



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 22, 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 22**

9:00 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Wallingford Winds

1:00 pm- Cub Scouts 228

#### **Monday, October 23**

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

10:00 am- Adult Bible Class

#### **Tuesday, October 24**

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Trustees

#### **Wednesday, October 25**

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 25 (cont.)**

7:00 pm- Picky Eater vs. Problem Feeder

7:00 pm- Valley Voices

#### **Thursday, October 26**

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Chancel Choir

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

#### **Friday, October 27**

#### **Saturday, October 28**

#### **Sunday, October 29**

9:00 am- Wallingford Winds

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Breakfast Club

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

3:00 pm- Trunk-or-Treat

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



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

What is today?

**This is the day the Lord has made!**

What will we do?

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Who will we be?

**We will be God's hands and feet, children of the light!**

How will we act?

**With love overflowing, and joy in our hearts! Let us worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, we approach your throne of grace with confidence. We have sinned this week, we have hurt others, we have neglected to do all that we should. We know better. We regret the ways we have harmed others by what we have done and what we have left undone. Please forgive us by your mercy. We thank you that in you, there is forgiveness. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE #587

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Be Still My Soul

Jean Sibelius

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

NRSV NT 220

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:28-30

NRSV NT 12

ANTHEM

Even When He Is Silent

Kim André Arnesen

"Even When He Is Silent" is a contemporary choral work by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980), which sets a powerful text about hope, faith and perseverance. The text was found written on a wall at a concentration camp after WWII. Arnesen's tender and yet dissonant writing captures the scintillating beauty of hope, while also illustrating the deeply painful darkness which leaves us grasping for hope in the first place. The chancel choir aspires to do this piece justice and express that in both the loud praise and the solitary moments of silence, in the light and in the dark, in the trusting and in the doubt, God is still there - for you, for us, for all. *"I believe in the sun even when it's not shining. I believe in love even when I feel it not. I believe in God even when He is silent."*

SERMON

### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Preludio Divertimento

John. S. Dixon



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

**Holy God, bless these offerings, so that they reach all those who need it. May we continue to offer our whole selves to you each day, so that our very souls would be offerings unto the Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


## SENDING

\*CLOSING #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me


GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*(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 Earl Varney, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lisa Higgins  
in celebration of Lisa and Scott's 7th anniversary*

## Morning Has Broken

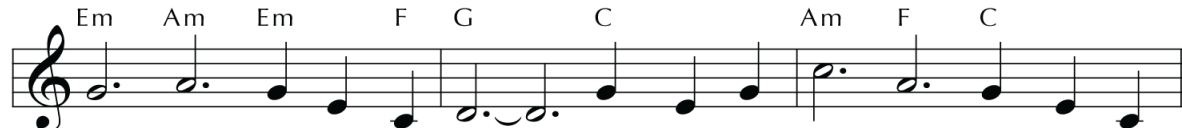
664

C Am Dm G Dm G C




1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am G7 C



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.  
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012  
 Text © David Higham Assoc., Ltd.  
 Music Arr. © 2012 Beverly A. Howard

BUNESSAN  
 5.5.5.4.D

## Alleluia!

587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

CELTIC ALLELUIA

MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981; harm. Christopher Walker, 1985

Music © 1985 Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker (Published by OCP)

**Hebrews 4: 14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Matthew 11:28 - 30**

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



## Trunk or Treat

3-4 p.m.

Sunday, October 29

Upper Parking Lot



Bring the Kids  
Decorated cars/trucks/SUVs  
Treats galore

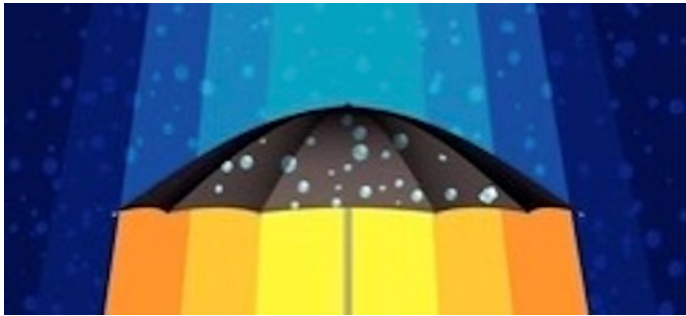
Host a Trunk

Prizes for best decorated!

Church lot opens at 2 p.m.  
for set up







Rain or Shine  
(Fellowship Hall  
if raining)

Please bring  
canned goods  
for our local food banks



Donate Candy  
Leave wrapped candy  
in the bins in the Narthex  
or Fellowship Hall

Youth Group/Young Adults  
Help decorate  
the YG/YA trunk





**ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN** Through the fourth week, we have received 50 pledges totaling \$234,866. 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.**

**FIRST PLACE SWARTHMORE** Volunteer with First Place Swarthmore (FPS), an effort established by Swarthmore Pres to provide short-term housing for newly-arrived refugees. Attend a training session, **11:30 a.m., Sunday, October 22**, including a brief overview of the FPS mission and purpose, description of the timeline and volunteer roles while families are in residence and learnings from the leadership team to help support those new to the work. Questions? Contact Chris Darr or visit <https://swarthmorepres.org/first-place-swarthmore/>

**PICKY EATER VS. PROBLEM FEEDER** Not sure which describes your child? Juli Brownhill, of the Social Enrichment Center in Media, will talk about nutrition, specifically as it relates to the two, Wednesday, October 25. The program is aimed at parents/caregivers of young children, but is open to all. Sponsored by WPC Connections. **Begin with a meet and greet at 7 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.**



**PUMPKIN SALE** BSA Troop 2019 will be selling pumpkins **10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, October 28**, at the corner of Brookhaven and Rose Valley roads. Choose among orange, black and white pumpkins and colorful corn bundles.

Use the QR code to pre-order.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Students grades 6-12 – take a break from normal worship and share fellowship in the Youth Room. Enjoy breakfast, discussion about the week's "Nooma" video and games. Meets the LAST Sunday of the month beginning **10 a.m., October 29.**



**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!

**POP-UP CLOTHING DRIVE** Drop fall/winter-weight clean clothing for men and women, including winter jackets (no children's), **Sunday, October 29**, in the Reception Room. Please fold the items in bags (rather than hanging). Benefits Savage Sisters in Kensington.

**SPROUTS LEARN ABOUT COMMUNION** Go on a scavenger hunt throughout the church, **6 p.m., Friday, November 3**, then hear about some of the items you find (baptismal font, communion table, lectern, windows). Learn about the significance of communion, then take it with your parents on All Saints' Sunday (November 5). Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5.

**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.

**MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS** Join Pastor François and Pastor Taylor as they host a series of monthly conversations on various topics. Begin with Pastor Taylor, **11 a.m., Sunday, November 12**, to discuss "Tackling Theodicy: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?" Meets in the Reception Room.

**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



**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** Enjoy a performance, **3 p.m., Sunday, December 10**, of Part I and "Hallelujah Chorus" with professional soloists and a choir of local singers. The event is part of Concerts for a Cause and will benefit Chester Eastside.

Like to sing in the choir? Use the QR code for details.



**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.

### **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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