



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 31, 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 31

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Eighteenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time
10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

Monday, November 1

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- GSA 518

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, November 2

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing Class

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

Wednesday, November 3

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:30 pm- W@W Book Look

Thursday, November 4

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA

Friday, November 5

6:30 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, November 6

Sunday, November 7

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Nineteenth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François 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

The Reformation, also called the Protestant Reformation, was the religious revolution that took place in the western church in the 16th century. Its best leaders were undoubtedly Martin Luther and John Calvin. This reform had a number of far-reaching political, economic, and social effects, and became the basis for the founding of Protestantism, one of the three major branches of Christianity.

Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning when it was very dark God said, 'Let there be light'

And there was light.

In the beginning when it was very quiet, the Word was with God

And what God was, the Word was.

When the time was right God sent the son.

He came among us, He was one of us.

Let us worship God together.

Ever constant, ever new.

*OPENING HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(Verses 1, 3 and 5)

TOULON

*OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God is waiting for us, ready to forgive and reinstate us in God's grace. Let us confess our sin. Interrupt us, O God, disturb our set patterns and rigid responses.

Shake us loose from thinking we know the only way.

Free us from opinions that are held in tight grips, from holier-than-thou attitudes.

Teach us the art of looking at the world new and fresh, ready to be surprised by joy, astonished by grace, overcome with gratitude; Keep us reasonably humble so we may see the new thing that you are doing through other people around us.

(Silent Confession)

Open us to your word, your touch, your Spirit.

Help us see you at work, even in the interruptions of life. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God mercy and grace turns us around, opens our eyes, renews our faith, and through Jesus Christ forgives our sins.

We are truly blessed. Thanks be to God. 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 God's own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 146 OT 581-582

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.)

MUSICAL MEDITATION A Mighty Fortress is Our God arr. Matt Limbaugh

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:28-34 NT 49

SERMON *Ecclesia Reformata Semper Reformanda* Pastor François

REFORMATION PRAYER

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed to the castle door in Wittenberg a list of 95 statements that told of his concerns about the church. While we remember this act as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, Luther was neither the first nor the last to seek to re-form and renew the church. Let us pray.

God of new beginnings, this day we remember and celebrate those who challenge us to see things in new ways, to expand and explore our sense of what it means to be the body of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for the many people whose words, images, music, sermons, writings, questions, ideas and laughter have helped to shape us as a church.

God of our past, our present, and our future, thank you for those who have gone before us and who share the wisdom of the ages with us all. We thank you for those who are young or new to our community, who bring a freshness and a new way of understanding, whose new questions invite us to reflect on the past and plan for the future.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Give us courage to let our future be guided by the Spirit's wind. We put our trust in you, O God, trusting that, through all the changes, the seasons, and the re-formations of our lives, you are ever with us. Amen.

ANTHEM

Consecration
Wallingford Winds

by R. Steadman-Allen

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Our God is ever faithful and provides everything that we need. Let us praise the Lord through our giving, that our offerings may be acceptable to God.

OFFERTORY

Faith of Our Fathers

arr. L. Smith

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

Dear God, we offer you these gifts that they might build up the work of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your grace and peace. For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Song of Parting

by J. Graham and D. Angerman

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 Earl Varney and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God.

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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are still available for 2021! 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 your 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.

SPROUTS IS THIS FRIDAY! Kids 5 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us for an evening of art and faith this Friday from 6:30 to 8 pm. Register on the Church Center app or at <https://bit.ly/SproutNov>
Question? Contact Pastor Taylor.

DEACON REQUEST Our Deacons have resumed visiting members to deliver Sunday chancel flowers. We find we're running short of vases. To help us continue this ministry, we'd appreciate the return or donation of vases. They can be placed in the red wagons or in the kitchen. Thank you!



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>

MISSION AND SERVICE MESSAGE I received the following letter from the Thomas M. Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church & Center.

Roger Demos, Chair of the Mission and Service Committee

Dear Members of the Wallingford Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so very much for your support in our ministry.

The pandemic has hit Chester hard and made the work more difficult. It is nice to know that there are still those who are interested in and willing to support our work in the community.

There is no end to the work that needs to be done in the name of Jesus Christ. The sharing of God's love is so important.

Thanks again to you all and may God continue to bless you.

Yours in Christ

Evelena Jackson, Moderator of the Deacons

Rev. Dr. Carroll D. Jenkins, Pastor

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

Our sympathy to the Fooskas family on the loss of longtime WPC member Ruth on October 22nd.

The Host family

Matthew

Rowena

We Continue to Pray for:

Tim

Margaret

Helen

John

Edith

The Hyde 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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Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor

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