means by saying that God is like a shepherd, I think. It means that, like a shepherd, he feeds us. He feeds that part of us which is hungriest and most in need of feeding.” - Originally published in *The Clown in the Belfry*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus invites us to come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

On this Sabbath day God calls us to quiet and rest, even as we continue to minister to those in need.

Let us rest in the Lord and let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

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 on the chancel steps or the in the chairs provided. After the message, all are invited to return to their pews. As part of our phased re-opening we hope children will enjoy the activity packets provided for their use during the worship service.)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends in Christ, let us confess our sin, confident in God's love for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, siblings in the Risen Lord, 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

Loving God, your Word brings peace to all who turn to you. Send your Holy Spirit to dwell among us now that we may be nourished and empowered by your Word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

OT 501

SERMON

Pastor François

HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The Lord gives what is good and makes a pathway for generosity to follow. Let us walk in the righteousness of Christ as we bring our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

Holy Gifts We Offer

Jane Southbridge

*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

Thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love. May they bring blessing to others and praise to your glorious name. Amen.

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 749

Come! Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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Thank you to Chris Dearnaley and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS in the months of July and August will be capped at 80 people in attendance, including staff, with preregistration required. Masks must be worn at all times, and we will be seated in ever-other pew. When you arrive, enter through the Narthex door, stop at the contact tracing station, and then wait to be escorted to a pew by an usher. To sign up for worship, please call or email the church office, or sign up on your phone or tablet on the Church Center app.

NO COFFEE HOUR During our phased reopening, we will not be holding coffee hour, however, you can feel free to chat in the courtyard after worship.

MEETINGS RESUME INDOORS Church groups with low impact activities with *fully vaccinated members* are invited to begin meeting indoors again! Please contact the office to reserve your group's space. Outside groups and high impact group activities (scouts, exercise, etc.) are not yet meeting indoors.

PASTOR FRANÇOIS AND KATE WILL BE AWAY the week of July 10th. For emergencies, contact Pastor Taylor.

WE WELCOME BACK our dear friend Liz Braden, and thank her for taking the time to sub for Lee while she's away. We're so glad to see you again!

THE BOOK LOOK will resume indoor meetings on July 21 at 7:30 pm with *The Color of Law* is a "a powerful and disturbing history of residential segregation in America . . . While the road forward is far from clear, there is no better history of this troubled journey." (New York Times Book Review)

Contact Walt Kaminski to order a book (please consult the church directory for contact information or check with the church office). The cost is approximately \$13.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: MINI CAMP will take place July 31 and August 1st from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Sign up on the Church Center app, by emailing the office, or at <https://bit.ly/WPCVBC2021>

MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE Thank you for your support of the mission here at Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Because of your generosity the Mission and Service Committee has been able to maintain their support of local and international ministries. I would like to share some of the letter from Reverend Zuline Gray Wilkinson, Executive Director at Chester Eastside, Inc.

On behalf of all those who are served by the work at Chester Eastside, Inc., I want to thank the Mission and Service Committee and the Wallingford Church Family for your continued support.

This year has presented unique challenges for all of us due to the impact of COVID-19. Your gifts are helping us to address the strengths, potential, and resilience of families struggling with poverty, food insecurity, health concerns and economic and educational deficits here in Chester.

Please extend our thanks and appreciation to Wallingford for helping to ensure that the light of hope continues to pierce through the darkness and despair so many families are facing.

Roger Demos, Chairman

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

We Continue to Pray for:

Mina	John
Bailey	Hortense
The Jamieson Family	Josiah
Dennis	Logan
Men, women, people, and veterans of our armed forces	
Our Missionaries: Jeni Pedzinski for International Ministries in Thailand	
Melissa Johnson, Presbyterian World Mission in Zambia	
John Stauffer for The America Team for Displaced Eritreans	

Please note that prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for four consecutive weeks. If you wish to have your concern listed again, please fill out a new prayer card or contact the office.

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