

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 16, 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.

<u>Face Masks</u> 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.

<u>Friendship Pew Pads</u> 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.

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

<u>Chancel Flowers</u> 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 16

10:00 am- Young Disciples Sunday School
10:00 am- Worship
11:00 am- Coffee Hour
11:00 am- VBC Set Up
Monday, July 17
6:00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp

Wednesday, July 19 9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner 6:00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp Thursday, July 20 6:00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp Friday, July 21 6:00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp Saturday, July 22 Sunday, July 23 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...

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. – Daniel Iverson

GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP God's creation delights and astonishes. Let the people pause and wonder! God, the Creator, has made it all. Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn #15

All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1,2 and 6) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you see deep into our hearts and know us better than we know ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. For the times we turn away from Your word, remind us that You are our protector and guide. For our impulses of anger and jealousy, grant us Your healing peace. For our resistance to forgiveness or generosity, inspire us with Your compassionate love.

(Silent Confession) Forgive us and make us whole. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, 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.

Prayer for Illumination

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 65:1-13	NRSV OT 527
Hymn 519	You Are My Strength When I Am Weak	JERNIGAN
New Testament Reading	Romans 8:1-11	NRSV NT 157

Sermon

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts. We are called to offer all that we are to God—our bodies, our spirits, our minds, our time, and our money. As the body of Christ, we are called to be in ministry with others. With true generosity, let us give of ourselves this morning.

OFFERTORY



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

Dear Lord, we give back to you in thankfulness what you have given to us in kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have entrusted us to be good stewards of your creation. Bless the gifts we now present back to you, so that they may be used in the work of your Kingdom on this earth. In Christ's name, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sending

*Closing Hymn 839	Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!	ASSURANCE
	(verses 1 and 3)	

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

*Those who are able, please stand. "Words and music printed for the hymns, Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A71731."

Thank you to Noelle Coker, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning. This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Russ Kinder in loving memory of Susanna

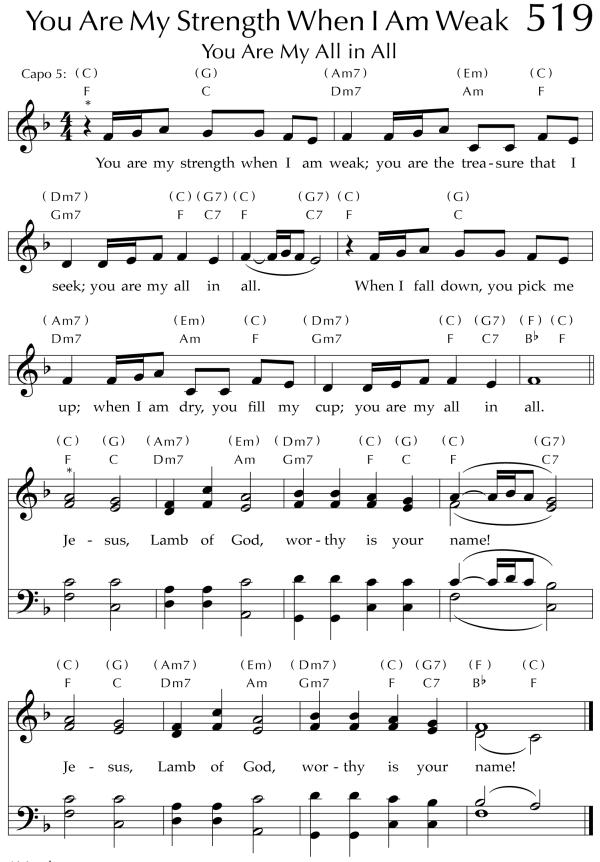
This morning we welcome and give a special thank you to pianist/organist John Conahan who is subbing for Lee while she is away.



Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!



*May be sung as a canon.

The expression "all in all," meaning "everything," owes much of its endurance in English usage to its appearance in 1 Corinthians 15:28, though many phrases leading up to it here have parallels in Hebrew Scripture. The second section echoes the song to the Lamb in Revelation 5:12.

Psalm 65: 1- 13

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, ²O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. ³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. ⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. ⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. ⁶By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. ⁷You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. ⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. ⁹You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. ¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. ¹¹You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. ¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.



Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD





STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PROCEEDS The numbers are in! The Strawberry Festival netted \$7,278, which will be divided among:

Chester Eastside (75%) \$5,458 WPC Scouts (15%) \$1,092 Future SF needs (10%) \$728 Thanks again to everyone for such a successful event!

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.

COFFEE HOUSE Please note our Coffee House, originally scheduled for **7 p.m., Wednesday**, **August 16**, is being rescheduled. Watch for details.

YARD SALE Have some items to sell? Set up a table, **September 9**, at the Rutledge Borough Wide Yard Sale. The event will be held at Chambers Memorial Presbyterian and proceeds will benefit its Deacons. Register online (http://www.chamberschurch.org); call 610-544-1493 or email chambersmemorialchurch@gmail.com for additional information.

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.

RED WAGON WPC supports three food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks and Media Food Bank.

Chester Eastside is requesting:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Soup (condensed or ready to serve)
- Canned tuna, salmon, mackerel, chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Salad dressing
- Pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Stuffing
- Rice
- Packaged cookies and snacks
- Bottled water

OUR 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. It's easiest to use from the Church Center app on a smartphone (available from Apple App Store or from Google Play). If you have not yet joined, click the first QR code below. The second QR code is for FAQ. Please contact Nathan in the church office with any questions.

Church Center



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Directory FAQ



MARK YOUR CALENDAR Dates are filling up! Mark these on your calendar:

- Rally Day
 - -Sunday, Sept. 10
- World Communion -Sunday, Oct. 1
- Blessing of the Animals -Sunday, Oct. 8
- Blood Drive
 - -Wednesday, Oct. 18
- Reformation Sunday -Sunday, Oct. 29
- Trunk or Treat -Sunday, Oct. 29
- All Saints' Sunday -Sunday, Nov. 5
- Pledge Sunday
 -Sunday, Nov. 12
- Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
 -begin Sunday, Nov. 19
- First Sunday of Advent -Sunday, Dec. 3
- Advent Open House
 -Sunday, Dec. 3
- Handel's Messiah
 Sunday, Dec. 10
- Christmas Pageant -Sunday, Dec. 17
- Christmas Eve Services (10am, 7:30pm & 10pm)
 Sunday, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day (no worship service) -Monday, Dec. 25
- Prime Time (second Tuesday of the month) -begins Tuesday, Sept. 12
- WOW (second Wednesday of the month) -begins Wednesday, Sept. 13
- Sprouts (first Friday of the month) -begins Friday, Sept. 8
- Youth Group (last Sunday of the month) -begins Sunday, Sept. 24
- Kids Café (first Sunday of the month)
 -begins Sunday, Oct. 1

VBC

Vacation Bible Camp

6-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21

WALK-INS WELCOME!



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



Please bring canned goods for our local food banks



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



Friday night hot dog dinner/ closing program



\$10 per child/ \$20 per family



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