



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

Face Masks for are optional for all activities on our campus, and are available upon request.

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, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents of little ones is located in the Narthex.

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Gluten Free Cookies will now be available during coffee hour.

The tray will be marked – please save them for those with specific dietary restrictions.

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with any questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.

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

Sunday, September 17

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:30 am- Presentation on Parkinson's Disease

Monday, September 18

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

10:00 am- Adult Bible Class

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, September 19

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday, September 20 (cont.)

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

3:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

5:00 pm- WCNS Chili Cook-Off

7:00pm- Valley Voices

7:30pm- BookLook

Thursday, September 21

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:00 pm- Chancel Choir

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

4:30 pm- Youth Group: Urban Air

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All: Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father

Women: There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Men: Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not

Choir: As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

All: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,

Men: Morning by morning, new mercies I see!

Women: All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,

All: Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

AMEN!

*OPENING HYMN #65

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
(verses 1 and 3)

CWM RHONDDA

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 seats. Children are invited to Sunday School classes (ages 18 months –11 years) or to stay with us in worship.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Oh Rest in the Lord
Paula White, Alto

F. Mendelssohn

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:19-31

NRSV OT 61

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Bernard Sexton

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, for the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: Father, unto you, unto you we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; for the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Father, unto you, unto you we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For your church, that evermore lifts its holy hands above, off'ring up on ev'ry shore its pure sacrifice of love; for yourself, best gift divine, to this world so freely giv'n, word incarnate, God's design, peace on earth and joy in heav'n: Father, unto you, unto you we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

SERMON

SONG OF RESPONSE

Trust in You

Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wandering
Never changes what You see
I've tried to win this war, I confess
My hands are weary, I need Your rest
Mighty warrior, King of the fight
No matter what I face, You're by my side

**When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust
I will trust in You**

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less

CHORUS

You are my strength and comfort
You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go
You've not already stood

CHORUS

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Stewardship Council

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. R. Lau



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*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

Lord of love, we trust you with our whole lives. Take these offerings and in your wisdom, share them with our church family, community, and world so that your peace would ripple out to all people and places. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LITANY OF TRUST

Holy God, you hear us when we pray so we come to you opening our hearts to your deliverance and placing our trust in you.

From the belief that I have to earn Your love ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear that I am unlovable ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the false security that I have what it takes ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From my many sins that I have done and continue to do ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From anxiety about the future ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From restless self-seeking in the present moment ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From pain and hurt due to loss and grief ... **Deliver us Jesus.**

From war and injustice and division in our world ... **Deliver us Jesus.**

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings, and transforms me...**Jesus, I trust in you.**

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That You are with me in my suffering ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That Your plan is better than anything else ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That You always hear me, and in Your goodness always respond to me ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That You will teach me to trust You ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That You are my Lord and my God ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

That I am Your beloved one ... **Jesus, I trust in you.**

Amen.

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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.

(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 Barb Demos and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Bud Fury

in honor of Bud and Edna's 68th anniversary

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

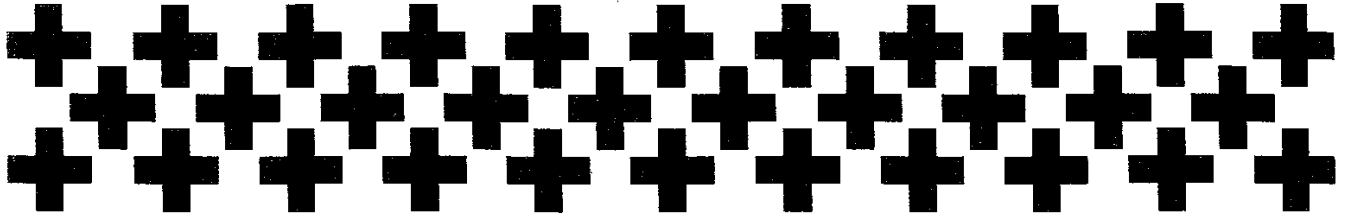
²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Wallingford Presbyterian
Church

Fellowship Hall
110 E. Brookhaven Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: wpc to schedule an appointment

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questions on the day of your appointment.



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an appointment



WPC ONLINE DIRECTORY Do you have questions about how to be part of the online WPC directory? Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall after worship on **September 17, 24 and October 1** as members of our WPC Connections Council will be available to answer your questions. It's easiest to get set up if you first download the Church Center app on a smartphone (available from Apple App Store or from Google Play). It is possible, however, to use a personal computer as well. You can get started using the QR code.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE Did you know Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurological disorder and will soon surpass Alzheimer's disease in prevalence? WPC member Gwyn M. Vernon, MSN, RN, CRNP, a co-founder of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Center at the University of Pennsylvania, will describe Parkinson's disease (PD) and briefly address treatments, **11:30 p.m., Sunday, September 17**. Her talk will highlight how we as a community can help those in our church and neighborhoods who suffer with PD. **Presented as part of WPC's Abilities Initiative.**

BOOKLOOK Join the discussion, **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 20**, about "The Soul of America" by Jon Meacham. The #1 New York Times bestseller helps readers understand the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear. **Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is \$6.**

BELL CHOIR Join the ringers, **6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 21**, for the first rehearsal of the season. No experience necessary.



YOUTH GROUP URBAN AIR YGs – meet **4:30 p.m., Sunday, September 24**, at Urban Air Adventure Park (1260 East Woodland Avenue, Springfield) to kick off the season. Open to youth grades 6-12. Use the QR code to register, or find the registration on Church Center.

"WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?" The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee will open its fall series, **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 27**, with "Who is our Neighbor," an open discussion with Pastor François regarding his September 24 sermon of the same title. Begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Celebrate our oneness in Christ, **10 a.m., Sunday, October 1**, with our siblings throughout the world.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Miss Lee and Miss Sally in the choir room, **11 a.m., Sunday, October 1**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to children ages 4-11.

SIXTH ANNUAL SOCKTOBER Start sock shopping, then watch for Sock Drive containers in the Narthex and near the main office. We will be collecting new, wrapped (original packaging) men's and women's socks for Savage Sisters, and children's socks for Chester Eastside, **from October 1-31**. Sponsored by the Education Council and Mission and Service Committee.

CHAPEL CHOIR Kids – like to sing as part of the service? Meet Miss Lee in the choir at 9 a.m. to rehearse, then perform for 10 a.m. worship. All children welcome! **Begins Sunday, October 8.**

BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS Give blood, help save lives! **Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter WPC to schedule an appointment. Help us continue our 70+ years of blood drives here at WPC!

CUB SCOUTS Like to join a Cub Pack? Pack 228, sponsored by WPC, is actively growing in the area and welcomes boys and girls ages 5 and 10. For more info, visit the website (<https://www.cubpack228.com/>) or email Scoutmaster Simon Gainey (Contact@Cubpack228.com).



FINDING GOD IN EVERY SEASON Many of us appreciated this year's Lenten Reflections, especially the writings by those in the congregation, and additional entries will make the 2024 edition even more meaningful. Why wait until next year to put pen to paper (or keyboard to screen). How does God communicate with you in every season? Use the link in this week's WPC Happenings or scan the QR code to learn more.



SUPPORT PDA'S RESPONSE TO HAWAII WILDFIRES The magnitude of the event will require developing long-term projects and assistance. As people of God, we are called to stand with our siblings in the "GAP" – Give, Act and Pray. Use the QR code for various ways to give.

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

Media Food Bank is requesting:

- Canned corned beef, Spam
- Canned salmon, sardines
- Dry beans (red kidney, pinto, black-eyed)
- Bagged rice (white, brown, jasmine – no packets)
- Canned Vegetables (mixed, lima beans, black-eye peas, beets, mushrooms, collard/mixed greens)
- Canned Fruit
- Hot Cereals (oatmeal [canisters and packets], Cream of Wheat or Rice, grits)
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo, BBQ sauce)
- Vinegar (white, apple cider)
- Ramen noodles (beef, chicken, spicy)
- Beef chili/Dinty Moore beef stew
- Pasta sauce (meat, alfredo)
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate packets
- Milk (evaporated, condensed, dry powdered, shelf stable – cow, almond, oat)