



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 9, 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 09

10:00 am- Young Disciples Sunday School

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:30 am- Session Meeting

Monday, July 10

Office Closed - Staff Planning Session

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

7:30 pm- Stewardship Council

Tuesday, July 11

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

Wednesday, July 12

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- WOW

Thursday, July 13

Friday, July 14

Saturday, July 15

Sunday, July 16

10:00 am- Young Disciples Sunday School

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- VBC Set Up

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

The power of sin is centrifugal. When at work in a human life, it tends to push everything out toward the periphery. Bits and pieces go flying off until only the core is left. Eventually bits and pieces of the core itself go flying off until in the end nothing at all is left. "The wages of sin is death" is Saint Paul's way of saying the same thing. – Frederick Buechner

GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather round friends, young, older and in between.

We gather together from near and far.

Come, open and expectant to create songs of praise.

We come as a people of compassion, a community of prayer, a family of care.

Come, gather round to hear God's Word for us and be challenged to love and serve.

We come to raise a voice in song in thanksgiving to God.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus—our hope, our confidence—and your beloved Son.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

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. 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.

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

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

arr. J. B. Carlson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we admit that we have trouble with our wanton desires. We want what we know to be destructive and sinful, yet we want it. We even fool ourselves into thinking that we need it. Our sin rules us.

We confess to you our weaknesses. We confess our selfish and self-centered thoughts and motives, of wanting power over others and the desire to be served rather than to serve. We confess the many ways we alienate ourselves and others from your love.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, Lord.

Stir us up, O Lord, that we may diligently seek you first. For we know that in doing your will there is the perfect peace we need so greatly. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us. Our Savior hears and answers. Sin cannot bind us for the risen Christ sets us free. Hear the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word.

Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7:15-25a

NRSV NT 157

ANTHEM

All Creatures of Our God and King
Meryl Reindorp and Lisé Meloy, bells

arr. Jason W. Krug

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

NRSV NT 11

SERMON

HYMN 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

God is faithful and gracious to us, upholds us, and raises us up. Let us show our thanksgiving by giving generously to support ministries that ease burdens and give rest to those in need.

OFFERTORY

Praeludium in G

J.K.F. Fischer



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

Compassionate God, we ask that you bless and multiply these gifts, that they may be used to proclaim the glory of your kingdom and make known to all people the power of your saving acts. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDE ANIMA

*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 Walt Kaminski, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lloyd Smith
in loving memory of my mother, Bernice Smith*

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.


Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



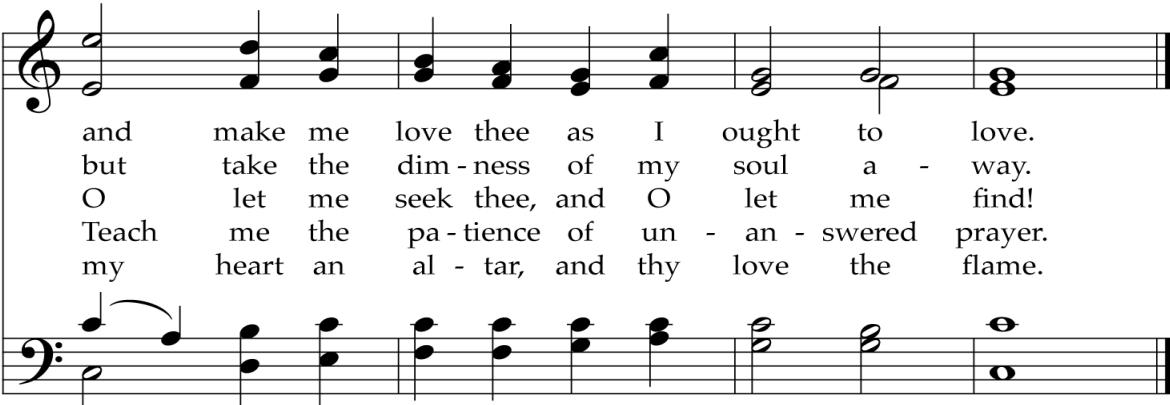
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



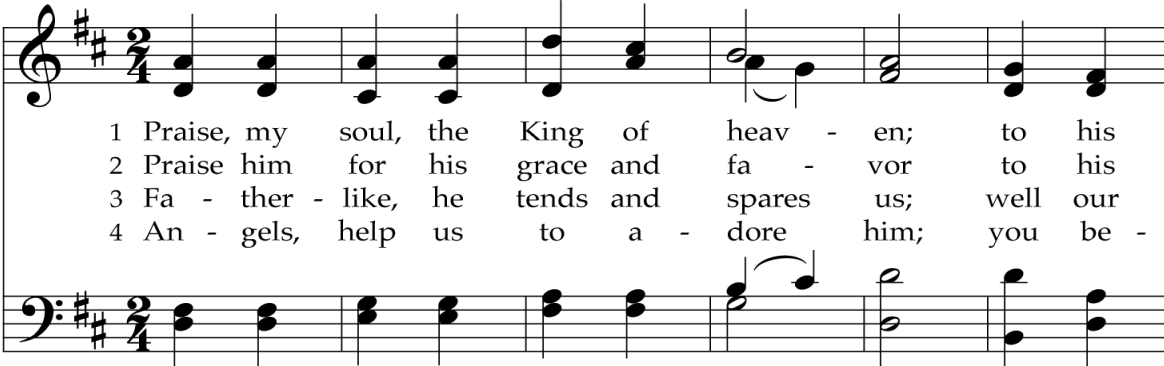
and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

ADORATION

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

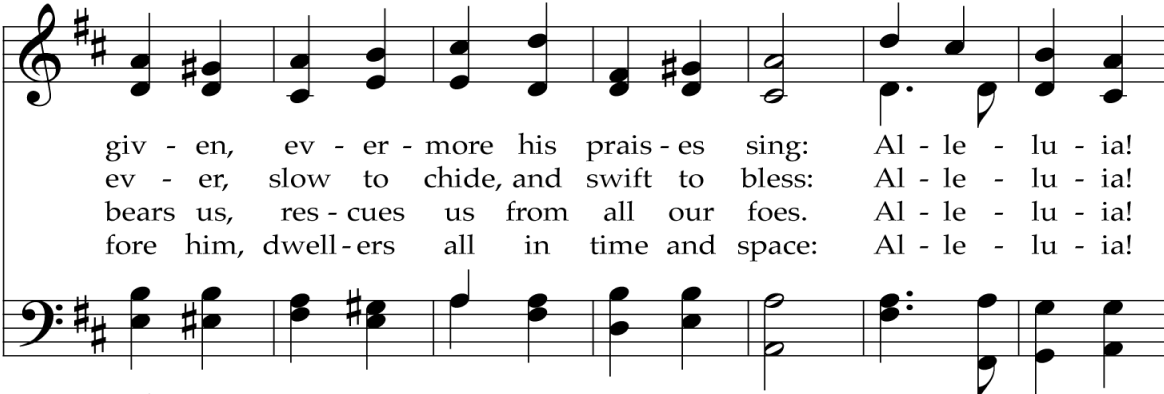
(Psalm 103)



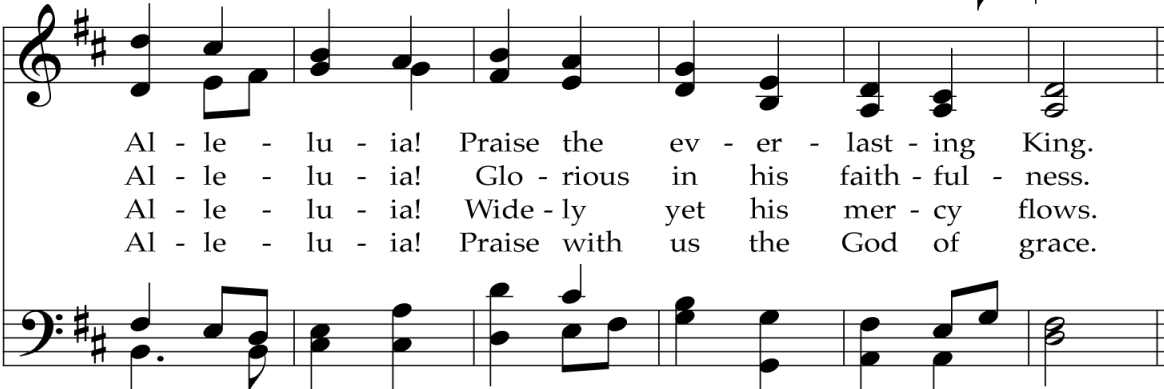
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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.

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.

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 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.

IT'S IN PROGRESS -- AN ONLINE WPC DIRECTORY Our church is starting to use the online



Directory feature of our Planning Center membership software so that members can view contact information for those who have "joined" the directory. For more information, scan the QR code on the left to see our FAQ.

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



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