



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Fifteenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time
10:00 am- Worship
Pastor François Preaching
11:00 am- Fellowship Hour
2:00 pm- Cubs 228
4:00 pm- Youth Putt Putt outing

Monday, October 11

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study
2:30 pm- Staff Meeting
6:30 pm- GSA 518
7:30 pm- WPC Connections

Tuesday, October 12

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing Class
7:30 pm- Worship Council

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday (continued)

7:00 pm- WOW
Thursday, October 14
6:30 pm- Bell Choir
7:30 pm- Choir Practice
7:30 pm- BSA

Friday, October 15

Saturday, October 16

Sunday, October 17

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10:00 am- Worship
Pastor François Preaching
11:00 am- Fellowship Hour
11:00 am- Faith Formation Day
3:00 pm- Concert Series

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Ordination to different forms of ministry may have different functional emphases, though none is exclusive of the others. Consistently the ordination of deacons is named first, followed by elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. This is to emphasize the diaconal foundation of all ordained ministry as service of God and neighbor. Ordination of deacons provides for the church's ministry of compassion. Elders are ordained to assure that the governance of the church reflects an integrity of theology and polity. Ministers of Word and Sacrament are responsible for the "true preaching of the Word of God," and "the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus" (Scots Confession, Chapter XVII). Yet deacons, elders, and ministers are all involved in decision making, ministries of compassion, and liturgical service.

– Book of occasional services, a liturgical resource supplementing the Book of Common Worship, 1993 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 1, 2 and 3)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.

(Silent Confession)

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.

Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*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

Let us pray. Overwhelm us with your Spirit, O God that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as your Word, made known to us in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

NT 220

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

Jireh

by Brown, Furtick, Moore, and Raine

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

NT 46

SERMON

Trust: Leaving it All Behind

Pastor François

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Higher Ground

by Charles H. Gabriel arr. M. Hayes

ORDINATION, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The letter to the Galatians states, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

And the letter to the Ephesians teaches, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling."

First Corinthians states, "There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it."

COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEES: *Ken Ezzell, Walt Kaminski, Vicki Lovecchio and Pat Tillson*

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

To be ordained: Lin Floyd and Danielle Haury, Deacon. Gwyn Vernon, Elder

Previously ordained to their office: Deacons Karen Emmons, Debbie George, Kai Yokoyama, Rosanna Denney and elders Diane Corbett, Chris Darr, Roger Demos and Kevin Switala.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER for Deacons

PRAYER for Elders

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION/LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

WELCOME

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for all God has done, and so we are invited, we bring our offerings and tithes for the building up of God's kingdom.

OFFERTORY

Cantabile

L.v. Beethoven, arr. Gary Davidson

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**

Let us dedicate our gifts, tithes and offering.

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN 853** We are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba) SIYAHAMBA

***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** **by Graham and Angerman**
"May the echoes of God's music live on in your heart. May the words of the Lord guide you on your way. May the joy of the faith fill your heart with hope, and may God's love surround you as you go. Amen."

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

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Thank you to Bob Kenworthy and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

Last week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Gwyn Vernon in memory of Mark J. Vernon.

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS Just a reminder: If you aren't feeling your best (headache, fever, body ache), please consider staying at home until you feel like your old self again.

THE ELECTRONIC SIGN COMMITTEE invites you to visit the full size mock display of the proposed sign that will be outside on the lawn today after worship (weather permitting). Members of the committee will be available to answer any questions you may have about the project. We hope this gives you an opportunity to see what the sign will look like and hope to have it up again soon.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are back! If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers on an upcoming Sunday, please sign up on planning center, by calling the office or at bit.ly/WPCFlowers

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

TUESDAY THIS WEEK THE OFFICE WILL BE closed in the afternoon. Kate's office hours that day will be 9:30 am-noon.

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.

SOCKTOBER/COATTOBER (OCTOBER 1-31)

Socktober 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 can the code to the right, or register online at bit.ly/WPCTorT21



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. You can register your pledge can the QR code to the right or online at <https://bit.ly/WPCPLEDGE2022>



Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

Our sympathy as a congregation to the family of long time WPC member Ruth Hoegberg on her passing this week.

We Continue to Pray for:

Bob	Ann
Josiah	Larry
Tim	Margaret
Helen	John
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
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