



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 16, 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, October 16	Wednesday (Continued)
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost	1:00 pm- Blood Drive
9:30 am- Chancel Choir	4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons
10:00 am- Worship	6:30 pm- W@W- Promote the Vote
11:00 am- Fellowship Time	Thursday, October 20
11:30 am- Presbyterian 101	6:30 pm- Bell Rehearsal
3:00 pm- Concerts for a Cause	7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
6:00 pm- Confirmation	7:30 pm- Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday, October 17	Friday, October 21
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	Saturday, October 22
10:00 am- Staff Meeting	Sunday, October 23
7:30 pm- Education Council	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry	9:00 am- Kids Sing Along Choir
Tuesday, October 18	9:30 am- Chancel Choir
4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons	10:00 am- Worship
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	Pastor Taylor Preaching
7:30 pm- Deacons	10:00 am- Faith Formation
Wednesday, October 19	11:00 am- Fellowship Time
9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner	2:00 pm- Cubs 228 Rainboat Regatta
9:00 am- Co-op Coffee Hour	4:00 pm- Blessing of the Animals
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“When the consequences of belief are worldly goods, such as health, fixing on these turns religion into a service station for self-gratification and churches into health clubs. This is the opposite of religion’s role, which is to decenter the ego, not pander to its desires. “

-- Huston Smith, *Why Religion Matters*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary, to seek our unity in the Spirit, to seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, to seek the peace of God our loving Creator

God’s people are gathered, brothers, sisters, siblings all.

Let us now worship God together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies
(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, **for our failure to love others as you have loved us**, (*Silent Confession*)

Forgive us. **For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods**, (*Silent Confession*)

Forgive us. **For losing heart and abandoning hope**, (*Silent Confession*)

Forgive us. **For all the ways we turn from you**, (*Silent Confession*)

Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God’s own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel:

Our salvation is by God’s Grace and through faith in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)
*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.*

*RESPONSE

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, siblings in the Risen Lord, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. 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 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. M. Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, the words of Scripture are God-breathed words—inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit breathe your word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 119: 97-104

OT 568-569

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

NT 213

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land: precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past; I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee, with my dream of a world that is free for that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned, Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand, take my hand.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

NT 81

SERMON

At the Heart of Prayer

Pastor François

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.



OFFERTORY

Sonata No. 12, K. 332 Adagio

W.A. Mozart

*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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

*CLOSING HYMN 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

*CHARGE, 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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Thank you Shirley Rudd and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God.

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.

THANKS FROM KARA Alfred and Kara want to thank the congregation as a whole for their incredible generosity and support towards baby girl Goodrich. We feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. Thank you all so much!

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

Main Office	Monday	9:30 am - 12 pm
	Tues-Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 pm

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

SOCKTOBER Place new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks in the Sock Drive containers in the Narthex and near the main office. Continues through October 31.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Hopefully you have received our 2023 Annual Giving Campaign letter, including a pledge card and Bible verse Philippians 2:4 ("let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.")

Pledges represent approximately two-thirds of our annual budget and provide us with the confidence that we as a church can be "Caring, Sharing, Daring." Register your pledge using the pledge card or Church Center app.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

PRESBYTERIAN 101 Considering joining WPC? Meet with Pastor François, 11:30 am today to learn more about the PC(USA) and the way our church connects with the denomination, both locally and globally.

CONFIRMATION High Schoolers – the WPC Confirmation program is a year of learning, asking questions, bonding and growing in faith. If you are interested in becoming a member of the church through Confirmation, plan to attend the first lesson and dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE WPC will host a blood drive, 1-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19. Register using the Red Cross website or contact Tom Erickson.

PROMOTE THE VOTE Deb Ciamocca, President of Promote the Vote PA, will speak Wednesday, Oct. 19, on the importance of voting in the upcoming (and all) elections. The event will begin with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the talk at 7:15 p.m. Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Cats, dogs, fish, birds, hamsters, lizards – bring your favorite pet (real or stuffed), 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Meet in the manse back yard.

VASES NEEDED Have any small vases you could give to the Deacons? They need them to deliver the Chancel flowers each Sunday to members and friends. Please leave them in the kitchen.

TRUNK OR TREAT The WPC upper parking lot will be filled with vehicles and trunks decked out for Halloween and with treats galore on Sunday, October 30, from 3-4 pm. (In Fellowship Hall in the event of rain.) Plan to bring your children to this super fun event, as well as a non-perishable food item to support our Red Wagon food pantry ministry. If you would like to donate some candy for the event, please leave it in the bins in the narthex or in Fellowship Hall. Decorated trunks are needed (with prizes for the best decorated). Register to host a trunk through the Church Center app, at tinyurl.com/m3w4kw99, by scanning the QR code shown here, or by contacting the church office.



KIDS SING ALONG Kids – come to the choir room, 9 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, and sing with Miss Lee. Learn the song, practice with our Chancel Choir and perform for worship that morning.

BE-SHARPS CONCERT WPC welcomes the Be-Sharps, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26, a high school rock band and choir from Denmark. Under the direction of Birgit Fiig and Morten Noack, the group will present popular songs from the 60's to today. The night will also feature special appearances by The Haverford School Notables and The Baldwin School B-Flats.

PRIME TIME All aboard! Stan Bowman will present a slide show/talk, Tuesday, Nov. 8, on Trolleys in Delco. Bring lunch and a friend – we will provide beverages and dessert. Lunch is at noon; the talk begins at 12:30 p.m.

BOOKLOOK Join 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, to discuss *As Bright as Heaven*, “the compelling story of a mother and her daughters who find themselves in a harsh world not of their making (Philadelphia during the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918), which will either crush their resolve to survive or purify it. (Amazon) Contact Walt Kaminski to order a copy. The estimated cost is \$6.

STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor
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