



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MAY 5TH, 2024  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# 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

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, 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.***

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Strawberry Festival

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

**Sing to God's great faithfulness and steadfast love to all.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing praises!

**Rejoice in the presence of God who reigns with equity and justice.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*OPENING HYMN

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

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

Brighten the Corner Where You Are

arr. R. Lind

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## WORD

\*PSALM 98 (HYMN 276)

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

SING A NEW SONG

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

NRSV NT 109

REFLECTION

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Chester Eastside - Making a Change Group

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



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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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. 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 TABLE

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 in song.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise as we sing together.**

\*RESPONSE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

(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)***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.*

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER

**SENDING**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ANTHEM    Go Ye Into All the World                                  Eugene Butler  
Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to ev'ry creature! Jesus said, "This is the great commandment: that ye love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no one than this; that they lay down their life for their friends." Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to ev'ry creature! "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, if you believe in God, you believe in me!" Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to ev'ry creature! Alleluia! Go!

PEACE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

In this congregation, we seek to wrestle with the mysteries of our faith, opening our hearts and minds to the new way of life God has revealed in Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join the conversation and to join this community of faith as we strive to be faithful followers of our Savior and Lord who showed us the meaning of love.

If you would like to find out more about this congregation or to become a member, please reach out to Pastor Taylor or Pastor François.

*Thank you to Carter Zeszut, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.  
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lin and Harold Floyd,  
in celebration of all mothers - and especially of Betty Elsaesser Axamethy, Elizabeth Gimmel  
Elsaesser, and Rose Vagdacs Axamethy; and Mary Schuster Floyd, Catram Shuster, and Mabel  
Mellor Floyd.*

# "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

## SHOWERS OF BLESSING

1. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing:" this is the prom - ise of love;  
 2. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing:" pre - cious re - viv - ing a - gain;  
 3. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing:" send them u - pon us, O Lord;  
 4. "There shall be show - ers of bless - ing:" O that to - day they might fall,

there shall be sea - sons re - fresh - ing, sent from the Sav - ior a - bove.  
 o - ver the hills and the val - leys sound of a - bun - dance of rain.  
 grant to us now a re - fresh - ing, come and now hon - or thy Word.  
 now as to God we're con - fess - ing, now as on Je - sus we call!

Show - ers of  
 Show - ers, show - ers of bless - ing, show - ers of bless - ing we need:

mer - cy drops round us are fall - ing, but for the show - ers we plead.

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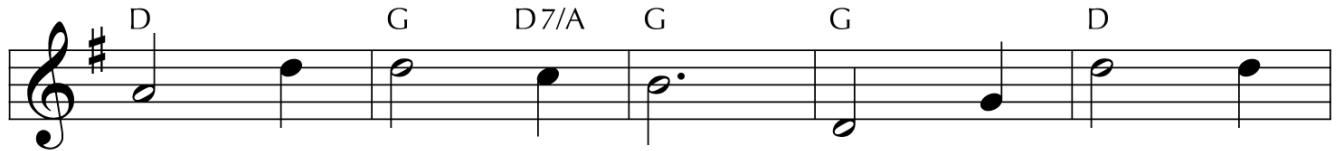
# Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

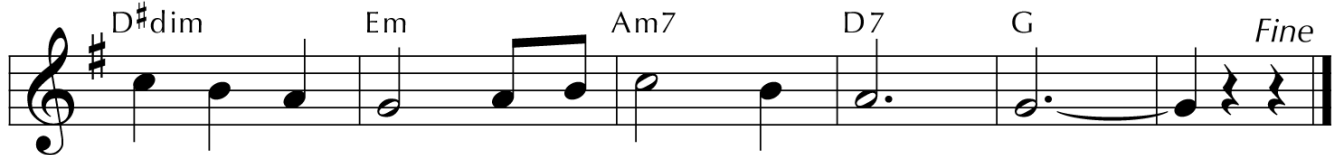
Refrain



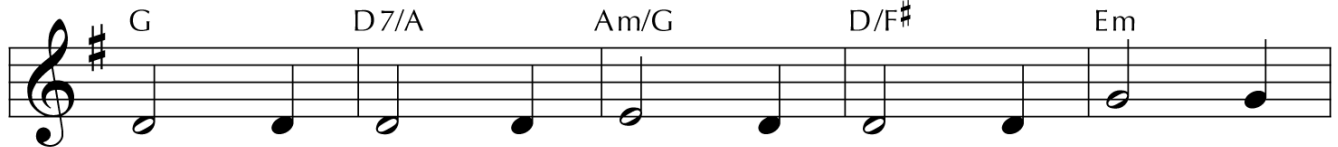
Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be



sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song



un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah!



1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -

2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior

3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry



fore the Lord. And play for God on

now has come. He has turned your

of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the



glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.

sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.

dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

This loose paraphrase effectively conveys the joyful tone of Psalm 98, largely by incorporating allusions to many other Scriptures, such as Psalm 149:3, Romans 13:11, Psalm 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and Job 19:25. These familiar echoes help to give the text depth and breadth.

## John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Mark your calendar for 5-8 p.m., Monday, June 3.

**YOU** make Strawberry Festival a success

### **TO VOLUNTEER:**

sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall  
or use the QR code



Start saving:

**Books** – kids, fiction and non, cookbooks  
(no encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or CDs)

**Attic Treasures** – household items, collectables, jewelry

**Plants** – perennials, vegetables, herbs  
(mark with name of plant, sun/shade)

garden tools and pots



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

**CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE** Enjoy An Afternoon of A Cappella, **today, 3 p.m., Sunday, May 5**, featuring the award-winning Haverford School Notables and Baldwin School B-flats performing a wide variety of music, from classical to music theater to jazz to pop, and everything in between. The suggested donation is \$15, with the concert benefiting Keep Music Alive, a Delaware County non-profit organization that seeks to help more children (and adults) reap the educational, therapeutic and social benefits of playing music.

**W.O.W. SPRING DINNER** All women in the congregation are invited to enjoy our potluck salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 8**. Bring a dish to share and a chair.

**SPRING CLEANUP** Lend a hand to help tidy up the beds and spread mulch, **9 a.m., Saturday, May 11**. Please bring your own tools.

**VOWS RENEWAL** Join Rich and Barb Logan, **11:15 a.m., Sunday, May 12**, as they renew their vows on the 40th anniversary of their wedding at WPC. Meet in the Sanctuary.

**CALLING ALL GRADS** If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. The deadline is **Monday, May 13**.

**PRIME TIME** Joe Henwood, author of "Remembering a Great American Hero, Marian Anderson," will present insights into the life of the legendary contralto, civil rights icon and Philadelphian, **Tuesday, May 14**. He will talk about the power of faith in her life, with some little-known stories of her courage and generosity. **Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30 p.m.**

**BOOKLOOK** Discuss *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice*, by Bill Browder, "a financial caper, a crime thriller and a political crusade – the story of one man taking on overpowering odds to change the world and also the story of how, without intending to, he found meaning in his life." (Amazon), **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15.** Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.50.



**WALK WITH EASE** A program developed by the Arthritis Foundation to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life. Held at Redwood Community Center (280 6th Street, Brookhaven), **1:30-3 p.m., Fridays through May 17.** Use the QR code for more information and to register.



**MEDIA CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERTS** American Voices, featuring Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, will be presented **7:30 p.m., Friday, May 17** and **4 p.m., Saturday, May 18.** The concerts will be held at WPC. Use the QR code for ticket information.



**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** We have so many great new families at WPC - we need YOU to help make the Summer Sunday School program (**June 2 – September 1**) possible for them. Teachers for the K-5 class play the DVD lesson and interact with the kids. Like to help? Use the QR code to volunteer.

**VBC** This year's theme is Scuba - Dive into Friendship with God, featuring fun, faith-filled programming; storytelling, games, crafts, fellowship; end-of-week celebration and mission (Red Wagon). **Held 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12.** Open to kids ages 4-11 – **registration begins Tuesday, June 4.**



**YOUTH GROUP HERSHEY PARK TRIP** Take in the rides and the yummy chocolate, **9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, June 29.** Parents – join the fun as drivers/supervisors. Open to grades 6-12; cost – \$45 (plus pocket money for food). Use the QR code to register.

**NEW LIBRARY BOOKS** The Abilities Initiative has added four new books to our library:

- Super Aging: Getting Older Without Getting Old (David Cravit and Larry Wolf)
  - Neurodiversity Affirming Glossary of Key Vocabulary: (PDA Space Summer 2023 Edition) (Edgar Helen)
  - What will happen to my Special Needs Child when I am gone: A Detailed Guide to Secure your Child's Emotional and Financial Future (Susan Jules)
  - Every Brain is Beautiful: A Little Kids' Guide to Neurodiversity (Sara Furlong)
- All are available to be checked out.

**RED WAGON** WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank.

LifeWerks is requesting:

- Cereal (kids' and whole grain adult)
- Soups
  - Condensed (any kind)
  - Chunky
    - Beef (any combo with potatoes and veggies)
    - Chicken (any with noodles)
    - Sausage (any type)
    - Chowder (New England, corn)
  - Italian Wedding, Minestrone, Lentil
- Broths (beef, bone)
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Canned vegetables, stewed tomatoes, tomato paste
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Paper goods (tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)
- Household cleaning products (multi-purpose spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges/wipes)
- Skin care products (body lotion, hand cream, Chapstick/lip gloss)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, overnight)
- Bladder control products (medium, heavy-long pads)

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 05</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 08 (cont.)</b>
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	01:30 pm- Stephen Ministry
10:00 am- Worship	03:00 pm- Flute Lessons
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
11:00 pm- Kid's Café	07:00 pm- WOW
03:00 pm- Concert for a Cause	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
<b>Monday, May 06</b>	<b>Thursday, May 09</b>
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	07:30 pm- Chancel Choir
10:00 am- Staff Meeting	07:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
07:00 pm- WPC Connections	<b>Friday, May 10</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 07</b>	<b>Saturday, May 11</b>
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	09:00 am- Spring Clean-up
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	<b>Sunday, May 12</b>
07:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
<b>Wednesday, May 08</b>	10:00 am- Worship
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	

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