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WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 4TH, 2024
ELEVENTH 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 – Ann Weems

I've never understood those who say
they don't need the church.

Mine is a profound need
to worship
and to live

in solidarity with the community of the faithful.

Of course, I can pray by myself

and make decisions by myself,
but it has to be in the context of the covenant
that you and I have with God.

To love mercy in the midst of the unmerciful,

to do justice in the jaws of injustice,
to be humbly aware of God's grace
takes constant communion with God and the
community.

To me, being faithful assumes Life in this community
which Christ called his church.

To me, the church is home.

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, 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

We gather as a human community, ordinary in all things yet extraordinary in this: In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

We are trades people and artisans, teachers and lawyers, board members and directors, gardeners and health workers, parents, children, siblings, spouses and partners on the journey of faith.

In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

We bring a variety of expressions, ethnicities, traditions, orientations, backgrounds.

In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

We delight in one another, work together, disagree at times, and support each other always.

In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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

Response #729 Lord, I Want to be a Christian (verse 1)

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

Response #729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (verse 2)

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

Response #729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (verse 3)

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with malice; and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Response #729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (verse 4)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God in Christ has forgiven us.

Thanks be to God.

Let us be imitators of God in what we say, in what we do, in who we are.

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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator of Unity, Body of peace, Spirit of Community, bind us together around your Word and send us out to do your justice, show your mercy, and embody your redeeming love, glorifying you, Holy Trinity. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

NRSV NT 193

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2, 5:15-20

NRSV NT 194

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Christ gave a variety of gifts to the people of God, each unique, each needed, each beloved. Christ invites us to use our gifts, joined and knit together by every ligament, for the service of the whole body as it grows together, building itself up in love.

We invite you to join the membership of this congregation and walk with us as we strive to build one another up.

If you would like to know more about this church and congregation please see Pastor François or Pastor Taylor.

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, thank you for giving us a place in your creation, for giving us the bread of heaven to free us from slavery to sin and death and for filling us with the holy light of the gospel for the building up of Christ's body in love.

We present offerings to praise you and to help in the service of the church. Accept them as outward signs of our joyful discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we glorify your name –

for the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing;

for the grace of Christ and the power of the Spirit;

for the gift of faith and the joy of service;

for the life of the world and the hope of new creation.

Thanks and praise to you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING AND PEACE

*Thank you to Lin Floyd, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Ken Ezzell,
in celebration of Polly's birthday.*

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2, 5:15-20

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This morning we welcome and give a special thank you to pianist/organist John Conahan who is subbing for Lee while she is away.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

Dates are filling up fast! Mark these on your calendar:

Rally Day

Sunday, Sept. 8

World Communion

Sunday, Oct. 6

Blood Drive

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 27

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 27

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 3

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, Nov. 3

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 10

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 24

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 1

Advent Open House

Sunday, Dec. 1

Christmas Cabaret (Concerts for a Cause)

Sunday, Dec. 15

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 22

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 24

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. worship services

Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Prime Time (second Tuesday of the month)

begins Tuesday, Sept. 10

WOW (second Wednesday of the month)

begins Wednesday, Sept. 11

Sprouts (first Friday of the month)

begins Friday, Sept. 6

Kids Café (first Sunday of the month)

begins Sunday, Oct. 6



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.



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!

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

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

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, August 04	Wednesday, August 07
10.00 am- Worship	09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	03.00 pm- Flute Lessons
11.15 am- Ed Council	03.30 pm- Brass Lessons
Monday, August 05	Thursday, August 08
07.00 pm- WPC Connections	Friday, August 09
07.30 pm- Worship Council	Saturday, August 10
Tuesday, August 06	Sunday, August 11
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	10.00 am- Worship
07.30 pm- Stewardship	11.00 am- Coffee Hour

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