

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 26

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thirteenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

Monday, September 27

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

11:00 am- Memorial Service (Private)

6:30 pm- GSA 518

Tuesday, September 28

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing Class

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:30 pm- W@W- Internet Street Smarts

Thursday, September 30

2:30 pm- Staff Planning Center Workshop

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA

Friday, October 1

6:30 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, October 2

1:00 pm- BSA 2019

Sunday, October 3

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fourteenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Kids Cafe

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.” — John Calvin

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Upon this gathering of your people,

Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

Be near to us and speak to us,

And we will proclaim your glory.

Give us eyes to see you and ears to hear you

Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADE-

LEINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Forgive us Lord for all the ways we have strayed from your way of love this week.

(Silent Confession)

Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My brothers and my sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. Rejoice! You have been brought back by the redemption of God and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior. You can live in peace.

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**

**Blessed be the Lord, for God is good, and God's love endures forever.
 Creator God, help us to mirror your goodness and love through this offering, in the world.
 Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN 450** Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***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

A Song of Parting

Angerman

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

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Thank you to Lise Meloy and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

Last week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Rhoda Morgan in loving memory of Del Morgan's 9th anniversary.

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.

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

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 or 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.

IN-PERSON STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS

In an effort to meet everyone's needs and remain mindful of COVID-19, the staff has established in-person office hours. Due to the pandemic, appointments are preferred when possible.

Pastor François	Tuesday	11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pastor Taylor	Monday	11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Thursday	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Main Office	Monday	9:30 a.m.-noon
	Tues-Thursday	2-4:30 p.m.

Feel free to call the church office (610-566-1644) or email staff members at other times.

KIDS CAFÉ Come join in the fun at Kid's Café sext Sunday after worship!

SOCKTOBER/COATTOBER (OCTOBER 1-31)

Socketober has expanded to include coats. Our familiar sock containers will be available outside near the red wagon and inside near the church office entrance. A rack for adult coats/jackets (gently used and clean) will be set up close to the indoor container.

A project of the Mission and Services Committee and Education Council.

TRUNK OR TREAT 3 p.m., Sunday, October 24

The WPC upper parking lot will be filled with cars/trucks/SUVs decked out for Halloween and with treats galore.

WPC, an approved UNICEF site, will be raising funds for the agency. We ask all of our guests, if possible, to make a contribution.

Prizes will be awarded for best decorated trunks. Anyone wishing to host a trunk should contact Walt Kaminski or Gail Weaver (please consult the church directory for contact information or check with the church office).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 27

Cats, dogs, fish, birds, hamsters, lizards – bring your favorite pet (real or stuffed) in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

2022 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Watch the mail for the 2022 Annual Giving Campaign letter. The theme, “We are Marching in the Light of God,” reminds us God has never left us, for he has given us the chance to reflect on the opportunities our church offers and the importance of our congregation as a “family of God.” Prayerfully consider making a pledge to support God’s work here at WPC.

SCHEDULING EVENTS

Just a reminder that upcoming events *must* be confirmed with the office to ensure the day, time and space are available.

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:	
Tim	
Margaret	
We Continue to Pray for:	
Bob	Ann
Josiah	Larry
The Demos Family	The Brown 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

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor

Rev. Taylor Cornelius, Associate Pastor

Lee Hagon-Kerr, Director of Music

Kate Callahan, Church Administrator

Leslie Krowchenko, Communications Coordinator

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