



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 18TH, 2024
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LIFE OF JESUS SUNDAY

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 OF MEDITATION

For this reason, the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it back. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back. This commandment I received from My Father.”
– John 10: 17-18

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:

And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain!

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together,

For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
(v. 1 and 4)

NICAEA

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. J. Purifoy

THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST: A SACRED SONG SERVICE

PROPHECY

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 14

NRSV NT 91

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HYMN #459

O Word of God Incarnate
(v. 1 and 2)

MUNICH

ADVENT

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-35, 38

NRSV NT 56

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

HYMN #98

To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary
(v. 1 and 4)

ANNUNCIATION

NATIVITY

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

NRSV NT 58

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN #123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
(v. 1 and 2)

CAROL

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-5, 9-11

NRSV NT 34

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

HYMN #164

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways
(v. 1 and 2)

WEST MAIN

MINISTRY OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-16

NRSV NT 4

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

ANTHEM

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
featuring Helene Furlong and Diane Gerlach

arr. G. Lanier

LAST SUPPER AND CRUCIFIXION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:17, 22-24, 32-36

NRSV NT 51

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." ³² Then they went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

HYMN #204

Stay With Me
(sing 4x)

STAY WITH ME

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:20, 25-39

NRSV NT 53

²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

HYMN #221

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
(v. 1 and 2)

PASSION CHORALE

(Moment of Silence)

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-17

NRSV NT 114

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

HYMN #233

The Day of Resurrection!
(v. 1 and 3)

LANCASHIRE

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Dale Wood



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*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

Lord we give you today what is already yours. You provide so much for us - blessings pressed down, shaken together, running over. As we have seen this morning, your whole life was one of giving of yourself. May we give our lives to you as we offer these gifts to you now. In Christ's name, Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S WORD

ASCENSION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:8-11

NRSV NT 118

⁸"You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

*CLOSING HYMN #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE #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.

Thank you to Cyndi Lacroix, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Mary Rose,
for Ken and Anthony.*

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

Dedication 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

RALLY DAY Kick off an exciting year at WPC, **10am, Sunday, September 8!**

- Sunday School Registration
- First Day of Sunday School
- Sunday School teacher commissioning
 - Bibles for children of all ages
 - Blessing of the backpacks
- Elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees
 - Celebratory Coffee Hour
 - Fill the Red Wagon

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 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL New and returning singers – come to the first rehearsal of the season, **7:30pm, Thursday, September 5**. No experience necessary!



SPROUTS BOWLING NIGHT Kids – meet at Sproul Lanes (745 West Sproul Road, Springfield), **6pm, Friday, September 6**, for strikes, spares and pizza. Open to children grades K-5 – watch for the link to register.

Use the QR code for the Sprouts 2024-2025 schedule.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Study the book of John beginning **10am, Monday, September 9**. All are welcome – no Bible knowledge required. Meets weekly.

FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS Discuss a variety of topics, some political, in a non-threatening atmosphere. Weekly, beginning **10am, Wednesday, September 11**. Open to men and women.

WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD (W.O.W.) Meet, greet and eat, **7pm, Wednesday, September 11**. All women of our community of faith are welcome to participate in this ministry. Meets monthly.

PONY RIDES Kids – invite your friends to Sunday School and to stay for a ride around the parking lot, **11:15am-12:15pm, Sunday, September 15**. The rides will be provided by Pony World Adventure. The rain date is Sunday, September 22.

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.

SENIOR EXPO Health screenings; assistance with financial planning, obtaining a senior Septa Key card and navigating other local, state and federal issues will be available at the Senior Expo, **11am-1pm, Thursday, September 19**. The event will be held at the Brookhaven Municipal Center (2 Cambridge Road). Call 610-534-6880 to register.

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 .

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 18	Wednesday, August 21
10.00am- Worship	09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
11.00am- Coffee Hour	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
11.30am- Bell Polishing	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
11.30am- Sunday School Teacher Meeting	07.30pm- Staff Musical Revue
Monday, August 19	Thursday, August 22
07.00pm- WPC Connections	Friday, August 23
Tuesday, August 20	Saturday, August 24
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, August 25
07.30pm- Deacons	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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