



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JUNE 9TH, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# 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

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

*“The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.” — J.S. Bach*

*“Those who sing, pray twice.” — St. Augustine*

*“I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music.” — J.S. Bach*

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING HYMN #276

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

SING A NEW SONG

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 40:1-3

NRSV OT 513

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Eternal!

**Praise the True God inside His temple.**

Praise Him beneath massive skies,

**underneath moonlit stars and rising sun.**

Praise Him for His powerful acts,

**for His greatness that surpasses our time and understanding.**

Praise Him with the blast of trumpets!

**Praise him with harps and lyres,**

and the rhythm of the tambourines and drums.

**Praise Him with singing and dancing,**

with flutes and strings of all kinds!

**Praise Him with cymbals—loud, crashing cymbals!**

Let no one and nothing be left out;

**let every man, woman and child,**

every mammal, reptile and bird—

**let everything that has life—praise our Eternal God!**

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. After the lesson, children grades K-5 are invited to Sunday School in the Reception Room, or to stay with us in worship. The Nursery is open downstairs to children between 18 months and 4 years old for the duration of worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School or the Nursery, please accompany them so that we may register your child.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, you are our divine conductor. Yet instead of following your direction, we often play our own tune. We play songs dedicated to ourselves and wonder why all other musicians don't play along. We tune the instruments of our lives to our own melodies and wonder why things go awry. Bless us with the wisdom to abandon our own desires, and instead, play along to your divine melody. Tune the music of our lives to your key, and let us never stray from your direction. Let us be conducted by you and you alone, the Great Composer. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR WPC MUSIC MINISTRY

WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:6-12

NRSV OT 670

## ANTHEM

The Music of Giving

Dan Forrest

Giver of life, creator of all that is lovely, teach me to sing the words to your song. I want to feel the music of living; I want to feel the music of living; and not fear the sad songs but from them make new songs composed of both laughter and tears. Giver of life, creator of all that is lovely, teach me to dance to the sounds of your world. I want to move in rhythm with your plan. Help me to follow your leading, to risk even falling, to rise and keep trying, for you are leading the dance. Giver of life, creator of all that is lovely, teach me to sing the words to your song.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 5:6-14

NRSV NT 248

## SERMON

You have a treasure in you,  
 a seed of glory planted from stars,  
 a song written for only you to sing.  
 You have gifts to give.  
 The treasure is buried,  
 and it may take some digging to recover.  
 The song is forgotten, but still hidden in your bones.  
 Nothing that happens to you can remove it,  
 no fear or shame destroy it,  
 no failure ruin it. It is who you are.  
 Rekindle the gift.  
 Listen for the quiet voice, the Spirit of Life singing in you.  
 Listen... and sing.  
 Tune your life to its melody.  
 Let it sing in you, let it sing you into life.  
 Rekindle the gift that is God within you.  
 Give God this joy— for it is God who is singing.

### MISSION AND MINISTRY

#### CALL TO OFFERTORY

#### OFFERTORY

Cantad Al Señor

arr. S. Geschke



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

**God of Glory, take these gifts and weave them into the orchestration of your love. Through these offerings, let the song of your grace ring out in our church, town, and world, by the power of your Spirit. Help us to gift our very selves to you, that we could be the notes of love, peace, and joy that those around us need to hear, so that you might be glorified. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

A Poem

W. Richard Turner

Shall I despise the sparrow 'cause he doesn't sing my song?  
Nor listen to a babbling brook that swiftly flows along?  
Different rhythms; different sounds; different harmony.  
All blend together into one to make God's symphony.  
There's music in a lover's sigh,  
there's music in a baby's cry.  
Even those who cannot speak and those who cannot hear,  
carry songs within their souls that tell them God is near.  
So many things divide us; we go our separate ways.  
When we should be united in common hymns of praise.  
I'll learn your song, and you learn mine. Together we will bring  
"Amazing Grace" how sweet the sound when both our voices sing!

*Thank you to Frank Noyes, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.  
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lloyd Smith,  
in loving memory of Page Hodges.*

### **Psalm 40: 1-3**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

### **Isaiah 42:6-12**

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. <sup>10</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. <sup>11</sup>Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela shout for joy; let them shout from the tops of the mountains. <sup>12</sup>Let them give glory to the LORD and declare his praise in the coastlands.

# Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

Refrain

G D D#dim Em Am7

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

D G D7/A G G D

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

D#dim Em Am7 D7 G *Fine*

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

G D7/A Am/G D/F# Em

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

Am7 D7sus D7 G D7/A

fore the Lord. And play for God on  
now has come. He has turned your  
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

Am/G D C Am7 Dsus D *to Refrain*

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.

# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.



The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long." The music is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for a church service or a children's choir.

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 song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

### Revelation 5:6- 14

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup>you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth." <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL THANK YOU** The Strawberry Festival Coordinators would like to extend a huge thank you to our many members and friends who presented their best selves for the day and beyond! A special thanks to Choice Party Linens, Colonial Village Meat Market, Dietz & Watson, Herr's Chips, Gentile's Farm Market, Sangelo's Farm Market, Swarthmore Pizza and our Scouts, Cub Pack 228 and Troops 277 and 2019.

**CONGRATS LIZ** Liz Braden, who served as WPC's Director of Music for nearly 20 years, has been named the Director of Music at Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church. She is no stranger to the church, as she filled in for current music director Tom Faracco during Sunday worship. Liz will continue as the Chorus Master at Opera Philadelphia and conducting the Penn Chorale, an SATB chorus at the University of Pennsylvania. She begins at Old Pine on June 23.



**ROSE TREE PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL** The Rose Tree Summer Festival, free concerts featuring all types of entertainment, runs **7:30pm, Wednesday-Sunday, June 12-August 11**. This year will also include three special morning concerts for children, beginning **10:00am, June 14, June 27 and July 3**. Use the QR code for more info.

**LAMB ROAST** Feast on lamb cooked in an outside fire pit, **4:30pm, Saturday, June 15**. (Not a lamb eater? Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken fingers). Please bring an appetizer (last names A-H), side dish (I-O) or dessert (P-Z). Have fun with cornhole, quoits and other games and bring a chair. The event is rain or shine.

**ROSE TREE POPS ORCHESTRA** Plan to attend the Rose Tree Park Summer Musical Festival, **Saturday, June 15**, featuring the Rose Tree Pops Orchestra (and our own Diane Gerlach on cello). The music starts at **7:30pm**.

**PICK-UP CHOIR** Meet in the choir room, **9:30am, Sunday, June 30**, to rehearse an easy four-part hymn, then perform it for worship. All are welcome! Sings again **Sunday, July 28 and August 25**.

**BOOKLOOK** Discuss *City of Thieves* by David Benioff, "by turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying, the New York Times bestseller is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men." (Amazon), **7:30pm, Wednesday, July 17**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$6.

**ANGEL TREE SUMMER CAMP** WPC, which supports Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program at Christmas with gifts for children of incarcerated parents, also assists in the summer. The Mission and Service Committee recently donated \$1,000 to Angel Tree Summer Camp, a chance for children of incarcerated parents to escape their daily challenges, have fun in the great outdoors and learn about God's love. WPC has been contributing each year since Kirkwood Camp closed in 2021.



**VACATION BIBLE CAMP** WPC members and friends – register your children now for a fun week at 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 6-7:30pm, Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12.** Open to kids ages 4-11. The cost is \$15/child; \$20/family.

**VBC SHEPHERDS** Tweens and teens – volunteer with VBC (6-7:30pm, July 8-12) by shepherding the classes from station to station, helping with crafts and games. . . . Contact Pastor Taylor to volunteer.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** Following a Time with Young Disciples, children grades K-5 can watch VeggieTales in the Reception Room; youngsters ages 18 months – pre-K are invited to spend the entire service in the lower-level Sunday School room. Continues through Labor Day.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** Summer Sunday School runs June 2 – September 1 and teachers are still needed for a few dates:



**Grades K-5 (VeggieTales)**

Play the DVD and interact with the kids

Use the QR code to volunteer or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



**Nursery (18 month – pre-K)**

Interact with the children

Use the QR code to volunteer or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



**CONTAINER WATERING** Pick a week from mid-May to mid-September to water the containers at the Narthex doors. It just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Use the Church Center app or the QR code.



**ELECTRONIC SIGN SUPPORT** Email Maureen Feyes, Nether Providence zoning officer and assistant township manager, supporting WPC’s proposed electronic sign in advance of the June 17 zoning hearing. Let neighbors know WPC is an active part of the community. Use the QR code for more information.

A service for Dolores Thomas will be held at Wallingford on Monday, June 10.  
 Visitation will start at 10am with the service beginning at 11.  
 The burial will be held at Edgewood Memorial Park at 12.30pm.

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 9 - Music Appreciation Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 12</b>
09.00 am- Bell Choir	09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
09.20 am- Wallingford Winds	03.00 pm- Flute Lessons
09.30 am- Chancel Choir	03.30 pm- Brass Lessons
10.00 am- Worship	<b>Thursday, June 13</b>
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	07.30 pm- BSA 277/2019
<b>Monday, June 10</b>	<b>Friday, June 14</b>
10.00 am- Thomas Visitation	<b>Saturday, June 15</b>
11.00 am- Dolores Thomas Funeral Service	04.00 pm- Lamb Roast
07.30 pm- Session	<b>Sunday, June 16</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 11</b>	10.00 am- Worship
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	11.00 am- Coffee Hour

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