



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TENTH SUNDAY IN *ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 5, 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, September 5

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Tenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

Monday, September 6

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 7

7:30 pm- Session

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

Thursday, September 9

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, September 10

Saturday, September 11

Sunday, September 12

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Eleventh Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

Rally Day and Special Meeting of the
Congregation

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François and Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:30 am- Faith Formation Preview Day

4:30 pm- Youth Group

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Regarding the debate about faith and works: It's like asking which blade in a pair of scissors is most important. - C. S. Lewis

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to you! We give thanks for your life! We give thanks for your presence here! We give thanks to God for you!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has invited and gathered us to the feast of God's holy word and holy meal, so that our eyes and ears are opened and we may all be made glad and filled with hope.

With joy and gladness we come.

Let us worship God together.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

CALL TO CONFESSION

Scripture teaches that many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them and heal them. It is with that same confidence that we now confess our failings and seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants and avoid discomfort, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us we pray and renew us in body and spirit,

That we will be able, with your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

***RESPONSE**

God's forgiveness is not cheap grace, it requires something from us therefore I ask you, 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

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

NT 229-230

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 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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

arr. P. Taylor

SERMON

Can Faith Save You?

Pastor François

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Proverbs states that those who are generous are blessed. So let us be blessed by being generous for the sake of those in need.

OFFERTORY

Variations sérieuses, Op. 54, Var. 14

F. Mendelssohn

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 606**

***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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Let us dedicate our gifts, tithes and offering.

Receive our thanks, O God, for your gifts of life, means, and time. We treasure your offerings and, small as our return giving may be, welcome it for the sake of those in need and for the furtherance of your witness in this world. Make us daily more grateful for all we have been given, in Jesus' name. Amen.

+INVITATION

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of power and might, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name...

...Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

*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 Lin Floyd 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.

COFFEE HOUR Weather permitting, Coffee hour will resume outdoors next week.

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, and a goody bag for the kids to take home. See you there!



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, starting in October, 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 at the Delaware Children’s Museum in Wilmington. Bring a brown bag dinner and enjoy DCM’s numerous exhibits. The cost is \$5 per person. 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!



OUR CUB SCOUTS PACK 228 (age 5-10 years old) are kicking off the new cub scouting year with a “Build A Paper Rocket” event on September 19th 3-5pm at Smedley Park. For anyone interested or thinking about joining the cub scouts group based at the church please free to come along, have some fun, and find out more. We are open to 5 year olds and we are open to Family Cub Scouts (both boys and girls as part the pack). All welcome.

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

Our sympathy as a congregation to the Tolomeo family on the loss of Tony's mom, Angela.

Our sympathy as a congregation to the Demos family on the loss of Roger's brother.

We Continue to Pray for:

Bob	Scott Family
Josiah	Amber
The Meloy Family	Larry
Ann	Ron
Andrea	The Tagliaterra 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.

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