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WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN *ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 15, 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 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, August 15**

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

Pastor François Preaching  
1:00 pm- Eagle Scout Project- BSA 277

## **Monday, August 16**

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study  
2:30 pm- Staff Meeting  
7:30 pm- Education Council  
7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

## **Tuesday, August 17**

2:00 pm- Piano Tuning  
7:30 pm- Deacons

## **Wednesday, August 18**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner  
7:30 pm- Coffee House Under the Stars

## **Thursday, August 19**

## **Friday, August 20**

## **Saturday, August 21**

9:00 am- Eagle Scout Project- BSA 277

## **Sunday, August 22**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Eighth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time  
10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

1:00 pm- Eagle Scout Project- BSA 277

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

In its fullest sense, remembering is far more than the long backward glance of nostalgia, and in its fullest sense the symbol of bread and wine is far more than symbol. It is part of the mystery of any symbol always to contain something of the power of the thing symbolized just as it is more than a mere piece of painted cloth that makes your pulse quicken when you come upon your country's flag in a foreign land, more than a mere sound that gladdens your spirit when you hear someone speak the name of an absent friend. When in remembrance of Jesus, the disciples ate the bread and drank the wine, it was more than mere bread and wine they were dealing with, and for all the tragic and ludicrous battles Christians have fought with each other for centuries over what actually takes place at the Mass, the Eucharist, Communion, or whatever they call it, they would all seem to agree that something extraordinary takes place. Even if the priest is a fraud, the bread a tasteless wafer, the wine not wine at all but temperance grape juice, the one who comes to this outlandish meal in faith may find there something to feed his deepest hunger, may feel stirring within himself a life even more precious, more urgent, more near than his own. - Originally published in *The Faces of Jesus*

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God says: "you are my children, and I love you."

**God is in our midst.**

It is God's Spirit that invites us to worship and gathers us in.

**God's Spirit is in our midst.**

As we pray and sing and listen to God's word for us, Jesus invites us to consider God's steadfast love.

**God's Son is in our midst.**

Come, let us worship God together!

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*OPENING HYMN 404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

#### 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

I Am the Bread of Life

arr. Maynard

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends in Christ, seeking the wisdom of the Lord, let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in the mercy of God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children.

**We have not always lived by your law this week; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ offers himself as bread of life to all who would receive him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE 582                      Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me    GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

## \*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

Almighty God, through the reading of Holy Scripture, feed us with your living Word and reveal to us the way of everlasting life. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:51-58

NT 98-99

### SERMON

Flesh and Blood and Life

Pastor François

### ANTHEM

Love Never Fails  
Sara Finley, Soloist

B. Heath and C. Cates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Christ, our living bread, has given his flesh for the life of the world. Filled with the Spirit, let us offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

Little Prelude

C. Franck

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\*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 give thanks to you, O God, for sending your Son Jesus to be living bread for the world. **Breathe on these gifts we bring, that through them your life may feed, strengthen, and bless this world, through Christ, our bread of life. 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 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

\*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 Roger Demos and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

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**WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS** no longer requires reservations! When you arrive, enter through the Narthex door, stop at the contact tracing station. We will ***continue to wear masks at all times*** in order to support the parents and children of our community.

**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.

**COFFEE HOUSE UNDER THE STARS!** August 18th at 7:30 pm, WPC will be hosting a coffee house under the stars! Join us for an evening of music and fellowship! Want to share your talents with us? Contact Lee!

**FAITH FORMATION** will look a little different this year! Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

**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.

**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.

**EMAILS ABOUT CHURCH BUSINESS** should be sent to [office@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:office@wallingfordpres.org), *not to Kate's private email*. If emails are bouncing back, check the spelling, particularly that you are not using one too many L's in "Wallingford."

## 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 its support of local and international ministries. I would like to share some of the letter I just received from Cory Long, Executive Director of Making A Change Group.

On behalf of Making A Change Group (MACG), I want to sincerely thank the Wallingford Presbyterian Church its gift. Your support allows MACG to pursue its mission of *empowering youth, strengthening families, and serving as a community connector in Chester, PA and its surrounding townships.*

We completed our first program year for our Connected Visions (CV) initiative, serving 23 families comprised of 98 adults, youth, and children. Thirty additional families from the Chester Upland School District joined in on CV's virtual events and workshops over the winter and spring. Our CV Family Summer Program started July 9<sup>th</sup> and runs through Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Partnering with Soccer Success, this family engagement program meets every Thursday from 4:30pm-7:30pm.

MACG's "Vaccine Hesitancy" initiative is underway. We are collaborating with prominent, local community leaders to encourage Chester residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and providing resources about where our residents can obtain the vaccine.

We could not accomplish this without your support. Thank you once again. Your generosity and partnership are deeply appreciated.

With gratitude, Cory Long

Again, thank you for your support of the mission of Wallingford Presbyterian Church. In our history, we have been called a beacon of light at the corner of Avondale and Brookhaven roads. Thanks for keeping that light shining during this challenging time.

Roger Demos, Chairman

## *Cares and Concerns*

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

Congratulations to Kara and Alfred on their wedding yesterday at WPC!

Meloy Family

Scott Family

Craig

### **We Continue to Pray for:**

Bob	John
Bailey	Hortense
The Jamieson Family	Josiah
Dennis	Paul
Janis	Holly
Heather and Riley	The Donnelly Family
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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