



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

Face Masks for personal protection are optional for all activities on our campus. If you would like to wear one, we have KN-95 masks available for your use when you come to worship.

Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew. Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.

If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

If a Fidget Toy Would Be Helpful For You, they are available at the Narthex entrance.

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.

A Parents' Room Is Available downstairs for those with small children,

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Gluten Free Cookies will now be available during coffee hour. The tray of yummys will be marked – please save them for those with specific dietary restrictions.

Chancel Flowers are sponsored under a suggested donation of \$50. To order, use the Church Center App, the chart in the Fellowship Hall, or visit <https://bit.ly/3Wzyj1l>

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

Sunday, May 14

9:00 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Confirmation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

Monday, May 15

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, May 16

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday, May 17 (cont.)

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

5:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice

6:30 pm- Webelos Den Meeting

Thursday, May 18

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Saturday, May 20

2:00 pm- Elisa Muzzillo Student Recital

Sunday, May 21

9:00 am- Kids Make Music

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Teacher Appreciation Coffee Hour

3:00 pm- Concert for a Cause - Pastors Unplugged

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Isaiah 66:13: "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you."

Luke 2:51: "And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart." (Mary after hearing from the angel about Jesus)

Proverbs 1:8-9: "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck."

Psalms 139:13-14: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

Ephesians 6:1-3: "Children, if you want to be wise, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. For the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," was the first of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached: "You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honor your parents."

GATHERING

WELCOME, HYMN, PRAYER, AND CONFESSION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

IRREGULAR

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Praise be to God! Hallelujah, Amen!

*RESPONSE 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.***

WORD

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Nocturne op. 15, no.1 F. Chopin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 66:8-20 OT 528

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 3:13-22 NT 234

SERMON

ANTHEM If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments T. Tallis
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

Confirmands: *Anna Warley, Sofia Anderson, Aubrey Elmhurst, Cate Whitehead, Kelly Montague*

Mentors: *Kate Callahan, Alva Hayes, Roger Demos, Lise Meloy*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

INTRODUCING THE MENTORS

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND BLESSING

PASTORS: Creator God, these students have always been your beloved children, but today they begin the next step in their walk of faith with you. We thank you for the gift they have been to our church family, and for the light they bring to each of us whenever we interact with them.

CONGREGATION: Fill them with the joy and peace of your presence every day of their lives. Increase in them the fruits of the spirit, and give them everything they need pertaining to life and godliness. Surround them with your loving guidance so they may become all they were created and redeemed to be.

MENTORS: We pray that you would guide them as they continue on this journey of faith, that you would strengthen our students with your abiding presence, and the knowledge that you will never forsake them. In difficulty, shelter them with your peace. In trials, infuse them with your strength. In hardship, guard them with your love.

ALL GOD'S PEOPLE: Grant that they may always know your never-ending love for them. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

As members of the household of God, God has called them to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them to this ministry

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Hear Us Pray

Steven Scott

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. In Christ's name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #69

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BLESSINGS AND PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

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

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*Thank you to our Confirmands, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Don Killian,
in celebration of Don and Walt's 51st Anniversary*

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; ¹²you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. ¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, ¹⁴those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. ¹⁷I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer. ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All

G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

CONGRATS TO OUR WPC GRADS! Sheila and Jeff Elmhurst's son, Ryan Jordan, is graduating from Strath Haven High School. Nancy Oetinger's daughter, Claire, is graduating from Columbia University with a Masters of Science in Nurse Anesthesia. Kevin Borden is graduating summa cum laude from Widener University with a Bachelor's degree in Digital Media Informatics. Deb Dunbar is graduating from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Her dissertation is titled "Cultural Responsiveness Training for Research Staff on Caring for Transgender and Gender Diverse Persons."

CONTAINER WATERING The containers outside the Narthex have been planted – now they need to be watered. Pick a week – it just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Register using the Church Center app.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Games, food, books, plants, attic treasures – everyone's favorite community-wide event will be **5-8pm Monday, June 5**. Start saving books, attic treasures and plants and volunteer using the Church Center app or signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

THE 36-HOUR DAY The Disabilities Initiative bookshelf now contains copies of "The 36-Hour Day," by Nancy L. Mace, MA and Peter Rabins, MD, MPH, which reviews ways to improve the lives of people with dementia and those caring for them. The book is considered THE resource for families and friends – review the content or borrow it from the church library.

PEWS FOR SALE Have you ever thought how much more beautiful your home would be if it had more wood furniture in it? Or maybe you'd like to be reminded daily of your church home? Well, now you can have both! The pews, chairs and other pieces of church history that are currently located along the walls in the Fellowship Hall need a new home. Send your offers to Church Office.

DECISION TRAPS "Decision Traps: Biases and Mental Short Cuts that Lead Us Astray," a follow up to last month's program on disinformation, will examine consumer decision-making biases and heuristics, with a special emphasis on how preferences are constructed, moods influence consumer information processing and consumers make decisions. The talk will be led by Dr. Margaret "Meg" Meloy, Professor of Business Administration and Marketing in the Smeal College of Business, Penn State University. The program will begin with a **potluck, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 17**, with the **talk beginning at 7:15 p.m.**

TEACHER APPRECIATION COFFEE Teacher Appreciation Sunday will include a special coffee hour, **11am Sunday, May 21**, just for parents to chat with our Sunday School teachers and members of the Education Council. Join in the Reception Room.
Children – meet with Pastor Taylor in the choir room for songs and snacks.

KIDS MAKE MUSIC Kids-join in the Choir Room at 9am to learn new songs, then sing in worship

- Sunday, May 21 (Teacher Appreciation) – a special "thank you" song for our teachers
- Sunday, May 28 (Pentecost) – "Awesome God", "Glory to God" and "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit." Be ready to sing, dance, wave streamers, move and have fun!

Check out WPC Happenings for the lyrics and a special video with Miss Lee.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE Our last "Concert for a Cause" for the '22-'23 season will feature our very own Pastor Taylor and her husband Doug performing guitar and singing acoustic folk favorites. Join in the fun and see the "Pastors Unplugged" on **Sunday, May 21st at 3pm**. The suggested donation is \$15, with all proceeds benefiting Musicopia, a non-profit organization that provides equitable access to music education and enrichment, encouraging self-confidence, global awareness, dedication and joy in Pre-K to 12th grade students and their communities.

BOOKLOOK Join the discussion, **7:30pm Wednesday, May 24**, of *The Keeper of Lost Things* – “a charming, clever and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives and the surprising connections that bind us.” (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order; the estimated cost is \$12.

BOOKS ABOUT DISABILITIES The church library now has a collection of books addressing various disabilities. The books for kids (autism spectrum, cerebral palsy, diversity, Down Syndrome, dyslexia, visual/hearing impairment) and adults (Alzheimer’s disease, autism spectrum and dementia), which may be checked out, provide a kinder, softer approach for talking about difficult situations with siblings and other relatives. The book cart will be in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour **every Sunday**. Suggestions are welcome on additional topics, as are monetary donations for future purchases.

FILL THE RED WAGONS The Red Wagon supports Chester Eastside and its shelves are bare. Please help stock them with the following items (**especially those in bold**):

Spaghetti sauce (jars or cans); Dry pasta (16 oz packages); Mac & cheese (7-10 oz packages); Pancake mix/syrup; Oatmeal; Peanut butter; Canned fruit, applesauce; Soup (condensed or ready to serve); Canned tuna, salmon, chicken breast; Canned corn, green beans; Canned beans (kidney, black); Canned pasta; Canned chili.

CALL FOR NEW USHERS Ushers who volunteer to serve on a date that is convenient to them, are needed for Sunday worship services. Ushers arrive at the church by 9:40 am, welcome members and visitors, hand out bulletins, offer any needed assistance to worshippers, etc. After the service, the ushers check pews for trash, books out of order, extinguish all lights in chancel, sanctuary, narthex, etc. Please contact Judy Kenworthy if you are willing to offer this service to our congregation.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE WPC has finished the first quarter of 2023 relatively strongly, with both income and expenses below budget. It appears that “plate income,” funds provided by church attendees who have not pledged, is higher than it was during Covid, which is indicative of more church attendance and great news. The budget enables our church to continue its active programs, including the recently completed Easter pageant and egg hunt, upcoming Strawberry Festival, Disabilities Initiative, Wednesdays at Wallingford programs and other fellowship activities. The Stewardship Council asks that members keep up with their pledged contributions and others support the church as they can.