



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FIFTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 14, 2022

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 are available for children to use during worship.

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

Sunday, August 14

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fifty-ninth Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

Monday, August 15

2:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, August 16

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, August 17

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

11:45 am- Co-op Gym Time

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

Wednesday August 17 (cont.)

7:00 pm- Stewardship Council

Thursday, August 18

11:45 am- Co-op Gym Time

5:00 pm- Presbyterian Historical Society (see pg. 6 for QR Code)

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

Sunday, August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sixtieth Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“All that the Lord thy God commands thee to do, that do thou to the Lord thy God: add nothing to it, diminish nothing from it.” By this rule, think I, the Kirk of Christ will measure God's religion, and not by that which seems good in their own eyes.” — John Knox

WELCOME, AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Please remember to sign in on the black friendship pew pads

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING

Today we follow the order of worship developed by John Knox in The Book of Common Order, 1562 (with a few additions). The structure is simple and centered around preaching.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary, to seek our unity in the Spirit, to seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, to seek the peace of God.

God's people have gathered:

Let us worship the God of Grace together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, long suffering and ever faithful.

The Lord is good to all; the Lord's compassion rests upon all creatures.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.

Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sin against us, but in tender love, forgive.

(Silent Confession)

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.
The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission of all of our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Silence Prayer)

God of love, your Son gave us a new commandment, that we should love one another, even as you love us, the unworthy and the wandering. Give us a mind forgetful of past ill-will and a heart to love one another; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.
Guide us, O Lord, in all the changes of life, that we may neither complain in adversity nor boast in prosperity; but with faith, hope, and love, may follow your divine will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #45	I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes	DUNDEE
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A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
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. Sunday School will resume on September 11th (Rally Day!) For now, children are welcome to stay with us in worship. There are activity packets at each entrance for children to enjoy during worship time.
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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 5:1-7	OT 634
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EPISTLE READING	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	NT 226
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MUSICAL OFFERING	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	C. Locher, arr. Jerry Van Der Pol Gwynn Vernon, piano
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SERMON	Rebellious Sheep	Pastor François
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GOSPEL READING	LUKE 12:49-56	NT 75
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

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

In glad thanksgiving for your goodness we offer you our gifts, O Lord, and pray for the power to offer and present our very selves to you, a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Swell Among Us

EBENEZER

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

TIME OF GREETING AND PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

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

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This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Gwynn Vernon.

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.

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.



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IN-PERSON STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Taylor's office hours are by appointment only.

The Main Office Hours are changing! Kate is now on maternity leave, and Davis Picher will be filling in for her. This week's office hours are:

- Monday - Thursday 1:00-3:30 pm

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

PICKUP CHOIR If you would like to do a little singing this summer, join us for PICK-UP CHOIR on select Sundays through Labor Day! Arrive at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room to learn the hymn and perform it for 10 a.m. worship that day. Pick-up choir will be meeting on the following Sundays: August 21. All are welcome!

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join the Presbyterian Historical Society, 5 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 18, for a talk about the 1980s Sanctuary Movement, when American churches challenged the authority of the federal government by sheltering Central Americans who fled civil war and paramilitary death squads. Speakers will include mission workers, immigration advocates and a woman who fled Guatemala with her family. The event is free. Register using the link through this QR Code



WPC COVID GUIDELINES
ADOPTED BY SESSION
SEPT. 1, 2022
(AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COVID TASK FORCE)

Effective September 1, 2022:

Mask Wearing:

Mask-wearing will be optional for all activities held at the church and all groups using the buildings or grounds.

Individual decisions are at the discretion of adult individuals and parents for their minor children.

This decision includes serving and consuming food and beverages.

WPC will continue to:

Encourage members and friends to be fully vaccinated (including booster) and help in the facilitation of same.

Place notices at all church entrances encouraging anyone not already vaccinated to be vaccinated.

Offer all meetings with Zoom option.

Anyone wishing to wear a mask is welcome to do so

Masks will continue to be made available to anyone entering the building

Rationale:

The recommendation is based on the following:

Vaccinations and boosters are now available for all age groups.

If vaccinated and boosted, severe illness and/or hospitalization is not likely.

While we hope this recommendation could be permanent, the Task Force will continue to meet quarterly (sooner if necessary) to address any significant changes by the CDC and monitor local statistics.

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.

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