



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JULY 7TH, 2024
SEVENTH 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

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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here is an ordinary table familiar and worn with use. Come, look beyond the grains of wood, and sense the power it holds to feed, unite, and create community.

May we glimpse Godly wisdom that is beyond ordinary sight.

Here is a pulpit holding stories of faith, perhaps grown ordinary with repetition. Come, hear anew the sacred words and listen between the lines for the calling and sending, teaching and healing.

May we glimpse Godly wisdom that is beyond ordinary sight.

Here is our ordinary community made of peculiarities and imperfections. Come, draw near to one another in spirit and recognize the holy presence that makes us an extraordinary people of justice and love and good work.

May we glimpse godly wisdom that is beyond ordinary sight.

We come together in this place where the ordinary becomes sanctified and the familiar is made new, mindful of God's call on our lives and of the Spirit's power. In this sanctuary we gather up the courage to live as God's people in this world.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMNS #328

Praise God, All You Nations

DA N'ASE

HYMN #332

The Right Hand of God

LA MANO DE DIOS

HYMN #399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

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

Battlehymn of the Republic
featuring Gwyn Vernon, piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God's way is realized in our day when we choose to be love in the midst of hatred & violence.

When we wait patiently in the face of uncertain anxiety.

When we listen, and listen, and listen again, until we understand.

When we reach out with a healing touch and a willing heart.

When we speak and work and live to see justice for all.

When we confront the world with hope.

When we forgive, and forgive and forgive again.

Forgive us Lord, for those times we have failed you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In our best intentions, God's power is revealed. In our unrealized plans, God's power remains steadfast. Trust that God's grace is sufficient and that God's power is made known in our weakness.

Where our ability ends, God's Spirit begins and the way of God comes to life.

Believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*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.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-13

NRSV NT 40

HOMILY

AFFIRMATION

We believe this world can be a place of hope:

where power is shared; where all have clean water and enough to eat; where there is concern and action to secure freedom and justice.

We believe in God's way of love and peace, and we will proclaim it.

We believe this world can be a place of peace:

where love triumphs over war; where people of different faiths live together in good will; where there is unity among neighbors.

We believe in God's way of love and peace, and we will proclaim it.

We believe this world can be a place of truth:

where words of honesty are heard more often than words of propaganda; where there is honor among those who govern; where integrity guides our daily lives.

We believe in God's way of love and peace, and we will proclaim it.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Country 'Tis of Thee

arr. M. Hayes



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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Whatever you have experienced, God's grace is sufficient for you. Shake from your feet the dust of rejection, and find welcome here, that together we may embrace the ever-expanding realm of God's love.

If you would like to find out more about this church and congregation or believe yourself called to join our membership, please contact Pastor Taylor or Pastor François

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Accept, we pray, the gifts we offer in gratitude and simple trust. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

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 THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward to the table, where you will receive the bread and cup. Dip the bread into the cup and eat. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you. Individual cups of juice are also available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

CLOSING PRAYER - Prayer for Independence Day, Rev. Jill Duffield

Lord of all, we recognize that true freedom comes through you, that our ultimate loyalty belongs to you and that our real identity is bestowed upon us by you. Every day is a gift, every breath a moment to give you praise, every hour one in which to live what you command.

Knowing that you are Alpha and Omega, we ask for the wisdom to properly order all else. On this day when we celebrate our country's independence, we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in this land: the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; the ability to speak what is on our minds, even when what we have to say is contrary to popular opinion or public policy; and the freedom to worship (or not). Help us to recognize that such marks of human dignity are for all people and that you, O Lord, love and value every person and place you have made.

May our patriotism be subject to your law, our loyalty to country never higher than our obedience to your will, our pride of nation always secondary to our humble attempts to follow Jesus Christ. As we commemorate this Independence Day, we remember that all people are created equal, because you Lord created us all and called us good. May our actions, laws and hearts reflect the character of our Creator. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

BLESSING AND PEACE

*Thank you to Joanne Callahan, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Helen and Ver Picher,
in loving memory of Helen's mom.*

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION
OF WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

OPENING PRAYER

QUORUM

VOTE

CLOSING PRAYER

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the revised by-laws



Praise God, All You Nations 328

Da n'ase
(Psalm 117)



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!

Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise:

Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



God's love is great and en - dures for - ev - er.

Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!

Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

This paraphrase of Psalm 117 comes from Ghana and was originally created in the Twi language. Paradoxically, this shortest of all psalms is universal in scope, which makes it especially appropriate to sing in the words and music of people from another part of the world.

TEXT: Psalm 117; para. Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, 2011


MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

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DA N'ASE

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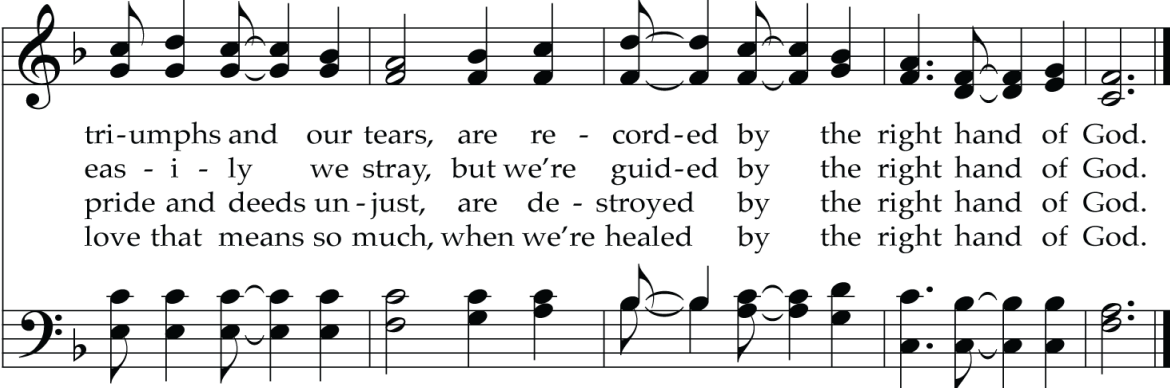
The Right Hand of God 332



1 The right hand of God is writ-ing in our land, writ - ing with
 2 The right hand of God is point-ing in our land, point - ing the
 3 The right hand of God is strik-ing in our land, strik-ing out at
 4 The right hand of God is heal-ing in our land, heal-ing bro - ken



pow - er and with love; our con - flicts and our fears, our
 way we must go; so cloud - ed is the way, so
 en - vy, hate, and greed. Our self - ish - ness and lust, our
 bod - ies, minds, and souls; so won-drous is its touch with



tri-umphs and our tears, are re - cord-ed by the right hand of God.
 eas - i - ly we stray, but we're guid-ed by the right hand of God.
 pride and deeds un - just, are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
 love that means so much, when we're healed by the right hand of God.

OPTIONAL STANZA

- 5 The right hand of God
 is planting in our land,
 planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love;
 in these Caribbean lands,
 let people all join hands,
 and be one with the right hand of God.

In biblical imagery, references to "the right hand of God" imply God's power and God's favor. Beginning with an allusion to the handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast (Daniel 5:5), this vigorous Caribbean hymn proceeds to identify ways God continues to act in our own day.

God Welcomes All

399

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends; God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern of chords and single notes.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

4.4.9

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)

F C Dm F7/C B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)

C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)

F/A B \flat F/C C7 F B \flat F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw;
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine

and crown thy good with *broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness and ev - ery gain di - vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

Mark 6:1-13

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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**

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Register and pay the first night via credit card, Venmo, cash or check. See you there!

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.**

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

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

- Breakfast Food (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, grits)
- Canned Meat/Seafood (corned beef, chicken, SPAM, salmon)
- Rice (all varieties)
- Cooking Oil
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo)
- Salad Dressing
- Juice Boxes
- Baby Items (baby food, diapers, pull-ups, wipes)
- Household Essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent pods, dish detergent)
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Pet Food (dog/cat; wet/dry)

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, July 07	Wednesday, July 10 (cont.)
10.00 am- Worship	03.00 pm- Flute Lessons
11.00 am- Congregation Meeting	03.30 pm- Brass Lessons
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	06.00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp
Monday, July 08	Thursday, July 11
06.00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp	06.00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp
Tuesday, July 09	Friday, July 12
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	06.00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp
06.00 pm- Vacation Bible Camp	Saturday, July 13
07.30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	Sunday, July 14
Wednesday, July 10	10.00 am- Worship
09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11.00 am- Coffee Hour
01.30 pm- Stephen Ministry	

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