



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 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.

Face Masks for personal protection are optional for all activities on our campus
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 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

Monday, September 19

10:00 am- Adult Bible Class

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- Cub Scouts 228

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

7:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice

Tuesday, September 20

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, September 21

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday, September 21 (cont.)

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

4:30 pm- Co-op Chili Cook Off (rain date 9/22)

7:00 pm- Wednesdays @ Wallingford

Thursday, September 22

9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time

6:30 pm- Bell Rehearsal

7:00 pm- Stewardship Council

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

7:30 pm- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 23

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:30 am- Mission & Service Committee

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING

Founded in 1938 by the Revd. George MacLeod, a visionary Scottish Presbyterian, the Iona Community is an ecumenical Christian Movement committed to seeking new ways of living and expressing the Gospel in today's world. George MacLeod felt called to rebuild the substantial living quarters and ancillary buildings of Iona Abbey, a Benedictine building which had been destroyed at the Reformation. The Abbey, the cathedral church of which had been rebuilt by the Duke of Argyll, occupies the site where St. Columba began his mission to Scotland in 536AD.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING RESPONSES

With nature in its power and beauty, with rain and wind and sunshine, with the ancient stones and the budding flowers,

We gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world wide, with people in every land, and speakers of every language,

We gather in praise of God.

With the angels and saints in heaven, with all who have come before us to build this community of faith and with all who have worshipped here,

We gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

We gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;

Here may God's people find home.

*OPENING HYMN #399

God Welcomes All (Repeat 4x)

THEMBA AMEN

*HYMN #659

Know That God is Good (Repeat 1x, both verses)

MUNGU NI MWEMA

CALL TO PRAYER

Eternal God, Maker of the skies above, lowly Christ lover of the earth and its people, unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,

You are present among us.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in all we touch, in all we meet,

You are present among us.

As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;
Dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For the right roads we avoided travelling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love...

God, by your grace, forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held to tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made,

God, by your grace, forgive us.

(Silence is kept)

For all we should be and all we can amend, God of love,

Renew us.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us, God in you love,

Prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people, God in your love,

Commit us.

Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace. Come and follow me.

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. Children are invited to Faith Formation classes (ages 18 months – five years and six-11 years) or 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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. T. Beaney

READINGS

Let us listen for God's Word coming to us in Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

NT 208

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR New and returning singers welcome. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30 pm. 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/>

ADULT BIBLE STUDY How does the Bible relate to everyday living? What does God call you to do? Adult Bible Classes are Mondays at 10:00 am in the Reception Room. The classes are informal and interactive; the discussions enlightening and enjoyable. Meets weekly.

BELL CHOIR New and returning ringers welcome. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30 pm. 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)

