



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023
ALL SAINTS DAY OBSERVED

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 are optional for all activities 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.

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 questions.

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



Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.



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

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.



Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

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

STAFF & HOURS

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4:430pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

CO-TREASURERS: Ed Mattote and Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

***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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

In life and in death we belong to God.

Baptized into Christ's death we live unto Him.

Come, let us Worship God!

PROCESSION WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND

READING FROM JOHN DONNE'S MEDITATION XVII OF DEVOTIONS UPON EMERGENT OCCASIONS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

*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.***

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Blest Are They

arr. A. K. Organ

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-9

NRSV NT 213

SERMON

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

In remembrance of those passed

Dorothea "Didi" Beebe

Ruth Shoup

Constance "Connie" Kraus

In celebration of the newly baptized

Joshua Michael Hawkins-Callahan

Winter Everly Vaccone

Clara Leona Goodrich

Carter Jace George

ANTHEM

Sine Nomine

Vaughan Williams

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed thy name. O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might, thou Lord, their captain in the well fought fight. Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia! O may thy soldiers, faithful true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia! And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is a challenge. We believe we are called to meet the challenge of discipleship with one another. If you are looking for a group of people who are seeking to discern God's truth and God's hopes for the world, please join us here. We don't have all the answers, but we value all your questions.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks for Saints

arr. A.K. Organ



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

Giver of all god gifts, with these gifts, how can we thank you for you never ending love? Even our very lives are not enough. Accept these offerings as tokens of our gratitude and signs of our hope in your coming realm. 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

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets, Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints.

You are the God of our mothers and fathers and our children to all generations.

You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us even when we deny our godly heritage.

Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will to the point of laying down his life for the good news he preached and passed on to us. On the night of his arrest, he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.

In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another.

As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to see your glory. As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be strengthened to follow your Way.

Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to the world here and now, even as we pray for the world you so love: Speak your peace in the world where wars rage and violence triumphs.

We lift before you our prayer for the health of all nations, that all people may flourish, for the upcoming elections in our country, for all people in positions of power over others' lives. May your will be done. May your Kingdom come.

We pray for those who grieve . . . for those who are sick . . . for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection . . . Send forth comfort as only you can give. Forgive our sin, O Lord, as we forgive others, and remember our making. Work with who we are, where we are, to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints,

Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our “God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!”

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #732

Rejoice in God’s Saints

OLD 104TH

*CHARGE, 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 Gwyn Vernon

in loving memory of Mark J. Vernon

2 Timothy 4:6-9

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon,

Rejoice in God's Saints

732

1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own;
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

A more generally applicable version of a text written for the 600th anniversary of Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love* in 1973, this hymn uses a tune created for the Scotsman William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104, which appeared in several 16th-century psalters.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973; rev. 1977

MUSIC: Ravenscroft's *Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 1997

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OLD 104TH

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(alternate tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM)

2023 Giving Tree and Angel Tree



Giving Tree – gift certificates and wrapped toys to families at Chester Eastside, City Team and within the Wallingford Swarthmore School District

Angel Tree (through Prison Fellowship) – children of incarcerated parents receive a gift with a note from the parent expressing their love, helping to build a bond and learn about the love God has for them

Chester Eastside, City Team and WSSD families
\$25 Walmart and Target cards

Wrapped Toy Suggestions

Barbies of color and accessories
(clothes, cars, etc.)
Baby dolls of color and accessories
(strollers, clothes, bottles, etc.)
Full-size dolls (18")

Racetrack, Matchbox cars
Remote control cars
Arts and crafts kits
Infant/toddler toys
(6, 12, 18 and 24 months)

Angel Tree – specific gift suggestions for each child

Look for the Giving Trees in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Donations may be returned Sundays
November 19, November 26 and December 3

Thank you for your continued generosity and support

Carol Freidinger Don Killian Cathy Kilpatrick Tracy Moran



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through the sixth week, we have received 59 pledges totaling \$276,706. 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.

SOCKTOBER/CLOTHING DRIVE Our sixth annual Socktober netted 425 pairs. The 332 pairs of men's and women's, plus more than 33 bags of clothing, were donated to Savage Sisters; 93 pairs of kid's socks to Chester Eastside. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **today, 11 a.m., Sunday, November 5**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to kids 4-11.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Join with Scout Troops 277 and 2019 for Rise Against Hunger, **today**, 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.

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 12**, 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.

TURKEYS Have a turkey you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Put the bird in the church freezer through **Tuesday, November 21.**

YOUTH GROUP MINI GOLF/PIZZA/ARCADE Meet at Putt Putt Family Fun Center (5300 West Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights), **4:30 p.m., Sunday, November 19**, for mini golf, pizza dinner and arcade time (be sure to bring a coat). Cost – \$15 per student; open to students grades 6-12. (Rain plan – Disney movie and pizza at the church)

FALL CLEAN-UP Help tidy up our grounds, **9 a.m., Saturday, December 2.** The main task will be raking leaves and we welcome all hands. Please bring your own tools.



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.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UP Kids – dress in costumes, perform and sing songs to tell the story of Jesus' birth! Practices will be after church – **Sundays, Nov. 19 and 26, Dec. 3 and 10**; the pageant will be presented during the **Sunday, Dec. 17** service. Scan the QR code to register.



LAST CALL – FINDING GOD IN EVERY SEASON Many of us appreciated this year's Lenten Reflections, especially the writings by those in the congregation. Since Ash Wednesday is February 14, we need to be thinking about the 2024 booklet now! Use the link in this week's WPC Happenings or scan the QR code to learn more.



VOICE LESSONS FOR SENIORS Learn to read music/practice your skills with Kara Goodrich. Have fun and flex your brain singing new songs and your old favorites. Beginner to experienced welcomed. Scan the QR code more info; email (karaelizabethgoodrich@gmail.com) or call (484-802-6965) her.

Sunday, November 5

9:30 am- Chancel Choir
10:00 am- Worship
11:00 am- Coffee Hour
11:00 am- Kids Café
12:00 pm- Rise Against Hunger

Monday, November 6

10:00 am- Staff Meeting
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class
7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, November 7

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing
7:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends
1:00 pm- Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, November 8 (cont.)

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons
3:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons
7:00 pm- Valley Voices
7:00 pm- WOW

Thursday, November 9

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, November 10**Saturday, November 11**

6:00 pm- BSA P228 Movie Night

Sunday, November 12

9:30 am- Chancel Choir
10:00 am- Worship
11:00 am- Coffee Hour
11:00 am- Monthly Conversations
1:00 pm- BSA

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