



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN *ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 25, 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.

An All Gender Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for parents with little ones 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 25**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Fourth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time  
10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

## **Monday, July 26**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am- Staff Meeting

## **Tuesday, July 27**

7:30 pm- Trustees

## **Wednesday, July 28**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

## **Thursday, July 29**

730 pm- Troop 277  
7:30 pm- Troop 2019

## **Friday, July 30**

## **Saturday, July 31**

## **Sunday, August 1**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Fifth 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

The sacrament of baptism holds a deep reservoir of theological meaning, including dying and rising with Jesus; pardon, cleansing, and renewal; the gift of the Holy Spirit; incorporation into the body of Christ; and a sign of the realm of God. The Reformed tradition understands baptism to be a sign of God's covenant. The water of baptism is linked with the waters of creation, the flood, and the exodus. Baptism thus connects with God's creative purpose, cleansing power, and redemptive promise from generation to generation. – from the *Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) PCUSA*

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to meet Jesus the Messiah.

**God calls us to see the Spirit active in the world.**

God gathers us to see the company of the sinner-saints.

**We look around us in this place and see: the Body of Christ, the Spirit at work, the sinner-saints of God.**

Come, 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.)*

### SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### PRESENTATION

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### BAPTISM

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### WELCOME

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Amazing Grace

arr. Paul Tate

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Atheists are not the only people who act as if there is no God. Even in the midst of the miracles of life, we often do not acknowledge God's presence. And yet God's Spirit is with us as the source of life. Friends in Christ, let us confess our sins and receive Christ's mercy

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins— both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love.

*(Silent Confession)*

Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dearly beloved, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings.

**So then let us live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of 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

Holy God, may your Word give us the power to comprehend, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life we have in you. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-14

NT 97

### SERMON

Wonder of Wonders, Miracle of Miracles

Pastor François

### HYMN 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

#### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Because a little boy shared his bread and fish, a multitude ate. In that same spirit, let us share what has been given to us.

### OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus  
Kara Mulder, soloist

Traditional Spiritual

**\*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 rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received. Multiply the gifts that we give so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you, O God. 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 634**

To God Be the Glory

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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION**

**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 Cyndi Lacroix and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

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**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.

**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!

**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>

**THE BOOKLOOK** will meet next on Wednesday, September 15th at 7:30 pm to discuss “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett. *“The Vanishing Half” is a stunning novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white* (Amazon).

Contact Walt Kaminski to order a book (please consult the church directory for contact information or check with the church office). The cost is \$11 for a used copy.

**FAITH FORMATION** will resume *in person* in September. To register your child or grandchild, visit [bit.ly/FaithFormation2021](https://bit.ly/FaithFormation2021) or use the Church Center app on your phone or tablet.

**NEW PHONE MESSAGE AND OFFICE INFO** In an effort to be supportive of parents whose young children are not currently eligible to receive the Corona virus vaccine Wallingford Presbyterian Church has adopted a phased reopening plan.

You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Worshipers are required to wear a mask. Because space is limited, if you plan to worship with us please register with the church office prior to attending the service. Our Worship services are also recorded and posted on our YouTube Channel.

For more information visit our Website at [www.wallingfordpres.org](http://www.wallingfordpres.org) and follow us on Facebook.

Because of our continued commitment to keeping our staff and you healthy we ask that you do not come to the church unless necessary and that you pre-arrange your visit with our church administrator.

The pandemic continues to necessitate that our staff work from home whenever possible so no regular office hours are kept. We do check both phone and email messages regularly and invite you to contact us that way.

We hope to be back to normal in September.

Thank you for your understanding.

**WPC HAPPENINGS PRINTOUTS** Printed copies of our email newsletter are available in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those who do not have internet access.

**APOLOGIES** for the old-school unstapled bulletins this week. I put in the order for new staples last week, and Toshiba immediately lost it. I reordered on Tuesday, but they have yet to arrive. Unfortunately the copier takes two different kinds of specialized staples, and the ones used to staple the bulletins are the ones we didn't have any backup for. I ordered twice what we need to actually stock the machine, so hopefully we won't run out before the new delivery again in the future. ~Kate

## *Cares and Concerns*

### **In our Prayers this week:**

Janis

### **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.*

### **STAFF**

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