



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 8, 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, 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

Monday, October 9

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

10:00 am- Adult Bible Class

7:30 pm- Stewardship

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 am- PrimeTime Luncheon

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

Wednesday, October 11

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

6:30 pm- Cub Scouts 228

7:00pm- Valley Voices

7:00pm- WOW

Thursday, October 12

7:30 pm- Chancel Choir

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

9:00 am- Memorial PC Session Retreat

3:00 pm- Cub's Raingutter Regatta

Sunday, October 15

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Wallingford Winds



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

A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“And so I urge you to still every motion that is not rooted in the Kingdom. Become quiet, hushed, motionless until you are finally centered. Strip away all excess baggage and nonessential trappings until you have come into the stark reality of the Kingdom of God. Let go of all distractions until you are driven into the Core. Allow God to reshuffle your priorities and eliminate unnecessary froth. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, 'Pray for me that I not loosen my grip on the hands of Jesus even under the guise of ministering to the poor.' That is our first task: to grip the hands of Jesus with such tenacity that we are obliged to follow his lead, to seek first his Kingdom.”

— Richard J. Foster, *Freedom of Simplicity: Finding Harmony in a Complex World*

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” – Matthew 5:8

GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Yes, Jesus Loves Me
Bell Choir

arr. M Akers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Forgive us we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is gracious!

The Lord is kind!

He forgives us and sets us free!

He brings peace to you and me! Alleluia and Amen!

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 131

NRSV OT 574

LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes arrogant;
Nor do I involve myself in great matters,
Or in things too difficult for me.
I have certainly soothed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child *resting* against his mother,
My soul within me is like a weaned child.
Israel, wait for the LORD
From this time *on* and forever.

*HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

SERMON

ANTHEM

All People Living on the Earth

Swee Hong Lim, arr. J. Bell

All people living on the earth, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; serve joyfully, sing out God's praise and in this place rejoice. Know that the Lord is God indeed, whose parenting is firm and fair; God shepherds us, calls us his own, and shows us constant care. Where we now stand is heaven's gate, so enter in with songs of praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name in endless words and ways. For God is good, God's love shall last; God's faithfulness is always sure; to generations yet unborn, God's kindness will endure. Amen! Amen! Alleluia! Let praise to God be given. Amen! Amen! Alleluia! Let earth be one with heav'n.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hymn 819 - Be Still My Soul

FINLANDIA



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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 all, take these gifts and bless them according to your will, that all might know the power of your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 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.***

*BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE 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 Roger Demos and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.
This week’s flowers were given to the Glory of God by Debra McCullough
in loving memory of missed family members.*

819 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

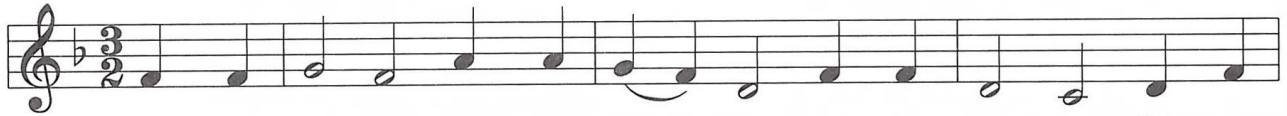
This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

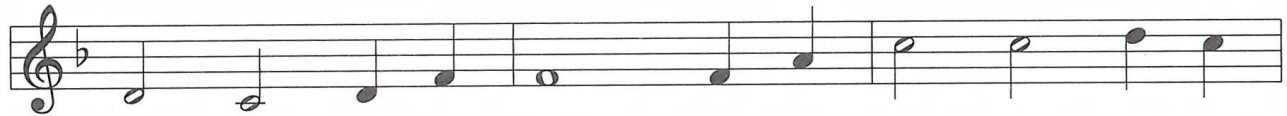
2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



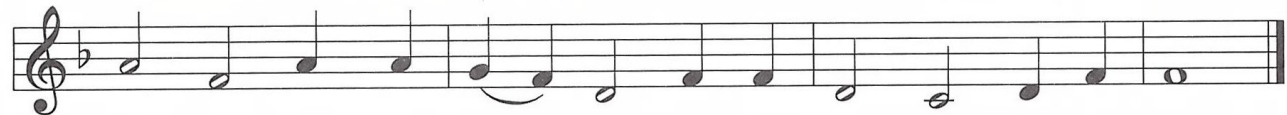
lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
 pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
 pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
 be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our
 brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
 think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
 dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

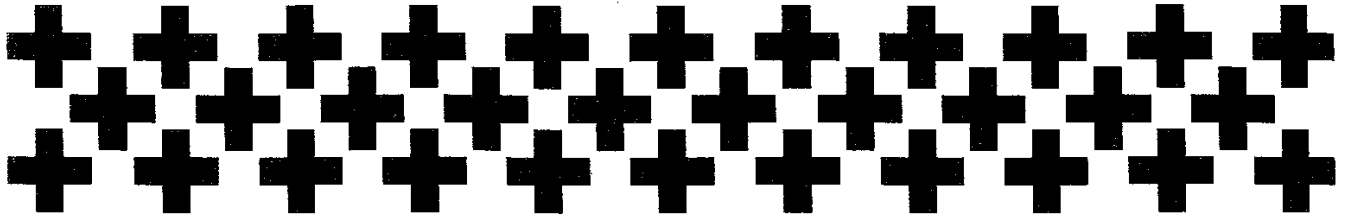
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 MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

BEACH SPRING
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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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health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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an appointment

WELCOME CORINNA! Mezzo-soprano Corinna Brueckner, our new Alto Section Leader, is ecstatic to join the wonderful musical community of Wallingford Presbyterian. Born and raised in Philadelphia, she graduated in May from Princeton University with an undergraduate degree majoring in German Studies and minoring in Vocal Performance. An avid opera singer and soloist, she has sung both in the US and Europe, making her German debut in August in Mozart's Die Zauberflöte. Besides music, her hobbies include training horses and volunteering at Belmont Stables in Fairmount Park and playing pool in local Fairmount spots with friends.



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN We have received 30 pledges totaling \$131,156. 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 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 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.**

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. Grab a flyer in the narthex on your way out today to invite your neighbors!

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.

BOOKLOOK Discuss “The Midnight Library,” 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, the #1 New York Times which tells the story of a woman faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one. She must search within herself to decide what is truly fulfilling in life and what makes it worth living. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is \$11.50

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).

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

- Cereal (kids' and whole grain adult)
- Soups
 - Condensed (any kind except cream of chicken and chicken noodle)
 - Chunky (Chicken Noodle, Chowder [New England, Manhattan, corn], Beef [sirloin burger, pot roast], Italian wedding, minestrone, lentil)
- Broths (beef, chicken, bone)
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Manual Can Openers (essential for the unhoused or those living without electricity)
- Paper goods (tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)
- Household cleaning products (spray/disinfectant, laundry/dish soap, sponges/wipes)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, overnight)
- Bladder control products (medium, heavy-long pads)

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
- LESLIE KROWCHENKO, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
 - CHRISTINE DARR, CLERK OF SESSION
- ED MATTOTE AND TODD DARR, CO-TREASURERS
 - MICHELLE HALL, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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