



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JULY 28TH, 2024  
TENTH 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...***



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Consider it all joy, my brothers *and sisters*, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

– James 1: 2-4 (NASB)

Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”

– Jeremiah 31:2-3

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.

**The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.**

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Paid it All

#### 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 God, you are perfect, and yet we are weak and prone to wandering. Forgive us God when we trust ourselves, our money, our plans – more than we trust you. May we surrender our plans and lives to you O Lord. Root out our lack of trust.

**Make us new again**

Forgive us when contribute to the brokenness of the world and the lives of people around us. In the silence we name the things we have done that separate us from you and from others. Root out our selfishness and pride.

**Make us new again**

Forgive us when we continue to reach for more things, and trips, and experiences thinking they will make us happy. Make our hearts content in you, and keep us from greed and distraction. Root out all idolatry in our hearts.

**Make us new again. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture says that those who are in Christ are a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, the new has come! Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: 'Your sins 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.***

## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 104:24-35

NRSV OT 555

#### ANTHEM

He Loved Me

D. Holck and T. Fettke

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:18-39

NRSV NT 158

#### SERMON

## **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

CALL TO OFFERING

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

**Holy God, we offer these gifts to you, but let us not stop there. Help us to make our lives, our choices, our desires, our plans, into sacrifices of praise so that our whole selves become an offering to You and the Kingdom of God. In Jesus name, Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## **SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN

In The Garden

BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*Thank you to Earl Varney, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

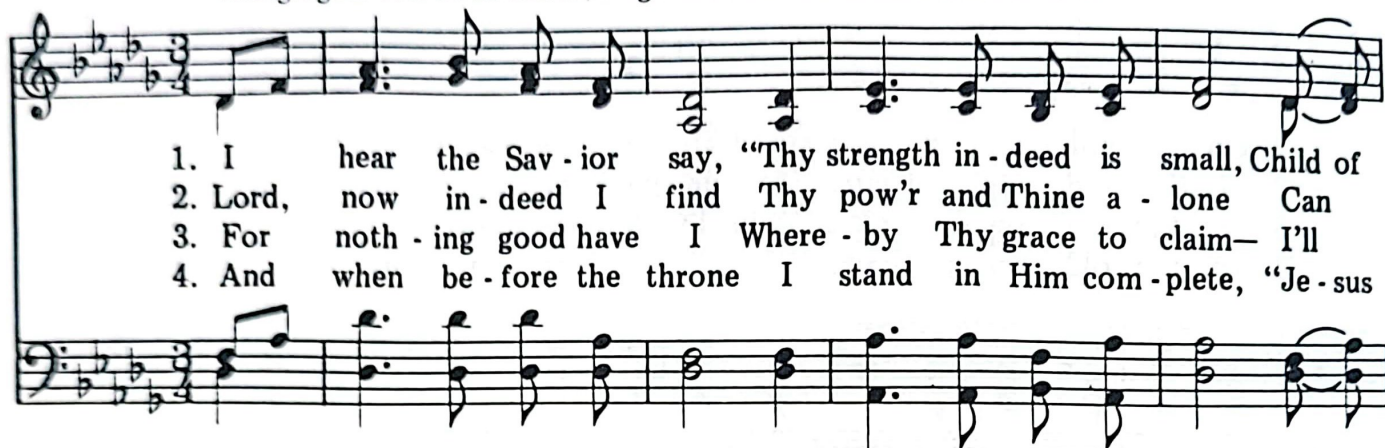
**Psalm 104: 24-35**

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. <sup>25</sup>There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. <sup>26</sup>There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. <sup>27</sup>These all look to you to give them their food in due season; <sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. <sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. <sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

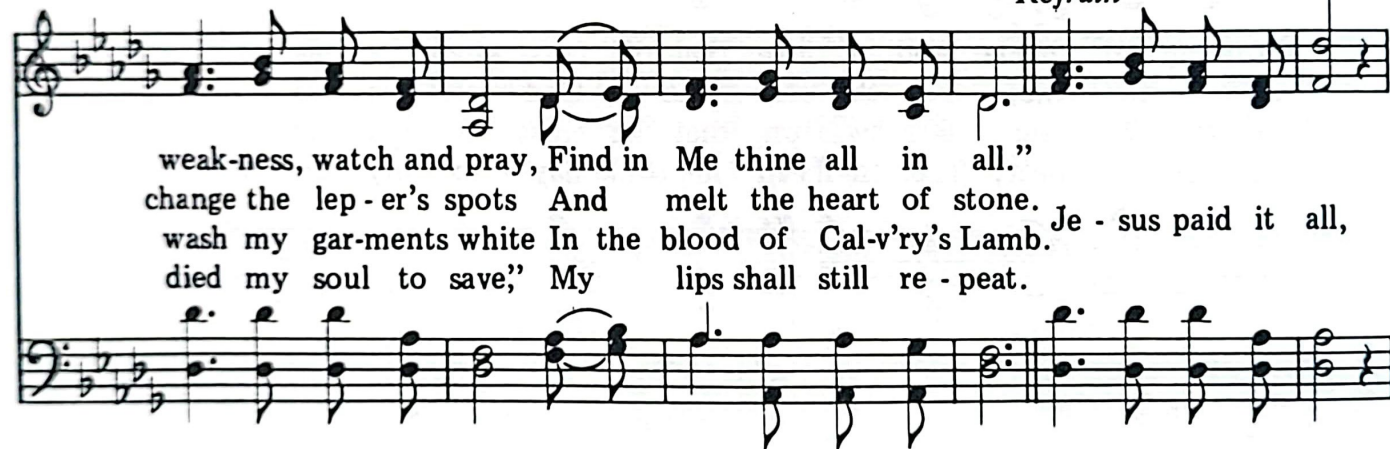
## Romans 8:18-39

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

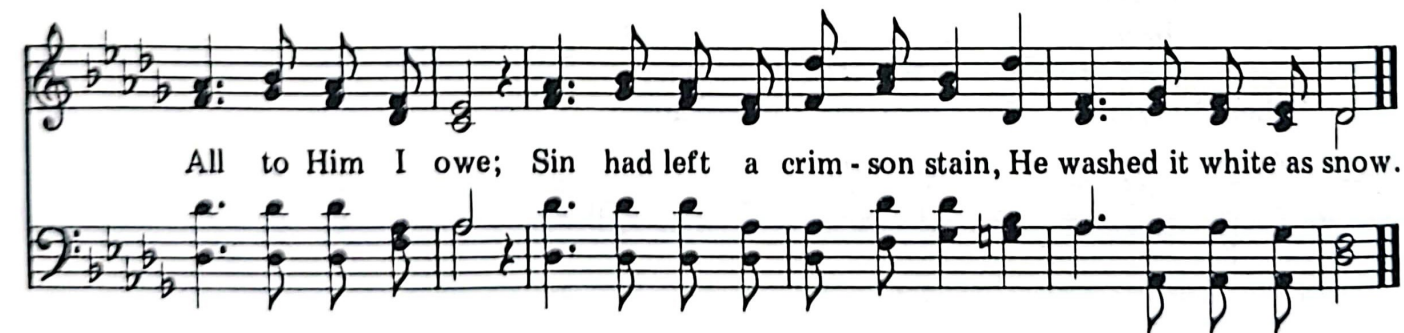
## 252 I Hear the Savior Say

*Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Isa. 1:18*


1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small, Child of  
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r and Thine a - lone Can  
 3. For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim— I'll  
 4. And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete, "Je - sus

*Refrain*


weak-ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."  
 change the lep - er's spots And melt the heart of stone. Je - sus paid it all,  
 wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
 died my soul to save," My lips shall still re - peat.



All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

WORDS: Elvina M. Hall, 1865  
 MUSIC: John T. Grape, 1868

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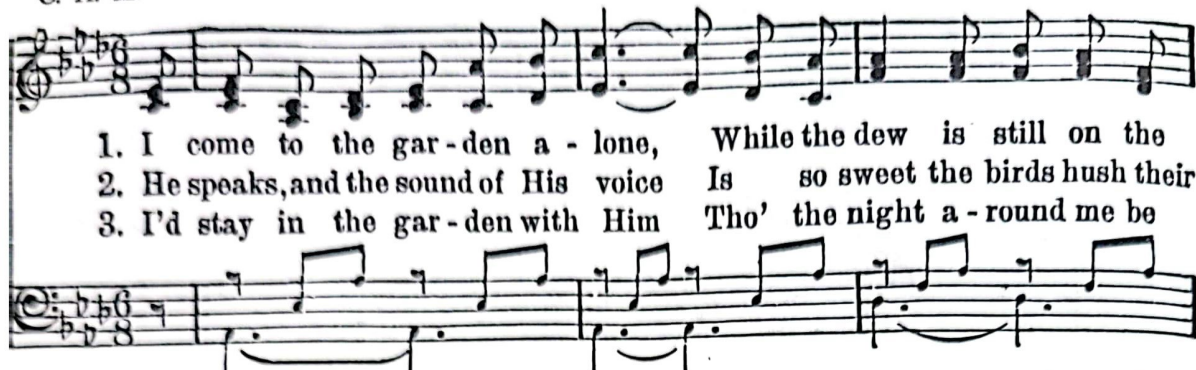
## In The Garden

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C. AUSTIN MILES



1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, While the dew is still on the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their  
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the night a - round me be




ros - es, And the voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear, The  
sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy That He gave to me, With-  
fall - ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His



CHORUS  
Son of God dis - clos - es.  
in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He  
voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the



joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

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.

**PICK-UP CHOIR** Meet in the choir room, **TODAY, 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.



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

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

**WELCOME BACK, DAVIS** Davis Picher will serve as substitute Church Administrator **Monday, July 29-Tuesday, August 6** while Nathan is on vacation. Be sure to say "Hi" if you are near the church office.



**HEALTH ASSESSMENT TOWNHALL** Provide input for the 2025 Regional Community Health Needs Assessment, **4:30-6:30pm, Tuesday, August 13**. Discuss what people in our community need to be healthy and safe to help local hospitals with their planning. Hosted by the Healthcare Improvement Foundation at Helen Kate Furness Free Library. Use the QR code for more info.

**STAFF MUSICAL REVUE** Hear Pastor François, Pastor Taylor, Lee, Nathan and Leslie sing your favorites from Broadway - everything from Rodgers & Hammerstein to contemporary hits. Enjoy an evening, **7:30pm, Wednesday, August 21**, of great music from your favorite church staff!

**MEDICARE QUESTIONS** Have questions about applying for Medicare or changing your Medicare health plan and/or prescription drug coverage during open enrollment (Oct 15-Dec 7)? Take advantage of the following resources:



Delaware County Library System (how to do plan comparisons/individual counseling by phone/Zoom)  
Use the QR code for more info

Medicare 101

**6:30pm, Thursday, August 29**

Held at Aston Community Center (3270 Concord Road)

Call 610-534-6880 to register

PA MEDI Zoom

**6pm, Wednesday, September 4**

Call 610-534-6880 to register

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	<b>Thursday, August 01</b>
10.00 am- Worship	<b>Friday, August 02</b>
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	<b>Saturday, August 03</b>
<b>Monday, July 29</b>	<b>Sunday, August 04</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 30</b>	10.00 am- Worship
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	11.00 am- Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, July 31</b>	11.15 am- Ed Council
09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	
03.00 pm- Flute Lessons	
03.30 pm- Brass Lessons	

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