



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 25	Wednesday, September 28 (cont.)
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons
Annual Giving Campaign (through Nov. 13)	7:00 pm- Wednesdays @ Wallingford
9:30 am- Chancel Choir	Thursday, September 29
10:00 am- Worship	9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time
11:00 am- Fellowship Time	7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
11:30 am- Mission & Service Committee	Friday, September 30
4:30 pm- Youth Group Urban Air	10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time
Monday, September 26	Saturday, October 1
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	Socktober (through Oct. 31)
10:00 am- Staff Meeting	Sunday, October 2
Tuesday, September 27	World Communion Sunday
4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons	9:30 am- Chancel Choir
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	10:00 am- Worship
7:30 pm- Deacons	11:00 am- Fellowship Time
Wednesday, September 28	11:00 am- Kids Café
9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner	12:30 pm- Alumni Luncheon

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

And so Jesus gave us a new norm of greatness. If you want to be important—wonderful. If you want to be recognized—wonderful. If you want to be great—wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness. And this morning, the thing that I like about it: by giving that definition of greatness, it means that everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love. And you can be that servant."

– “The Drum Major Instinct” A Sermon by Martin Luther King Jr.

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 146)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

*HYMN #702

Christ Be Beside Me (verses 1 & 2)

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (BASED ON LUKE 16)

Dressed in fine linen, we feast sumptuously every day, while others long to satisfy their hunger. We have Moses and the prophets, yet we remain unconvinced, waiting for some human warning. Forgive us. In your mercy, convince and comfort us, and lead us to righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*BASED ON LUKE 16*)

Through Christ, we are carried away by the angels, comforted by Father Abraham, our hunger—satisfied, our agony—cooled, and our sins—forgiven. Believe the good news: **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. Children are invited to Faith Formation classes (ages 18 months – 5 years and 6-11 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Sarah, by the power of the Holy Spirit speak your Word to us, enable us to hear your truth with openness, and seal it within us, that we may heed your call. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146

OT 581

CHOIR ANTHEM

All Things Are True

SCOTTISH MELODY
WORDS BY JOHN G. WHITTIER

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

NT 79

SERMON

Laying at the Gates

Pastor Taylor

*HYMN #163

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice (verses 1 & 3)

ABERYSTWYTH

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

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.



*DOXOLOGY

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 who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to continue your life-giving mission in the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

* 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.

*Those who are able, please stand.

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This week's flowers were given by Helen Picher to the glory of God, and to give thanks for our 36th 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 am-4:30 pm
	Wednesday	10 am-2 pm
Pastor Taylor	Monday	11 am-4:30 pm
	Thursday	10 am-1 pm

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.

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

BOOKLOOK Discuss "Race and the Politics of Deception," 7:30 pm, 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)

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN The Annual Giving Campaign begins today with the theme “Caring, Sharing, Daring.” Watch for information in the mail.

SABBATICAL TRAVELS - PICTURES AND STORIES Join Pastor François and Cyndi at 7:30 pm on October 5, as they share photos and commentary about their journeys in Geneva, Belgium and Scotland.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE Our concert series will resume 3 pm, Sunday, October 16, with tenor Bryan Hoyos performing solo works in Spanish and other classical and music theater favorites. He will be accompanied by pianist Lee Hagon-Kerr. The \$15 suggested donation will benefit Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM), a Latino-based health, human services, community and economic development non-profit serving the Philadelphia area.

SPROUTS PUMPKIN PAINTING Paint the orange orbs, make fall-themed crafts and play games, 6 pm, Friday October 7. Dinner included. Open to grades K-5.

PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE The members of the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, acting in accordance with the teachings of Jesus and the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), will be presenting a variety of programs that have been developed or promoted by PCUSA to engage congregations in discussions about our role as Presbyterians in bringing justice to our communities and the world.

We hope that you will join us during the 2022-2023 school year as we continue to seek and learn together what Jesus would have us do for our neighbors.

“...and what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8b

And the king (Jesus) will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” – Matthew 25: 40

KIDS CAFÉ Meet Lee in the choir room, 11 am, Sunday, October 2, for fun, games, and songs. Open to kids ages 4-11

A Basket of Blessings

Congregation save the date

Who are we celebrating: Kara and Alfred and baby girl

When: October 9, 2022 after Worship @11am

Where: in the Social Hall or Courtyard