



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
RALLY DAY

# 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 11

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Meeting of the Congregation

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

## Monday, September 12

10:00 am- Adult Bible Class

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## Tuesday, September 13

11:00 am- PrimeTime Program

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice

7:30 pm- Worship Council

## Wednesday, September 14

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

9:45 am- Providence Garden Club

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

## Wednesday, September 14 (cont.)

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

7:00 pm- Wednesdays @ Wallingford

## Thursday, September 15

9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time

6:30 pm- Bell Rehearsal

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

7:30 pm- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, September 16

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

## Saturday, September 17

## Sunday, September 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am- Peacemaking & Social Justice

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes." — Fred Rogers*

*"Whether we're a preschooler or a young teen, a graduating college senior or a retired person, we human beings all want to know that we're acceptable, that our being alive somehow makes a difference in the lives of others."*

— Fred Rogers, The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember

CALL TO WORSHIP - Statement of Faith (*by Ann Weems in Reaching for Rainbows*)

We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and me.

**ALL: We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.**

We believe the Holy Spirit works through

**ELDERS, DEACONS and TRUSTEES: Balloons and ministers... daisies and wiggly children**

Clanging cymbals and silence... drama and the unexpected

**CHOIR: Choirs and banners... touching and praying**

Spontaneity and planning... faith and doubt

**ALL: Tears and laughter... leading and supporting**

Hugging and kneeling... dancing and stillness

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Applauding and giving... creativity and plodding**

Words and listening... holding and letting go

**MINISTERS: Thank you and help me... Scripture and alleluias**

Agonizing and celebrating... accepting and caring

**STEPHEN MINISTERS: Through you and through me... through love.**

We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.

**ALL: We believe in praising God for Life.**

We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.

**ALL: We believe in the poetry within each of us.**

We believe in dreams and visions.

**ALL: We believe in old people running and children leading.**

We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

**ALL: We believe in Love.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*OPENING HYMN #401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

## 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.**

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

### 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.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live.

**We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met.**

Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now.

**Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, hear this good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. In the name of the Christ I declare that our story is known, our sin is forgiven, our life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### HYMN #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me  
*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*

### GLORY TO GOD

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.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

NT 78

CHORAL ANTHEM

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY – REV. JENI PEDZINSKI

New Life Center Foundation, Chiang Mai, Thailand

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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

God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring.

**Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to cede our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world. Amen.**

\*HYMN# 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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

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*This week's flowers were given by Polly Sacco Ezzell in honor of our 24th 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:

- Monday - 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.