



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN *ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 22, 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 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

Monday, August 23

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study
1:00 pm- Youth Group Bounce Park Trip
4:00 pm- Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 24

7:30 pm- Stewardship Council

Wednesday, August 25

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner
7:30 pm- Faith Formation Teacher Training

Thursday, August 26

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

1:00 pm- Deacon Kitchen Workday

Sunday, August 29

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Ninth 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 Bible would not have told us to take up the whole armor of God in order to withstand evil, if evil could have been withstood without it.” –Stormie Omartian

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whom do you seek here in this place?

We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.

Who has told you of God?

Jesus Christ, God’s Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.

Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen us in this hour to be sent out with courage.

*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

We're Marching to Zion

by Robert Lowry

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sin and restore us in all righteousness. Let us confess our sins to the One whose eyes are open day and night to heed our cry and our prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Living God hears our cry and forgives our sin! The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor on us through Christ, the bread from heaven, who brings us back to God and feeds us with his strength. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

*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

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. By your Holy Spirit, let your words pierce our darkness, strengthen our faith, and illumine our witness for you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

NT 195

SERMON

The Armor of God

Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller and Jackson

Helene Furlong, clarinet, and Lisa Tolomeo-Higgins, alto flute, arr. Christopher Tolomeo

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Our God has bestowed us with favor and honor through Christ, who has given us the words of eternal life. From this fullness, let us now offer our gifts of thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

OFFERTORY

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the right to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.



*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

Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven and the armor of God. Endow these gifts with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. 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 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

*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 Shirley Rudd and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

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. We will resume with outdoor coffee hour on Rally Day

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER TRAINING is coming this Wednesday at 7:30 pm! We will be working on getting our plans together for our students this year, and learning about our new structure.

CHANCEL CHOIR Make a joyful noise! Any adult singers are welcome to join our Chancel Choir, with weekly rehearsals starting on Thursday September 9th, 7:30-8:30pm. For more information, email Lee: music@wallingfordpres.org.

RALLY DAY + ICE CREAM + FAITH FORMATION PREVIEW

Ready to kick off the year with a bang? Join us at our 10am service on Rally Day on September 12th for an exciting celebration to start the year strong! After our service, meet us in the courtyard of WPC for some refreshments and ice cream! Immediately following our outdoor coffee hour, we invite you to stay for our Faith Formation Preview from 11:30am -12pm, in which parents and children will enjoy a fun, interactive presentation of what Faith Formation Day will be like this year. The children will even get the chance to sing with Miss Lee and get fitted for their choir robes! As you leave, you will receive the Faith Formation Day schedule for the year, a goody bag for the kids to take home. See you there!

The logo for Faith Formation features the word "Faith" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "i" in "Faith" is replaced by a blue cross. Below "Faith" is the word "Formation" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "o" in "Formation" is replaced by a blue cross. The entire logo is set against a white background.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WPC will be holding a Special meeting of the Congregation, called for the purpose of electing church officers on Sunday, September 12 during the 10:00 worship service.

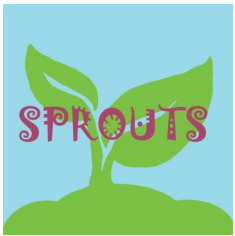
WPC HAPPENINGS PRINTOUTS Printed copies of our email newsletter are available in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those who do not have internet access.

KIDS CAFÉ We all know how much we love fellowship hour after the service, but did you know that the kids love to have their own version too? Well, here at WPC we have a special fellowship hour for children on the first Sunday of the month, in which the kids can have refreshments, fun, and fellowship just for them. While the parents socialize in the fellowship hall during their coffee hour, the kids gather in the choir room for some fellowship time of their own with juice and lemonade, and kid-friendly snacks. In this time (11:00am-11:30am) they enjoy their refreshments, gather for a short game, and end with music as our Musical Director, Miss Lee, joins us for singing time together. Come join in the fun at Kid's Cafe!



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.



SPROUTS, 6-8 p.m., Friday, September 17 – Visit Ms. Meghan the Delaware Children’s Museum in Wilmington. Bring a brown bag dinner and enjoy DCM’s numerous exhibits. The cost is \$5 per child. Sprouts is a time of fun and fellowship for children K-5. Students meet to eat dinner, play fun games and explore different topics related to our faith.

Beginning in October, Sprouts meets the first Friday of the month at the church. This year’s themes include Children's Museum Field Trip, Movie Night, Game Night and Youth Group Preview Night.

Jump on in and join us for some fun-filled nights of faith!

EMAILS ABOUT CHURCH BUSINESS should be sent to 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.”

FRAUD ALERT

In the last several weeks, a number of our members have had their email accounts hacked. Please remember **never to click on suspicious links, including:**

- Links from **unfamiliar addresses or phone numbers**, even if the name at the top is familiar
- **Unexpected** links, or those with **no context**
- Links from messages with **strangely worded** content/unusual grammar
- Links for which the initial site ends in **anything besides .com, .edu, .org, .gov** (or sometimes .net) (for instance, wallingfordpres.org = OK; wallingfordpres.tv = suspicious)
- Links with **misspellings** (wallingfordpres.org = OK; wallingfordpres.org = suspicious)
- Links from messages with **overly formal** language
- Links with **terminology from the wrong denomination** (ie- claims to be from Kate but refers to “mass” rather than “worship;” claims to be from François but refers to him as “father” rather than “pastor”)

If you receive an email from someone you know, asking you to “do a favor” or asking whether you use Amazon, that is a phishing email. Do not reply or send any information, money, or gift cards. Do contact the person via a known phone number to let them know they have been hacked.

If you discover that you have been hacked:

- **Change your password** immediately for the account affected, as well as any other account for which you use the same password.
- Make sure all of your software and anti-virus software is up to date, and **run an antivirus scan**.
- If this email address is through your Internet Service Provider (Verizon, Comcast, AOL, etc) contact them and let them know. **Ask if there are additional steps you need to take.**
- **If you don’t know how to do any of these things, take your computer to either the Genius Bar (Macs) or the Geek Squad (PCs)**
- **Reach out for help if you feel overwhelmed. We are here to support you.**

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

Our sympathy as a congregation to the Meloy family on the loss of Mike's mom, Rev. Alice Meloy.

Our sympathy to the Czech family on the loss of Jon's mom, Jean Czech

Our sympathy to the Cheezum family on the loss of Jim's mom, Nina Cheezum.

Ann

We Continue to Pray for:

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| Bob | Janis |
| Josiah | Paul |
| Holly | Scott Family |
| Craig | |

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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