



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
*ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME  
RALLY DAY  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 12

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Eleventh Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

Rally Day

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François and Pastor Taylor Preaching

10:30 am- Special Meeting of the  
Congregation

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:30 am- Faith Formation Preview Day

4:30 pm- Youth Group

## Monday, September 13

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:00 pm- WCNS Parents' Night

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## Tuesday, September 14

7:30 pm- Worship Council

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

## Wednesday, September 15

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

## Thursday, September 16

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

## Friday, September 17

**11:00 am- WCNS Picnic**

6:00 pm- Sprouts @ DE Children's Museum

## Saturday, September 18

## Sunday, September 19

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Twelfth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

9:30 am- Junior Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:30 am- Handbell Workshop

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## Order of Worship

### GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

#### WORDS OF MEDITATION

“What makes authentic disciples is not visions, ecstasies, biblical mastery of chapter and verse, or spectacular success in the ministry, but a capacity for faithfulness. Buffeted by the fickle winds of failure, battered by their own unruly emotions, and bruised by rejection and ridicule, authentic disciples may have stumbled and frequently fallen, endured lapses and relapses, gotten handcuffed to the fleshpots and wandered into a far county. Yet, they kept coming back to Jesus.” — Brennan Manning

#### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP- Statement of Faith (*by Ann Weems in Reaching for Rainbows*)

Liturgist: We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and me.

**ALL: We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.**

Liturgist: We believe the Holy Spirit works through balloons and ministers... daisies and wiggly children.

**CHOIR:** Clanging cymbals and silence... drama and the unexpected, choirs and banners...

**ELDERS, DEACONS and TRUSTEES:** Touching and praying...Spontaneity and planning... faith and doubt... Tears and laughter... leading and supporting

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** Hugging and kneeling... dancing and stillness... Applauding and giving... creativity and plodding

**PASTORS:** Words and listening... holding and letting go, Thank you and help me... Scripture and alleluias

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** Agonizing and celebrating... accepting and caring. Through you and through me... through love.

**PASTORS:** We believe God’s Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.

**ALL: We believe in praising God for Life.**

**PASTORS:** We believe in responding to God’s grace and love and justice for all people.

**ALL: We believe in the poetry within each of us.**

Liturgist: We believe in dreams and visions.

**ALL: We believe in old people running and children leading.**

Liturgist: We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

**ALL: We believe in Love.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT’S LEIGH

## REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM COVENANT

Hear these words from Holy Scripture:

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ.

Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered the world

**Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's Kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin.**

**Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world.

**I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will with God's help.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal page 17, Apostle's Creed, Contemporary Version)

Today we remember and give thanks for all who were baptized during our 'unordinary' and 'almost' ordinary time: Emily McCullough, Shane Sawyer, Rosalyn Kerr, Amanda Lyons, Annabelle Guillé, Aspen Vaccone, William Peifer, Heidi Peifer, Cameron Peifer, Lucas George, Cameron George, Connor Boland and Lucas Moore.

Let us all remember that:

**For us Jesus Christ came into the world:**

**For us he lived and showed God's love;**

**For us he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is accomplished";**

**For us he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life;**

**For us he ascended to rule over all.**

**All this he did for us, so that the word of scripture is fulfilled in him: We love because God first loved us.**

Beloved people of God, remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work, both within you and through our community of faith.

**Thanks be to God!**

## 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.)*

## COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Friends in Christ, we are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind. Let us recall what we are to be about.

**MINISTERS:** The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;

**DEACONS:** The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God

**ELDERS:** The maintenance of divine worship

**ALL: The preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

## COMMISSIONING PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION      Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated    by H. Malan, arr. J. Purifoy

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you O Lord.  
Be our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

NT 43-44

## MEDITATION

But who do you say that I am?

Pastors Taylor and François

## MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Nominating Committee Report

## CHORAL ANTHEM

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. Tom Trenney

## SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

God has given us the sun and made us stewards of all creation. God has given us our lives and our very beings. Let us give to God, from what God has given us. With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

## OFFERTORY

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. Dale Wood

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**\*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 DEDICATION**

Let us dedicate our offering:

Lord, who gives us everything we have, we return with joy a portion of our bounty, giving to the work of your church and your world what is already yours:

**Ourselves, our lives, and our means. Make good come from these gifts. Teach us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**CLOSING 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 749**

**Come! Live in the Light!**

**WE ARE CALLED**

**\*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 Cyndi Lacroix 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.

**COFFEE HOUR** Weather permitting, Coffee hour resumes today!

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Make a joyful noise! Any adult singers are welcome to join our Chancel Choir, with weekly rehearsals Thursday 7:30-8:30pm. For more information, email Lee: [music@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:music@wallingfordpres.org).

**RALLY DAY + ICE CREAM + FAITH FORMATION PREVIEW**

Ready to kick off the year with a bang? After our service today, meet us in the courtyard for some refreshments and ice cream, and 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.



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** WPC will be holding a Special meeting of the Congregation, called for the purpose of electing church officers today.

**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!



**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*

<b>In our Prayers this week:</b>	
<b>We Continue to Pray for:</b>	
Bob	Ann
Josiah	Andrea
Larry	Amber
Ron	The Tolomeo Family
The Demos 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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