



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 1, 2023
WORLD COMMUNION 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, 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, October 1

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Kids Café

Monday, October 2

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

10:00 am- Adult Bible Class

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, October 3

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

3:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

Wednesday, October 4 (cont.)

7:00pm- Valley Voices

7:30pm- Taizé Service

Thursday, October 5

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:00 pm- Chancel Choir

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, October 6

6:00 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, October 7

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am- Chapel Choir

9:20 am- Bell Choir

9:40 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

12:30 pm- KKG Alumni Association

1:00 pm- Pack 228 Meeting

4:00 pm- Blessing of the Animals

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.



GATHERING



WELCOME, BIRTHDAY WISHES, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND A WORD ABOUT THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia*)

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north, to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace. This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us. We praise God's name!

Let us worship God with joy!

OPENING PRAYER (*Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Zimbabwe. Shona and English, adaptation of "A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox*)

*OPENING HYMN #637



O Sing to the Lord



CANTAI AO SENHOR

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Arabic, Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land*)

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us.

You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death.



You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies.

We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will.

Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.

In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East*)

*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.

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 younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (18 months –11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship.

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION HYMN # 526: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ LINSTEAD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Magdaléna Trgalová, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren*)

EPISTLE READING  2nd Corinthians 5:16-21  NRSV NT 181

ANTHEM Every Eye Is Different A. Tice and D. Kantor

SERMON



MISSION AND MINISTRY



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

We believe that God is at work in you, empowering you with spiritual gifts and equipping you for joyful service. We want to help you identify those gifts and discern how God is calling you. You are invited to join this community of disciples as we seek the will of God for the world. If you are ready and willing, we are here to receive you.

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

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another. When we gather at the Lord's Table we are united with God and one another as members of the one body of Christ. You are invited to share in this feast. Come. Christ prepares a place for you here.

God is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

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

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Come to the table, Jesus invites us, come to the table, come. Bring all your worries, and your rejoicing, Come to the table, come.

The broken bread feeds us, it is the body of Jesus. to unite us in his ways of life and light. This is the cup of joy, a covenant of relationship, wellbeing that Christ offers to all creation.

Each time we share the Lord's Supper we remember our commitment in his love. Give me your hand, my siblings, in a sign of unity that we might be one single body in communion.

May justice and mercy be our path and life in peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Welcome Table

arr. Joel Raney

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN #598



Amen, We Praise Your Name



AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

*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 Noelle Coker and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Archie Paul

in loving memory of his wife, Mary Paul, at the year anniversary of her passing.

2nd Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor

1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done
 trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the
 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
 won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

PORTUGUESE

- 1 *Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 2 *Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 3 *Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 4 *É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 5 *Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*

SPANISH

- 1 *Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 4 *Es él quien nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluia! (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩ . ♩ . ♩ :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975
 Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

LINSTEAD
 LM with refrain

Every Eye Is Different , A. Tice and D. Kantor

Ev'ry eye is diff'rent, catching different light, cast from different angles, giving us our sight. Seeing different colors paints the world we know, indistinct or focused, as our eyes will show. Some see with their fingers, knowing differently what those take for granted who use eyes to see. Even with a scripture we all hold as true, each one sees uniquely what it says to do. How are we to worship when our neighbor's sight seems to be in error, while our own seems right? Knowing God created ev'ry person's heart, bearing God's own image is a worthy start. Ev'ry mind is different, made uniquely good bearing different lifetimes, not all understood. Giving thanks for difference, seeing gifts in all, is not wishful thinking, but a holy call.

Amen, We Praise Your Name 598

Amen siakudumisa

Leader *All*

Sing prais - es! A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
Ma - si - thi! A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A-men, a - men.
A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A - men, ba - wo.

A-men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

TEXT: South African
MUSIC: S. C. Molefe, c. 1976; transcr. David Dargie, 1983
Text and Music © Lumko Institute, South Africa
Music Transcr. © 1983 David Dargie (admin. Choristers Guild)

AMEN SIAKUDUMISA
Irregular

The Welcome Table, arr. Joel Raney

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord, one of these days. Hallelujah! I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, and we'll break bread together on our knees. I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven, O Lord, one of these days. Hallelujah! I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven, I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days. O, I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus, O Lord, one of these days. Hallelujah! I'm gonna share by cup with Jesus, I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days. And we'll break bread together on our knees. Yes! We'll break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. O, I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir, O Lord, one of these days. Hallelujah! I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir, and I'll sit at the welcome table one of these days. One of these days, gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through the first week, we have received 16 pledges totaling \$83,600. Pledges represent approximately two-thirds of our annual budget and provide the confidence that we as a church will be like a beehive – always humming with activity.

Register your pledge using the pledge card, Church Center app or QR code.

SIXTH ANNUAL SOCKTOBER Beginning today, place new · wrapped (original packaging) men's and women's socks (for Savage Sisters) and children's socks (for Chester Eastside) in the Sock Drive containers in the Narthex and near the main office. Sponsored by the Education Council and Mission and Service Committee. **Continues through October 31.**

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY Beginning today, place donations of wrapped candy for Trunk or Treat in the tubs in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. **The event will be held 3 p.m., Sunday, October 29.**

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.



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 **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.



FUSE COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS Come together for a light supper and conversation, **6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3**, about "Hospitality in Different Cultures/Communities," looking at how all communities practice hospitality, but in different ways. The event will be held at Congregation Beth Israel, 542 S. New Middletown Road, Media, during Sukkot, the Jewish holiday that celebrates the fall harvest and brings families, friends and communities together. Use the QR code to register.



GRIEF AND CAREGIVER SUPPORT Swarthmore Presbyterian Church is sponsoring two eight-weekly support groups **beginning October 4 and 5** open to anyone in the community.

- Grief Support (address the issues of the grieving process for those who have experienced the death of a family member or friend)
- Caregiver Support (address emotional health needs and coping skills unique for those who serve as caregivers on a regular basis)

TAIZÉ SERVICE Rest in God **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 4**, with a meditative service of liturgical readings, sung prayer and silent reflection.



SPROUTS PUMPKIN PAINTING Kids – start the evening, **6 p.m., Friday, October 6**, with pumpkin painting, leaf rubbing, sidewalk chalk, playground fun and dinner, ending with a YouTube video, popcorn and apple cider. Open to children grades K-5. Use the QR to register (**registration closes noon, Tuesday, October 3**).

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

PRIME TIME Ellen Williams, MSA, Health and Wellness Program Manager at Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), will review, **Tuesday, October 10**, the agency's services and the evidence-based health and wellness programs available in the county to adults aged 60 and over. Bring lunch and a friend; we will provide drinks and dessert. **Lunch begins at noon; the program, 12:15 p.m.**

W.O.W. (WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD) Join for refreshments, **7 p.m., Wednesday, October 11**, and continue our study of the Gospel of John and Jesus' seven "I AM" statements. All women of our community of faith are welcome to participate.

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!

CHANGES IN EDUCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA Participate in the discussion, **Wednesday, October 18**, with presenters Jennifer Hoff (William Penn School District) and State Sen. Tim Kearney (representing parts of Media, Swarthmore and Springfield). Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee. **Potluck – 6:30 p.m.; talk – 7:15 p.m.**



TRUNK OR TREAT The upper parking lot will be filled with cars/trucks/SUVs, **3 p.m., Sunday, October 29**, decked out for Halloween and treats galore. Plan to bring your kids to this spooky fun event! Like to host a trunk (prizes for best decorated!). Use the QR code or call the church office.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Join with Scout Troops 277 and 2019 for Rise Against Hunger, **Sunday, November 5**, to help package 10,000 meals to ship to those in need throughout the world. **Lunch will be available at noon, followed by the pack out starting at 12:30 p.m.** The event is co-sponsored by the Mission and Service Committee and WPC Scouts. Sign up using the poster in the Narthex.

PHILADELPHIA BOYS CHOIR The choir, with our own Carter Zeszut, will perform **3 p.m., Sunday, November 13**, at Springfield High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

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

STAFF & HOURS

- REV. FRANÇOIS LACROIX, PASTOR
Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm
- REV. TAYLOR CORNELIUS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Monday, 11:00am-4.430pm
Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm
- LEE HAGON-KERR, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
- NATHAN GIBSON, CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR
Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm
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