

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 11TH, 2024
TWELFTH 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 row.

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

"I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can't change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit." — Charles de Lint

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

We come as God's beloved children, seeking the bread that gives new and everlasting life.

Come, let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN #396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

I Am the Bread of Life

arr. L. Maynard

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, being together gives us time to reflect on our presence in your world.

We confess that sometimes our living does not reflect our gratitude for all you give so freely. When we do not live as neighbors, when anger controls our actions, when we walk away from hard conversations, when we avoid our own guilt, and fail to build up the Body of Christ, forgive us, God, and help us.

(Silent Confession)

Renew our desire to live transformed by your love.

Do not let us be defeated by our failures. In being honest with you, keep us from being disheartened disciples.

Renew us, God, and help us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives us unconditionally. Through this gift of grace may we have confidence to live, transformed by God.

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.

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

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

NRSV NT 194

GOSPEL READING

John 6:35, 41-51

NRSV NT 98

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Friends, 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.

If you feel the Spirit calling, I 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 me or Pastor Taylor.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone



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

Wise and wonderful God, your love defines our lives, giving shape and direction to our days. Accept these, our gifts we pray, and give us one thing more, to live according to the graceful, challenging, and exhilarating rule of your love. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

CHARGE AND BLESSING

PEACE

*Thank you to Helen Picher, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by the Grunseich family,
in honor of the anniversary of George and Rosanna Denney.*

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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, and
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, and
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

G Em D Bm



3 O, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

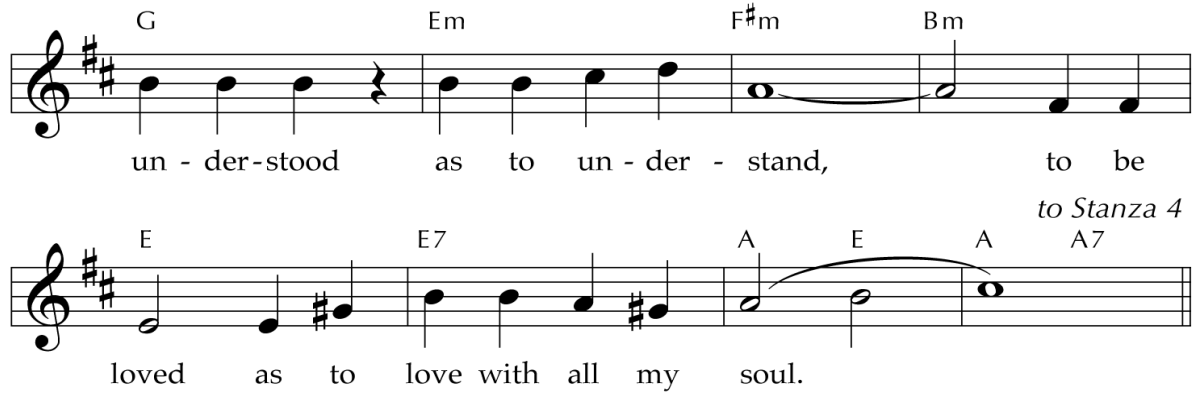


much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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.

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



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.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING YAs – catch up with one another. Meet in the church parking lot, **7pm, Friday, August 16**, then carpool to Media for dinner.

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!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Gather in the courtyard, **10am, September 1**, for an outdoor worship service (weather permitting). Please bring a chair.

BOOKLOOK Discuss To Offer Compassion – A History of the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion by Doris Andrea Dirks and Patricia A. Reif, **7:30pm, Wednesday, September 18**. The book is “a detailed history of this unique and largely forgotten movement, which by 1973, when the Roe v. Wade court decision made abortion legal nationwide, had referred hundreds of thousands of women for safe abortions without a single fatality, become a medical consumer advocacy group and opened its own clinic in New York City.” (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$14.

SOCKTOBER Buying socks for back to school? Pick up an extra package for Socktober, which begins **Sunday, October 6**. The drive benefits Savage Sisters (men and women) and Chester Eastside (kids).



YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION SURVEY Youth group parents – please take a two-minute survey to help us better serve you and your students this year. Use the QR code:



CONFIRMATION WPC will be offering Confirmation Class this year for all those who wish to become members of the church. It is a time when students can grow in their faith, explore what it means to be a Christian and have the opportunity to join WPC as an official member! Lessons will be held monthly October-May, typically over a meal after church. Open to all high school students – use the QR for more info and to register.

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 11	Wednesday, August 14 (cont.)
10.00 am- Worship	03.30 pm- Brass Lessons
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	07.30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice
Monday, August 12	Thursday, August 15
07.30 pm- Session	Friday, August 16
Tuesday, August 13	Saturday, August 17
04.00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, August 18
Wednesday, August 14	10.00 am- Worship
09.00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11.00 am- Coffee Hour
01.30 pm- Stephen Ministry	11.30 am- Bell Polishing
03.00 pm- Flute Lessons	11.30 am- Sunday School Teacher Meeting

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