

*Do this in  
Rememberance of  
Me*



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 4, 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.

Masks are recommended, but not required 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, September 4**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am- Kids cafe

## **Monday, September 5**

6:30 pm- GSA 518

## **Tuesday, September 6**

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:30 pm- Session

## **Wednesday, September 7**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

## **Thursday, September 8**

9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time

6:30 pm- Co-op Parents' Night

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

7:30 pm- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, September 9**

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

## **Saturday, September 10**

## **Sunday, September 11**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

RALLY DAY!!

10:00 am- Meeting of the Congregation

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

*“For if we see that the sun, in sending forth its rays upon the earth, to generate, cherish, and invigorate its offspring, in a manner transfuses its substance into it, why should the radiance of the Spirit be less in conveying to us the communion of his flesh and blood? Wherefore the Scripture, when it speaks of our participation with Christ, refers its whole efficacy to the Spirit. Instead of many, one passage will suffice. Paul, in the Epistle to the Romans (Rom. 8:9-11), shows that the only way in which Christ dwells in us is by his Spirit. By this, however, he does not take away that communion of flesh and blood of which we now speak, but shows that it is owing to the Spirit alone that we possess Christ wholly, and have him abiding in us.”*

— John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion

### WELCOME, BIRTHDAY GREETING, 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.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

**And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,

**Singing joyful songs of praise.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #515

I COME WITH JOY

DOVE OF PEACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.**

**For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In your abundant love and mercy forgive us, O God.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God! Place a new and right spirit within us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The past is left behind; everything has become fresh and new.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

HYMN #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

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 front pews. 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

Suite de Danzas Criollas no. 1

A. Ginasttera

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Listen now to the Word that God has spoken.

**We listen for the One who is close at hand.**

Listen for the voice that began creation.

**We listen even if we don't fully understand.**

PSALM

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

OT 577

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

NT 78

SERMON

Anxiety at the Table

Pastor François

MUSICAL OFFERING

Christ be All Around Me  
Taylor Cornelius

Leeland

OFFERING

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

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

OFFERTORY

Mitten wir im Leben sind (In the Midst of Earthly Life)

Samuel Scheidt

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

Please join me in dedicating our gifts to God this morning.

**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.**

EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**God's Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to our Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN# 536

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

\*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 Shirley Rudd in honor of our 57th wedding anniversary.*

**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.

**MASK OPTIONAL** Effective September 1, mask wearing is optional for worship and all activities and groups using WPC's buildings or grounds. If you would like to wear one, we have KN-95 masks available your 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**

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.

*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:

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

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

**PRIME TIME** 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.

**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/>

**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.**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** How does the Bible relate to everyday living? What does God call you to do? Start the year, 10 a.m., Sept. 12, studying the book of Micah. The classes are informal and interactive; the discussions enlightening and enjoyable. Meets weekly.

**BELL CHOIR RESUMES** Join the ringers for the first rehearsal of the season, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15. No experience necessary. Questions? Check with Lee.

**BOOKLOOK** Discuss “Race and the Politics of Deception,” 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28. Unpack America’s history of dealing with racial problems through the inequitable use of public space. The book focuses on Chester and provides a revealing look at how our ever-changing landscape is being strategically divided along lines of class and race. (Amazon)

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**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.

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.*

### **STAFF**

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor  
Rev. Taylor Cornelius, Associate Pastor  
Lee Hagon-Kerr, Director of Music  
Kate Callahan, Church Administrator  
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