



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 19

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Twelfth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

9:30 am- Chapel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

Monday, September 20

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- GSA 518

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

7:30 pm- Finance Meeting

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing Class

7:30 pm- Mission and Service Committee

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, September 22

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Thursday, September 23

5:00 pm- WCNS Chili Cook Off

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA

7:30 pm- Stewardship Council

Friday, September 24

Saturday, September 25

Sunday, September 26

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thirteenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.” — Fred Rogers

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist writes, Happy are the people who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's law day and night.

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

We are gathered by God to worship not because we are perfect, but because we want to take delight in the law of love, God's law for us.

We come to take delight in the law of the Lord.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings:

Envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires.

Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us to give, we take. Where your presence beckons, we resist.

(Silent Confession)

Give us your grace that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who loves and sustains us hears our plea. The Lord desires for us a welcome into the blessed community of freedom and light. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

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 the beloved of God, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, anything that is excellent and worthy of praise, we will keep trying to do these things as Jesus taught us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

NT 230-231

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 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.

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, children ages 18mo – 5 years (Young Disciples) and Grades 1 – 5 (Junior Disciples) can go to faith formation or, if parents prefer, return to their pews and worship with their parents (activity packets provided for their use during the worship service.)

ANTHEM

Hallelujah, Mungu wa Israeli
Chancel Choir and Chapel Choir

arr. M. Burkhardt

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

NT 45

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Children's Song Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Like the child Jesus held, we live and move and have our being inside the circle of his arms. Let us open our hearts so that our tithes and offerings bring others, as well, into that circle.

OFFERTORY

Deux Arabesques, I: Andante con moto

by Claude Debussy

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.



***RESPONSE 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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 thank you for the wealth you shower on us daily, O Lord, and we witness the marvelous goodness that comes from you. Transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN 714** God of the Fertile Fields **ITALIAN HYMN**

***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.)

POSTLUDE Postlude on "O Zion, Haste" by McConnell and Walch

****Those who are able, please stand.***

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Thank you to Danielle Haury and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

Last week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Andy and Kay Yost in memory of loved ones.

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS We love to see your masked faces, but with the uncertainties of the delta variant and the onset of flu season, we want everyone to stay healthy. If you aren't feeling your best (headache, fever, body ache), please consider staying at home until you feel like your old self again.

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.

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: mu-sic@wallingfordpres.org.

PASTOR FRANÇOIS WILL BE AWAY from September 23-28th. Please contact Pastor Taylor for all pastoral care emergencies. For all other concerns, contact Kate in the office.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are back! If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers in memory or honor of a loved one (or loved ones) on an upcoming Sunday, please sign up on planning center, by calling the office or at bit.ly/WPCFlowers

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 today 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.

DANCE FOR FUN! Social, Latin, and Ballroom dancing classes are being held at WPC for six weeks starting September 28th, with both beginner and intermediate classes available. The cost is \$120 per couple. Contact instructors Bob Martin (484-904-8979 or tango.close@verizon.net) or Diane Seltzer (610-357-4902 or DKseltzer@verizon.net) to register, or for more information. Mask wearing and vaccination are required for all participants.

ARE YOU TIRED OF GETTING HACKED? Sick of having fifteen friends call you to let you know that your account is sending out strange links or requests? Are you sure you know what a phishing scam looks like? Looking to be a little bit savvier when it comes to your personal information? Great! We are too! Wednesday, September 29th at 7:30 pm, Kate will be hosting an Internet Street Smarts class, and all members and friends are welcome. Come learn about how to identify fraudulent emails, avoid scams and phishing posts on social media, recognize suspicious links, and what to do if you find yourself hacked. Questions? Reach out to Kate in the office.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! WE COULD USE YOUR HELP! If you have an interest in videography we could use you as one of our volunteers on Sunday mornings to video record the worship service. If you are interested see Walt Kaminski after the worship service of contact Pastor Francois at pastorfrancois@wallingfordpres.org

LIKE TO KEEP YOUR OFFICE SKILLS SHARP (answering the phone, opening the mail)? Add your name to our list of temps to sub in Kate's absence. Contact Kate (email or 610-566-1644) to add you name to our on-call list.

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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!

FRAUD ALERT- Just a quick reminder that no church leader or officer will ever contact you asking you to provide money, gift cards, passwords, personal information, or for a vague “favor.” If you receive an email or text like this, please do not respond, and let us know what happened.

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

We rejoice with Archie and Mary Paul as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary!

Our sympathy as a congregation to Anita Brown and family on the loss of Barry on Thursday.

We Continue to Pray for:

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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