



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023
TEACHER APPRECIATION 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 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

Monday, May 22

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

9:00 am- WCNS Class Party

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

Wednesday, May 24 (cont.)

5:00 pm- WCNS End of Year Event

7:30 pm- BookLook

Thursday, May 25

9:00 am- WCNS Class Party

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, May 26

9:00 am- WCNS Class Party

Saturday, May 27

2:00 pm- Young Adult/Youth Hershey Trip

Sunday, May 28

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Note, though, something else of great significance about the whole Christian theology of resurrection, ascension, second coming, and hope. This theology was born out of confrontation with the political authorities, out of the conviction that Jesus was already the true Lord of the world who would one day be manifested as such. The rapture theology avoids this confrontation because it suggests that Christians will miraculously be removed from this wicked world. Perhaps that is why such theology is often Gnostic in its tendency towards a private dualistic spirituality and towards a political laissez-faire quietism. And perhaps that is partly why such theology with its dreams of Armageddon, has quietly supported the political status quo in a way that Paul would never have done. — N. T. Wright

GATHERING

WELCOME, HYMN, PRAYER, AND CONFESSION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:6-11

NRSV NT 235

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Psalmist writes: Let the righteous be joyful, let them be jubilant before God

Lift up a song to the Lord who rides upon the clouds.

God is the parent of orphans and the protector of those who mourn.

Awesome is God in the sanctuary; the Lord gives power and strength to the people.

Blessed be the Lord!

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we do not always love as Jesus first loved us. We are rebellious and weak. We do not keep your commandments. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy shown us in Christ, that we may rise up again in peace and love committed to your purposes. Amen.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Beloved ones, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal taking place. Rejoice in the suffering of Christ that you may shout for joy when the glory is revealed. The Spirit of God, the Spirit of glory is resting on you. (1 Peter 4:12-14)

God is calling you to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. How will you respond?

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said to the Father, All mine are yours, and all yours are mine. Therefore let us offer to God this day our lives and labors in service of Christ's love.

OFFERTORY

Strong Praise!

Paul Davis



If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the left 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

Let us dedicate our gifts together.

Bless these gifts, O God, and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; In the name of the One, who is the way, truth and life. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*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 Lin Floyd, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Mary Rose,
in memory of Ken and Anthony*

1Peter 5:6-11

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

5-8pm, Monday June 5th

YOU make Strawberry Festival a success!

Volunteer

- Bake a cake
- Pick up tables/chairs, strawberries
- Slice strawberries
- Serve desserts
- Setup/sales for Attic Treasures/Book Nook/
Plants
- Clean up

Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall

Use Church Center app



Attic Treasures

Kitchen items, knickknacks, kids items

Drop in rear of Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 24-Sunday, June 4



Jewelry

Necklaces, bracelets, pins, accessories

Weekdays – bring to Church office

Sundays – give to Alva

Larger Attic Treasures

Only accepting those which one person can carry
(side chairs/tables, tools)

Drop outside office entrance

Sunday, June 4 and Monday, June 5



Books

Kids, fiction and non, cookbooks, etc.
(no encyclopedias or textbooks)

Drop in church library

Wednesday, May 24-Sunday, June 4

Plants

Perennials, vegetables, herbs (mark with type of plant, sun/shade),
garden tools, pots

Drop in Courtyard

Sunday, June 4 and Monday, June 5



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.

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.

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

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.

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS @WALLINGFORD Mark your calendars for the summer version of W@W. The lineup begins **June 7** with a showing of "The Mission," followed by Karaoke Night (**June 28**), "Inherit the Wind" (**July 12**) and a Coffee House (**August 16**). Watch for details.

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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

RED WAGON The Red Wagon pop-up for Chester Eastside resulted in 21 bags of food – its shelves are much fuller thanks to everyone's generosity! LifeWerks needs similar support – it is requesting the following items:

- Soups
 - Condensed (any kind except cream of chicken and chicken noodle)
 - Chunky
 - Chicken Noodle
 - Chowder (New England, Manhattan, corn)
 - Beef – sirloin burger, pot roast
 - Italian wedding, minestrone, lentil
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Evaporated and dry milk
- Household cleaning products (spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning sponges/wipes)
- Paper goods – tissues, toilet paper, paper towels