

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JULY 21ST, 2024
NINTH 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

"Be mindful when it comes to your words. A string of some that don't mean much to you, may stick with someone else for a lifetime." -Rachel Wolchin

"Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can be only forgiven, not forgotten."
-Unknown

"Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate, and to humble." -Yehuda Berg

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."
-Mother Teresa

GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

in your name I will lift up my hands!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMNS #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise.

We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

(Silent Confession)

Life-giving God, wash us clean.

Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of 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.***

MOMENT FOR THANKSGIVING: VACATION BIBLE CAMP

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 15:1-7, 15-23, 28 -33 NRSV OT 597

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING James 3:1-12 NRSV NT 230

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY



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 mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise. In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. As we bring these worn and freighted offerings, we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*Thank you to Walt Kaminski, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Russ Kinder,
in loving memory of Susanna B. Kinder.*

Proverbs 15:1-7, 15-23, 28 -33

¹A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

²The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

³The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

⁴A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

⁵A fool despises a parent's instruction, but the one who heeds admonition is prudent.

⁶In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked.

⁷The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the minds of fools.

¹⁵All the days of the poor are hard, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.

¹⁶Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.

¹⁷Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it.

¹⁸Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife, but those who are slow to anger calm contention.

¹⁹The way of the lazy is overgrown with thorns, but the path of the upright is a level highway.

²⁰A wise child makes a glad father, but the foolish despise their mothers.

²¹Folly is a joy to one who has no sense, but a person of understanding walks straight ahead.

²²Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed.

²³To make an apt answer is a joy to anyone, and a word in season, how good it is!

²⁸The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.

²⁹The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

³⁰The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the body.

³¹The ear that heeds wholesome admonition will lodge among the wise.

³²Those who ignore instruction despise themselves, but those who heed admonition gain understanding.

³³The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility goes before honor.

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

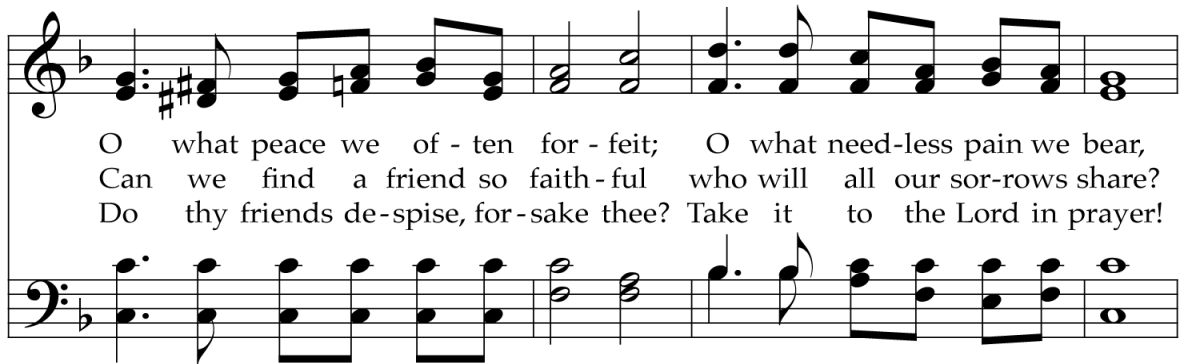
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Dear WPC Mission and Service Committee;

Recently I was informed of your support and I still have such powerful emotions of gratitude that they still my mind and my movement. I look back over the wonderful times of growth I experienced with my family in Wallingford Presbyterian Church.

I had always been an orphan. One foster home failed after another. I searched for a family. I joined the Navy but that was not family really. I searched for family in bad places until I got so beat up, so desperate that I begged God to let me into the Body of Christ. CityTeam was a blessing and it saved my life, but it was not family. God sent me to Wallingford Presbyterian Church where I finally found family. I came to you to clean floors, and rooms, but you let me be so much more than a sexton. You let me be family.

In order to accomplish the plan that God had for my life I had to learn how to love unconditionally. I had to learn to see beyond a person's circumstances. I had to learn how to value the person in front of me like God values them. I had to learn how to give my best to bring out the best in people.

I could not have learned all of these things without them being modeled for me. God knew that I could not have had the strength and confidence to carry out His purpose for me without a true sense of family, and what family really means.

He gave that to me, in you, Wallingford Presbyterian Church family. All that I am is a direct result of God and His wisdom to send me to you, and you being willing to adopt me into your family.

In my new book Adopted, on the dedication page I tell of my gratitude to WPC and how you all are my loving family. I cannot thank you all enough.

My eternal love:

Your friend and brother, His servant:

Charles Lee Knuckles.



MEDICARE QUESTIONS Have questions about applying for Medicare, learning about Medigap supplemental plans/Part D prescription plans? Thinking about changing your Medicare health plan and/or prescription drug coverage during open enrollment (**October 15-December 7**) to better meet your needs? The Delaware County Library Systems offers assistance, including how to do plan comparisons and individual counseling by phone/Zoom. Use the QR code for more information. Presented by WPC's Abilities Initiative.



FIRST PLACE SWARTHMORE FPS is helping to furnish an apartment for a refugee family and needs many small household and large furniture items (including a small couch). Help will also be required at the end of the month to move the family to their new residence in Upper Darby. Use the QR code for more info.



CHESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS CONCERTS Experience the magic of Disney through your new and old favorite songs. The concerts, **2 pm, Thursday, July 25 and 4pm, Sunday, July 28**, will be held at Our Mother of Good Counsel (31 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr). Admission is free. Use the QR code for details.

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

22 PARK AVENUE Plan to attend the Rose Tree Park Summer Musical Festival on **Sunday, July 28**, featuring 22 Park Avenue (and our own Earl Varney on trombone). The music starts at **7:30pm**.



SUMMER SPLASH Join for an afternoon of water slides, kiddie pools and refreshments hosted by Concord Liberty Presbyterian Church (256 Bethel Road, Glen Mills), **2-4:30pm, Sunday, August 11**. Use the QR code for more information.

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 21	Wednesday, July 24
10.00 am- Worship	09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	03.00 pm- Flute Lessons
Monday, July 22	03.30 pm- Brass Lessons
10.00 am- Staff Meeting	Thursday, July 25
Tuesday, July 23	Friday, July 26
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, July 27
07.00 pm- Trustees	Sunday, July 28
	10.00 am- Worship
	11.00 am- Coffee Hour

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