

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FORTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ALMOST ORDINARY TIME MAY 22, 2022 TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

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.

<u>Visitors</u> are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending. <u>Large print bulletins</u> 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 are available for children to use during worship.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter Forty-Seventh Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time Teacher Appreciation Sunday 10:00 am- Worship Service **Pastor Taylor Preaching** 11:00 am- Fellowship Time 11:00 am- Peacemaking and Social Justice 4:00 pm- Youth Arcade Night Monday, May 23 10:30 am- Adult Bible Study 2:30 pm- Staff Meeting **Tuesday**, May 24 4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons 7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing 7:30 pm- Trustees Wednesday, May 25 9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner 10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday (Continued)

1:00 pm- WCNS Year End Celebration 4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons 7:30 pm- BookLook 7:30 pm- Covid Taskforce Thursday, May 26 6:30 pm- Bell Choir 7:30 pm- Choir Practice 7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019 Friday, May 27 Saturday, May 28 Sunday, May 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter Forty-Eighth Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time 10:00 am- Worship **Rosanna Denney Preaching** 11:00 am- Fellowship Time

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

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.- Lamentations 3:22-23

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP Please remember to sign in on the black friendship pew pads

CALL TO WORSHIP Alleluia, Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.** Let the peoples praise you, O God. **Let all the peoples praise you.**

OPENING PRAYER

Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, your home among mortals on earth. All people and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation. And so you call us to move beyond our comfortable circles, and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn 12	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	St. Denio
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Do not let your hearts be troubled, but confess your sins and God will give you peace. Let us go before God with our confession of sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing. Beloved, receive the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (VASILE) *Response 582 Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen (x3) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, By the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 67

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by K. Thomerson

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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.)

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.

TEACHER APPRECIATION PRESENTATION OF GIFTS PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS

MUSICAL MEDITATION	I Am His and He Is Mine	arr. C. Berry
Scripture Reading	Colossians 2:9-15	NT 200-201
Sermon	Colossians 2:15: Karl Barth	Pastor Taylor

Walkin' in the Light

ANTHEM

Chapel and Chancel Choirs arr. A. Albritton and D. Black I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to walk as a child of the light. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. shine in my heart, Lord Jesus!

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The earth has yielded its increase and God has richly blessed us. Therefore bring your tithes and offerings and come into God's courts with praise.

OFFERTORY When Peace like a River and The Water is Wide arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 353 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*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.)

*Those who are able, please stand. "Words and music printed for the hymns, Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A71731."

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

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Mary Rose in memory of her husband and grandson.

WORSHIP 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.

PASTOR FRANÇOIS IS ON SABBATICAL He will return August 1. Please contact Pastor Taylor with all pastoral care needs, and refer other concerns to the office.



SOLID ROCK

IN-PERSON STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Taylor will have a heavier load of visitations and other responsibilities in Pastor François' absence. As a result, her office hours will be by appointment.

The Main Office Hours are shown below. Appointments preferred when possible.

- Monday 9:30 am-12pm
- Tues-Thursday 2-4:30pm

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

NEED A BETTER MASK? WPC Has KN-95 masks available for those who have not been able to get them. Pick one up for your personal use when you come to worship!

CHANCEL FLOWERS 2022 If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2022, you can sign up in Fellowship Hall, online at https://bit.ly/WPCflowers22, or by scanning the QR Code to the right.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE: https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS BACK! - clear your calendar for Monday, June 6. Everyone's favorite

community-wide event will include food, desserts, books, plants and games for children. (Note – a special Attic Treasures day is being planned for the fall).

Start saving now:

- Books kids, fiction and non, cookbooks, etc. (no encyclopedias or textbooks). Books donations can be dropped off in the church library starting Sunday, May 22 through Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm. (Please don't drop them off later -- we need time to get them ready!)
- Plants perennials, vegetables, herbs (marked with type of plant, sun/ shade)

Proceeds will be divided among Chester Eastside, Inc. summer camp (75%), Scout troops (15%) and seed money for SF 2023 (10%).

YOU make Strawberry Festival a success. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – watch for sign-up sheets online and in Fellowship Hall.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES:

If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate with you! Email Kate or call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, be sure to include their plans for the fall.

WATERING THE LARGE PLANTERS AT THE CHURCH

The containers outside the Narthex have been planted – now they need to be watered. Sign up for a week – it just takes about 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Use the Church Center app or this link: https://bit.ly/WPCWatering22





SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

June 5 – Sept. 4, Two volunteers per class per week: 18 months-pre-school – read a book and coloring time Grades K-5 – play a DVD and supervise the kids Visit this link to sign up: https://bit.ly/WPCSummer2022

STAFF

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