



Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

August 8, 2021

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life. We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buck Burnaman

PRELUDE

Spirit, Open My Heart
Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Zachary Wright

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Richard Williams

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Leader: Let us worship God today –

People: Because we are God's people.

ALL: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* OPENING PRAYER

Oh most holy God we have gathered together and we give glory and honor to your most holy name.

We come with lifted hands and open hearts. We thank you for your grace and mercy and all that you do for us.

Lord, You are the creator of heaven and earth. All of creation displays your majesty and your splendor. Lord, but we have marred your creation with hatred, war, and chaos. Lord, please visit those places of unrest. Heal the brokenness and hurt in those spaces. Guide the leaders of all nations, that justice may prevail throughout the world.

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Lord, WE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY. We thank You for this land of freedom. We, too, face difficult situations in our country. Send forth your Spirit to this country and make it a source of wisdom and strength. Unite us as a people of love and compassion.

Lord, We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love and your Holy Spirit.

We pray for this Church community.

Bless this church dear God and Continue to release your kingdom here. May this church be a beacon to all, especially to those who are weary and heavy laden. May they seek your peace.

Bless the leadership here. Strengthen them with your might that they may continue the work to which you have set their hands.

Lord we release it all to you, holding on to nothing... praying all this in the majestic name of Jesus, and energizes us as people of faith. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Richard

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Jeffrey Brighton

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON

"Who Are You Wearing?"

ANTHEM

Just As I Am/Sweet Hour of Prayer
Arr. Janet Vogt

The Lord's Prayer

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 and ever.
Amen!

CLOSING HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord
Arr. Charles Callahan



Rev. Richard Williams is the Pastor and Executive Director of Pivot Ministries. In his service to Pivot, he has held the positions of Director, Asst. Program Director, Reentry House Supervisor, GED Facilitator, and Support Staff.

Pastor Richard graduated from the University of Maryland in 1981 where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies and Special Education. His experience includes working with adults with special needs and Vocational Rehabilitation services.

In 2009, Pastor Richard developed Pivot Ministries' GED Tutorial Program. In 2010 - 2011, he was Project Manager for the City of Bridgeport's **GreenUp** program, a green-jobs training initiative, and in 2011 he was named Professional of the Year by the City of Bridgeport/Southwestern Connecticut Regional Workforce Development Board. In 2012, Pastor Richard received his license to minister, and in 2015 he was ordained as a Minister. Pastor Richard is an Elder of Stanwich Church and serves on the Leadership Board of Stanwich Church Stamford Campus.



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