



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 30TH, 2024
SIXTH 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

Your way of acting should be different from the world's way; the love of Christ must come before all else. – St. Benedict

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace be with you

And also with you.

What is this company?

This company is of God's children come to be together in God's Holy House.

Where do you come from?

We come from all places that we may become brothers and sisters in one place.

For what purpose is your coming?

That we may celebrate and enjoy God's goodness, perceive God's hand in the life of the world, and seek God's grace to bless and disturb our own lives.

*OPENING HYMN #669

Let's Sing unto the Lord

CANTEMOS AL SENOR

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Blessed Assurance

arr. M. Hayes

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you call us to live fair and honest lives. We do not always do that.

Forgive us, God, when we do not measure up.

You ask us to be fair to the poor and homeless, to speak up for those who have no voice, and to defend the rights of the powerless. We do not always do that.

Forgive us, God, when we do not measure up.

Sometimes when we hear modern-day prophets calling us to change our ways, we treat them like the people treated your prophets of long ago: we try to discredit them.

Forgive us, God, when we do not measure up.

You ask us to see everyone as our neighbor, and to love them as we love ourselves. It's hard. Sometimes we don't love ourselves, and sometimes we don't love others.

Forgive us, God, when we do not measure up.

(Silent reflection)

Hear our prayer. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News. The law of the Spirit of life has set us free from that which leads to sin and death. Let our roots go deep into God's love as we grow in the grace of Christ Jesus, and are nourished by the Spirit of life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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.

*RESPONSE

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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

AFFIRMATION (from the Iona Community, Worship Book)

We believe in God, who made the world, loves it and laughs at it;

Who created human beings each to be different and asked them to get on with each other;

Who took the risk of leaving us alone knowing that one day our differences might threaten the earth's safety;

Who trusts us in full knowledge of our frailness.

We believe in Jesus Christ

Who came among us insignificantly,

Who grew among us uneventfully,

Who walked among us incognito;

Who, to change the world became redundant and called others to do likewise;

Who befriended those whose company would discredit him;
Who pardoned those who deserved to be condemned;
Who healed those who were hopeless cases;
Who spoke the deepest truths in the language of the living-room;
Who contradicted common sense by accepting the cross and taking on the grave and was liberated to live on the third day;
Who calls us, then and now, to a life which is absurd by the standards of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Through whom God surprises, disappoints, cajoles and questions us;

Who is the bringer of strength and source of humor;

Who leads us to discover the truth we avoid;

Who is a paradox... ever present yet unpredictable:

And we believe that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world; and we rejoice that God has made it so.

ANTHEM

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry J. Ylvisaker, arr. J. Helgen
Summer Pick-Up Choir

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Madelyn, Savannah, Hazel, Louisa and Ben Drane

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS - Ben and Ashley Drane

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BAPTISM

HYMN #489

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

PENTECOST

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

R. Summers



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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.***

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

We invite you to come and join this dance of life we call discipleship. We will stand together by the grace of Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit as we witness God doing amazing, life-giving work.

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Loving God who hears our prayers and answers them and gives us more than we can ask or imagine, accept these offerings and use them to your glory, that even now we might imitate your coming reign of justice, peace and love. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

BENEDICTION

**The blessing of the God of life be yours,
The blessing of the loving Christ be yours,
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be yours,
To cherish you, to help you, to make you holy. Amen.**

PEACE

*Thank you to Bob Kenworthy, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Judy and John Leet,
in loving memory of our parents.*

669 Let's Sing unto the Lord *Cantemos al Señor*



1 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of glad re - joic-ing.
 2 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of ad - o - ra - tion,



Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh be - gin-ning.
 which shows our love and faith and the hope of all cre - a - tion.



God made the sky a - bove, the stars, the sun, the o - ceans;
 Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for great - ness,



and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beau - ty.
 and so we sing to God, who be - stows such love - ly bless - ings.

Refrain / Estribillo



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!



Let's sing un - to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!
Can - te - mos al Se - ñor. ¡Al - le - lu - ya!

SPANISH

1 *Cantemos al Señor*
 un himno de alegría,
 un cántico de amor
 al nacer el nuevo día.
 Él hizo el cielo, el mar,
 el sol y las estrellas,
 y vio en ellos bondad,
 pues sus obras eran bellas. Estribillo

2 *Cantemos al Señor*
 un himno de alabanza
 que exprese nuestro amor,
 nuestra fe y nuestra esperanza.
 En toda la creación
 pregona su grandeza,
 así nuestro cantar
 va anunciando su belleza. Estribillo

Showing the apparent influence of Genesis 1 and Psalm 19, this cheerful hymn was created as the entrance hymn for a mass setting by the author/composer. The joyful tone of this music needs not to be rushed but savored, more like an accentuated dance than a hasty gallop.

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed 489

1 Won - der of won - ders, here re - vealed: God's cov - e -
 2 Here in this sac - ra - ment we see God's grace un -
 3 This child of God, though young or old, we wel - come
 4 Now we our vow of faith re - new, stretch wide our

nant with us is sealed, and long be - fore we
 bound, for all, for me! May we re - spond with
 now in - to Christ's fold, to know with us God's
 sights to glo - bal view, and claim with Chris - tians

know or pray, God's love en - folds us ev - ery day.
 joy - ful praise in lov - ing ser - vice all our days.
 lov - ing care, and all our joys and sor - rows share.
 far and near a larg - er fam - i - ly held dear.

In creating this text (for which she chose this existing tune as its setting), the author wished to emphasize two themes: that God loves us before we know how to love in return, and that through baptism we become part of a worldwide family unbounded by space or time.

We Will Go Out with Joy

539



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



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

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

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.

PICK-UP CHOIR Meet in the choir room, **9:30am, today, 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed **Thursday, July 4**.

DAVIS MEMORIAL SERVICE A service for Ursula (Olie) Meyerhof Davis will be held at Wallingford on **Saturday, July 6**. Visitation with the family will start at 10am in the reception room, with the service beginning at 11.

ADRIENNE POISSANT PREACHING Hear Seminarian Adrienne Poissant, who will present the sermon for the **Sunday, July 14** service.

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**.



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 till 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 30	Wednesday, July 03 (cont.)
10.00 am- Worship	03.00 pm- Flute Lessons
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	03.30 pm- Brass Lessons
Monday, July 01	Thursday, July 04 - Independence Day
10.00 am- Staff Meeting	Friday, July 05
07.00 pm- WPC Connections	Saturday, July 06
Tuesday, July 02	11.00 pm- Davis Memorial Service
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, July 07
Wednesday, July 03	10.00 am- Worship
09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11.00 am- Congregation Meeting
	11.00 am- Coffee Hour

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