

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SIXTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ALMOST ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 28, 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.

<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.

<u>An infant changing station and Quiet Room</u> 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 28

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sixty-first Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

Monday, August 29

2:30 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 30

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:30 pm-BSA Adult Leadership meeting

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, August 31

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

11:45 am- Co-op Gym Time

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

Thursday, September 1

11:45 am- Co-op Gym Time

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sixty-second 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...



Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God." - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, Jesus sums up pretty much everything by saying, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11). He said it at the supper that he knew was the last one at which he'd have a mouth to eat with. Happiness turns up more or less where you'd expect it to—a good marriage, a rewarding job, a pleasant vacation. Joy, on the other hand, is as notoriously unpredictable as the one who bequeaths it. - Originally published in *Wishful Thinking* and later in *Beyond Words*

Welcome, and Ritual of Friendship Please remember to sign in on the black friendship pew pads

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ Let us worship God.

Hymn #388

Come All You People (repeat 3x)

Uyai Mose

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and ever faithful. The Lord is good to all: his compassion rests upon all his creatures.

Let us pray. God our father, your love is at work in all that you have made. Son of God, in your likeness you we are made new. Holy Spirit, you touch our lives with hope. Receive our worship, claim us for your service, set us free to honor you today.

Holy God, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men and women, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have belittled your love and betrayed your trust. We are sorry, we are ashamed, we repent of all our sins.

(Silent Prayer)

Jesus died and rose again for you. In humble penitence, accept his pardon, receive his peace. **Amen.**

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from you alone come everlasting joy and peace. Fill us with joy in your promises, and send us out to be bearers of your peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 2:4-13

OT 699

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

NT 227

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

NT 77

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Lord's Prayer
Guest Soloist - Paul Sommers

Malotte/Black

PRAYERS

THANKSGIVING (Response: Lord, from our hearts we thank you).

Intercession (Response: In the life of our world/land/need/love/church, your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done).

THE LORD'S PRAYER (If not prayed with the children)

*Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

SERMON

Finding Reformation Joy

Pastor François

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.



OFFERING

In glad thanksgiving for God's goodness, let us now offer our gifts with joy.

*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

Out of your providing, Lord we make this offering brought from our daily living. Sanctify your gift, and bless the life from which it comes, that with a cheerful spirit and an ungrudging heart we may be devoted to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

*Hymn 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Blessing and 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 by Helene Furlong, in memory of my parents, John Robert Furlong, and Helene Furlong

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.

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 Wednesday | 11 a.m4:30 p.m. 10 a.m2 p.m. |
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| Pastor Taylor | Monday Thursday | 11 a.m4:30 p.m. 10 a.m1 p.m. |

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.

PRIMETIME After a two-year hiatus, PrimeTime returns with lunch and a movie, noon, Tuesday, Sept. 13. "To What Remains" is the story of Project Recover, a small team dedicated to search for, recover and repatriate the remains of the more than 80,000 Americans missing in action since WWII. The showing comes days before National POW/MIA Recognition Day (Friday, Sept. 16). Bring your own lunch and a friend – we will provide beverages and desserts.

CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES New and returning singers, come to the first rehearsal of the season 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. No experience necessary. Questions? Check with Lee.

New Paraments The new paraments on the lectern, pulpit and communion table were dedicated Aug. 14. The colors will change based on the church liturgical calendar – white (Christmas and Easter), purple (Advent and Lent), red (Pentecost) and green (ordinary time). Many thanks to the Worship Council for selecting the new hangings and the Memorial Committee for proving the funding. The Memorial Fund is comprised of gifts given in memory of church members who have passed, with the money used to enhance the worship experience.

SOCKTOBER Start sock shopping. We will be collecting new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks during our fifth annual Socktober drive. Watch for the Sock Drive containers in the Narthex and near the main office beginning Oct. 1.

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

SPECIAL SESSION The session has called for a special meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday September 11, 2022 for the purpose of receiving the report from the Nominating Committee and to vote on the election of new church officers. The meeting will be held as part of our worship service.

LEE AWAY Lee is away this Sunday and in her absence we welcome back to our worship music leadership Mr. John Conahan.

WPC COVID GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY SESSION August 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.

Cares and Concerns

| In our Prayers this week: | | | |
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| We Continue to Pray for: | | | |
| Mary Paul | | | |
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| 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
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