



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 2, 2023

## 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, July 02**

10:00 am- Young Disciples Sunday School

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

### **Monday, July 03**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, July 04**

Office Closed

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

### **Wednesday, July 05**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

### **Thursday, July 06**

### **Friday, July 07**

### **Saturday, July 08**

### **Sunday, July 09**

10:00 am- Young Disciples Sunday School

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

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. -- Reinhold Niebuhr

## GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MONTHLY BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;***

***We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.***

## OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

With glad and grateful hearts

**With thanksgiving flowing from sea to shining sea**

We gather this day to sing a song of praise to God

**For our country, for our world**

For justice, peace and love

**Let us worship God**

## \*OPENING HYMN #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*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. The Young Disciples Room (ages 18 months - 5 years) is open during the duration of worship time. Our Junior Disciples (ages 6-12) are invited to either stay and worship or be a "shepherd" to the toddlers downstairs. There are activity packets at each entrance for children to enjoy during worship time.*

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Fanfare on "National Hymn"

G.W. Warren, arr. H. Livingston Jr

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and disturbing God, you breathed life into each of us and called us to walk on the paths of peace, justice and love.

**You filled us with compassion and courage, yet we often act with caution and for selfish reasons.**

We know your intentions for justice, yet we keep silent too often or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing.

**We are overwhelmed with your love, yet are hesitant to mention your name to another.**

We have been forgiven much, yet we harbor old resentments, hold on to past hurts and turn away from reconciliation.

(Silent Confession)

God, you are awesome in your love for us.

**Restore us to clear thinking, fill our hearts with compassion and lead us to bold action. Let us be peacemakers, creation-protectors and praise-singers. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven by the mercy of Jesus Christ. Let us be at peace, for we have been freed from sin that we may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, as we hear your Word this day, send your Spirit to equip and inspire us. May you always be at the center of our lives.

**Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:12-23

NRSV NT 156

ANTHEM

Medley of Patriotism  
Earl Varney, trombone

arr. Gary Lanier

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:40-42

NRSV NT 11

SERMON

HYMN 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

“Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

As followers of Jesus Christ, we want to welcome you into this community of faith. If you are ready and willing, we are here to receive you.

### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

#### OFFERTORY

Fanfare on “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory “

arr. M. McConnel



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 DEDICATION

**Faithful God, thank you for the gifts of hospitality and generosity. May our offerings this day draw us closer to you as we share them with others for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism is graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord’s Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)*

### INVITATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

Creator of the cosmos, Breath of heaven, Lover of us all, you are our praise, our life, our joy. You are there through desert wanderings and willful murmurings, rebellious running and tears of complaint.

You are there when sorrow becomes our daily food; you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.

You are there in stable and temple, river and hillside, cross and tomb and even beyond the grave.

Rising Sun, Soaring Spirit, Radiant Lord, you are there in shining glory, overcoming death and welcoming us to life. You meet us in the breaking of bread, you pour out the wine of salvation; you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

By your Spirit, make these gifts your body and your blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with you and with each other.

By your Spirit, make us strong that we might share your love with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy, Fire of justice, Dearest friend, bind us to you and send us out to seek and serve and sing your praise, until you gather us up in glory and bright, unending song. Amen.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, saying, This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.

By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us. Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives. Enlighten us that we may be your people, the body of the risen Christ, the light of the world, set apart to serve this earth that you have made.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever, **Amen.**

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward to the table, using the center aisle, where you will receive the bread and cup. Dip the bread into the cup and eat. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you. Individual cups of juice are also available.*

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

Jesus said, I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one people.

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

\*BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*(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 Jenny Miller, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.  
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Scott Corbett  
in loving memory of Jane Corbett*

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!  
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!  
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;  
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with \*broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!  
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!  
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

\*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.



# 717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.

## 340

## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

## Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Matthew 10:40-42

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

**VBC**

**Vacation Bible Camp**

6-7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21



Play games of all kinds (indoor and out)  
and learn how Jesus guides you  
through the twists and turns of life

Kids ages 4-11  
grouped by age for stories/crafts



Friday night  
hot dog dinner/  
closing program

Please bring canned goods for our local food banks



\$10 per child/  
\$20 per family



Scan here  
to register

## **WPC Online Directory**

Our current pictorial church directory is very dated. One trend is to use online directories accessible from smart phones and computers as the directory is then updated on a real-time basis. Our church uses Planning Center (with its Church Center mobile app) for tasks including contact information for members and visitors. We simply need to set up the directory through Planning Center (much of the information is already entered) and start using it!

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

#### ***What is the process to be part of the directory?***

You will receive a link in an email invitation from the WPC Office Main Account asking you to Join the Directory. After you click on the button to “Join,” if you are using a computer, you will be asked to enter your mobile number or email address and a code will be sent to you. Enter the 6-digit code in the required field for access to the online directory.

To verify or edit your phone number, email, or address:

Click on your picture in the upper right portion of the screen.

Click on “My profile & settings.”

Select “Contact & profile information.”

Click on “Edit” and then make changes.

Select “Save changes” at the bottom of the screen to update your profile.

If you need to make changes to your birthday, you will need to contact Nathan at the church office as that information is protected. Your birth year will not be visible to others, but it is useful for WPC to have your birth year for our demographic records, so please let Nathan know if it is missing or incorrect.

#### ***How do I insert pictures into the directory?***

If you want to change your individual profile picture, click on “My profile & settings” as above. Click on the picture to the left of your name (or your initials if you do not have an existing picture), and you will be able to remove that picture and/or upload a new picture. On the Directory Profile screen, you will have the opportunity to upload a photo of your household. If you don’t do this, your default household picture will be a geometric design. You will also be able to change individual pictures for others in your household. If you want to add or delete a family member, call the church office.

#### ***When will I be able to use the online directory?***

After our initial sign-up period, the directory will be “published” to those who have given permission for their data to be viewed. At that point, users can search for an individual or household or look at information from the Church Center app on phones and from their computers. Until that time (and after you have been invited to join the directory), you should be able to view the directory through this link:



***Questions or Feedback on the Process?*** Please contact Chris Darr (darr.christine@gmail.com or 610-357-3587), or contact Nathan Gibson at the church office (office@wallingfordpres.org or 610-566-1644).

Members of the WPC Connections Council will be in Fellowship Hall following the service to answer any questions you may have.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** The latest editions of The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread are available. If you would like a copy, please call the church office (610-566-1644) or email Nathan (office@wallingfordpres.org).

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be **closed Monday and Tuesday** in celebration of Independence Day. Enjoy the holiday!

**STAFF PLANNING DAY** Pastor François, Pastor Taylor, Lee, Nathan and Leslie will be spending **Monday, July 10** as a day to look ahead to fall. The Church Office will be closed.

**FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM** Falling is not a normal part of aging! Learn how to prevent falls by attending a seminar on doing the right exercises, making your home safer, getting regular health checkups and more. The free program, on Zoom, will be held **12:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, July 12 and Friday, July 14**. The sessions, for those aged 60 and over, are offered by COSA in collaboration with Crozer Health's Trauma Department and the PA Department of Aging. Space is limited – to register, email Ellen Williams (williamse@co.delaware.pa.us) or call 610-499-1937.

**FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM WATCH PARTY** Sign up for the program, then come to the church and watch on the big screen. Questions? Ask Cyndi.

**PICK-UP CHOIR** Like to do a little singing this summer – join the Pick-Up Choir. Arrive in the choir room **9:30 a.m., Sunday, July 30** to learn the hymn, then perform it in worship that morning.

**SUMMER WEDNESDAYS @WALLINGFORD** Mark your calendars for the summer version of W@W. Join us for BookLook (**July 26**) and a Coffee House (**August 16**). Our showing of "Inherit the Wind" is being rescheduled to accommodate the work being done on the floor in the reception room. Watch for details.

**BOOKLOOK** Join the discussion, **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 26**, of The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman, which "takes readers to a world where humans have animal familiars and parallel universes are within reach." (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order; the cost is \$8.

**SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR KIDS** Following A Time with Young Disciples, choose the best option for your children:

- Young Disciples (12 months – four years)
  - Sunday School open downstairs with lessons and crafts
- Junior Disciples (K-fifth grade)
  - be a shepherd for the younger children downstairs
  - remain in the service (activity bags available)

The programs continue through Labor Day.