

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 17, 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 17

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sixteenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Faith Formation Day

3:00 pm- Concert Series

Monday, October 18

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- GSA 518

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, October 19

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing Class

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, October 20

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Wednesday (continued)

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

1:00 pm- Blood Drive

7:00 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice Series

Thursday, October 21

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA

Friday, October 22

Saturday, October 23

Sunday, October 24

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Seventeenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship- Chapel Choir Singing

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:30 am- Wallingford Winds Rehearsal

3:00 pm- Trunk or Treat

4:30 pm- Youth Halloween Party

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Narcissistic personality disorder is named for Narcissus, from Greek mythology, who fell in love with his own reflection. Freud used the term to describe persons who were self-absorbed, and psychoanalysts have focused on the narcissist's need to bolster his or her self-esteem through grandiose fantasy, exaggerated ambition, exhibitionism, and feelings of entitlement.”

— Donald W. Black, Dsm-5(r) Guidebook: The Essential Companion to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist writes, The Lord is our dwelling place,

A home of peace and plenty.

The Lord is our dwelling place,

A refuge when trouble is near.

The Lord is our dwelling place,

A temple that will stand forever.

Let us worship God with joyful and glad hearts.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 34

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!
(verses 1, 4 and 5)

RUSTINGTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like sheep we all have gone astray, but like a faithful, loving shepherd, God seeks us out and calls us home. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. Like the apostles James and John, We want you to do whatever we ask of you,

But we are unwilling to do what you ask of us.

We want to sit beside you in your glory,

But we fail to stand beside you in your suffering.

We want to be first in your great kingdom,

But we are among the last to serve the least.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us

And wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have, with love and thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken

arr. J. Brickman

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 offerings.

Holy God, we give you thanks for all your gifts of goodness and grace. Receive these gifts from our hands as a sacrifice of praise to you and teach us to honor you each day by our obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*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

Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord

by D.E. Wagner

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

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Thank you to Roger Demos and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Deb McCullough in memory of David McCullough for our 33rd wedding anniversary.

PASTOR FRANÇOIS WILL BE AWAY THIS WEEK. Pastor Taylor is available to handle all pastoral care concerns. Any other issues should be directed to the office.

FRIDAY THIS WEEK THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE The Blood Mobile will be at WPC this Wednesday starting at 1pm. Sign up for your slot online at redcrossblood.org

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

UP FOR A COUPLE HOURS OF OFFICE WORK? (answering the phone, opening the mail) Add your name to our list of temps to sub of a few hours at a time 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

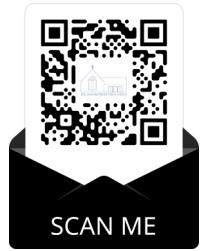
The WPC upper parking lot will be filled with cars/trucks/SUVs decked out for Halloween and with treats galore. WPC, an approved UNICEF site, will be raising funds for the agency. We ask all of our guests, if possible, to make a contribution. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated trunks. Anyone wishing to host a trunk should scan 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

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
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