



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FIRST SUNDAY IN *ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME
JULY 4, 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 4

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

Monday, July 5

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study
7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Thursday, July 8

1:00 pm- Staff Meeting
7:30 pm- Troop 277
7:30 pm- Troop 2019

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10

Sunday, July 11

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Second Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time
10:00 am- Worship
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

“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.”
– Søren Kierkegaard

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL

When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional Spiritual
arr. L. Hagon-Kerr

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CALL TO WORSHIP

God is mighty in word and deed. God’s mercy is everlasting.

God’s faithfulness is true.

Morning by morning, new mercies we see. All we have needed God’s hand has provided.

Let us give God our thanks and praise!

Let us rejoice and be glad, and let us worship God!

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Ode to Joy

by Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. David Angerman

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Cindy Berry

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not always believe that you have overcome sin and death.

We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others.

(Silent Confession)

O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace.

Send us out with the good news of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Praise His Holy Name

by Keith Hampton

Sing 'till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name! Must Jesus bear the cross alone and the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Holy Jesus, praise His name! Praise Him!

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit; when we become stubborn and unbelieving, open hearts to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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SERMON

Looking Back, Living Forward

Pastor François

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Pam Gervais

*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

Please join me as we dedicate our tithes and offerings together.

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

+COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Bambelela
(Never Give Up)

Traditional South African,
arr. Leonorah Kunene

Our performance of this piece is not intended to claim South African culture as our own, but to honor and respect this music and share the universal message of "never give up", knowing that our privilege gives us a very different experience of struggle than that of the people of South Africa.

Bambelela, sizo bambelela
Never give up, you must never give up
Never give up, in times of trouble
Bambelela, sizo bambelela

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 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.

LEE WILL BE AWAY for the next three Sundays. Our old friend Liz Braden will be substituting for her. For musical emergencies, please contact Pastor Taylor.

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>

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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