



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 23RD, 2024
FIFTH 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.



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.



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...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“David didn’t set out to slay giants. He set out to give sandwiches to his brothers, and Goliath got in the way.” - Rich Mullins

“If there’s a Goliath in front of you, that means there’s a David inside of you.” - Anonymous

“God doesn't need a lot to do a lot. All David had was five stones. And all David used was ONE.” —Tony Evans

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

On the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Let us worship the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House (v. 1, 3 and 5)

TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

People of God, body of Christ, what shall we do in response to God’s forgiveness?

As God’s own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. Amen.



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

With deepest thanks we come to you, O Lord. We thank you for the many blessings we've been given. We ask that these gifts we give in return be blessed so that they might reach out in love to those in our church, community, and world, who need a blessing right now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Thank you to Chris Darr, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Chris Jacobsen,
in loving memory of her parents, Frank & Lynn Deming*

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

301

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23

¹Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle;

⁴And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." ¹⁰And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

¹⁹Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. ²¹Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²²David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. ²³As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

1 Samuel 17:32-49

³²David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" ³⁸Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. ⁴¹The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." ⁴⁵But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand." ⁴⁸When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

VBC

Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12

6-7:30 p.m.

Go deep into an amazing undersea adventure
and experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God

Kids ages 4-11 - grouped by age for stories/crafts

Friday night - hot dog dinner/closing program

Please bring canned goods and cleaning supplies for our local food banks

\$15 per child/
\$20 per family

Scan to register



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Please plan to attend a special meeting of the WPC congregation and corporation **following the worship service on July 7, 2024**, for the purpose of approving amendments to the by-laws. The Session and Nominating Committee desire to shorten the term of service for elders, deacons and trustees from 3 years to 2 years. This requires amendment to the by-laws. In reviewing the by-laws, we found that modernizing them to reflect our operations today would be appropriate. Below is a summary of the proposed amendments:

- Providing for 2 even groups of elders, deacons and trustees, each group to be elected every other year on alternate years, all of whom will serve 2-year terms. Note that there will be a transition period as those current elders, deacons and trustees with a 3-year term will complete the full 3 years, and a few of the newly elected elders, deacons and trustees will be asked to serve 3-year terms in order to spread the terms evenly;
- Allowing Session to establish the exact number of elders and deacons within the range of 10-15 of each and the exact number of trustees within the range of 8-12;
- Defining how we provide notices to the congregation and members of the church for meeting of the church (from the pulpit and in the Bulletin and/or WPC Happenings newsletter);
- Clarifying that voting members of the church and the church corporation are active members, defined as individuals who joined WPC by reaffirmation of faith or letter of transfer and have attended at least one service or have donated at least \$1 in a 12-month period);
- Other minor clarifying amendments.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS Join with Pastor François **today, 11:30 a.m.**, for a chance to hear more about our church and its mission and ask questions. Meet in the Reception Room.

WPC DIRECTORY Do you need help loading a picture of you or your household into the WPC online directory (accessible through the Church Center app)? Or do you want to set yourself up in the directory? Walt Kaminski and Chris Darr will be available in Fellowship Hall following the service to help with your questions on the directory.

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**.



BLOOD DRIVE Blood donations are always important, especially over a long holiday weekend. If you're able, please give the gift of life at Taylor Hospital (Classrooms A/B/C, 175 E. Chester Pike Ridley Park), **7 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, July 2**. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the QR code and enter "Taylor" to schedule an appointment.

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.



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.

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)



Nursery (18 month – pre-K)

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

ELECTRONIC SIGN UPDATE: Finally! Our prayers were answered and we were approved by the Zoning Hearing Board on Monday, June 17th to get our new sign! Plans are underway to finalize the sign specifications with ProSigns, who will be doing the installation. We are hoping to have it installed by the fall. On behalf of the sign committee, we want to thank everyone who supported our efforts by writing letters, emails, signing petitions and attending the hearing last week. Special thanks to Frank Noyes, who represented the church and made an excellent presentation to the Zoning Hearing Board. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, June 23	Wednesday, June 26
10.00 am- Worship	09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	03.00 pm- Flute Lessons
11.30 am- New Members Class	03.30 pm- Brass Lessons
Monday, June 24	Thursday, June 27
10.00 am- Staff Meeting	Friday, June 28
Tuesday, June 25	Saturday, June 29
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	02.00 pm- Eagle Scout Court of Honor
07.00 pm- Trustees	Sunday, June 30
	10.00 am- Worship
	11.00 am- Coffee Hour

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