



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
AUGUST 25TH, 2024  
FOURTEENTH 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 in 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.

Words and music printed for the hymns, Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A71731

***A community where all who seek God are Welcome...***



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WORDS OF MEDITATION

Your God is too small. – J.B. Phillips

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Friends, let us take a few moments as we begin our worship this morning to be still and at rest before we call upon the name of our God.*

At home in the kindness of God, **we come to be restored, we come to be changed.**

At peace in the welcome of Christ, **we come to be restored, we come to be changed.**

And at one with the Spirit of Love, **we come to be restored, we come to be changed.**

### OPENING READING

Joshua 24:-1-2, 14-15

NRSV OT 215

### \*OPENING HYMN #183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

### 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

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### CONFESSIONAL HYMN #345

In an Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, the love of God embraces and welcomes us as precious children. In that love we are renewed in body and soul. 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.***

\*Response

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, siblings in the risen Lord, 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 6:10-20

NRSV NT 195

ANTHEM	I Surrender All	Venter and Weeden
	Pick-up Choir	

GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

NRSV NT 98

# SERMON

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Joshua said to the people, "Choose this day whom you will serve ... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Friends, you are invited to be a part of this household of faith as we seek to love and serve the Lord. Will you join us in the life of discipleship?

If you feel called to join the journey of discipleship with this congregation we would love to walk the journey of faith with you. For more information about joining this congregation please contact Pastor Francois and Pastor Taylor.

## 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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts. Endow these gifts with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. 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 #749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## PEACE

*Thank you to Jenny Montague, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.  
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Helene Furlong,  
in honor of her parents, John R. and Helene Furlong.*

## Joshua 24:-1-2, 14-15

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

## **Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

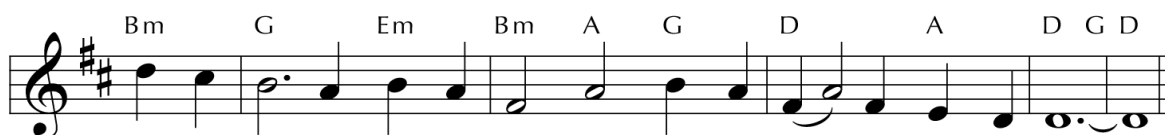
## **John 6:56-69**

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

# Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."  
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."  
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."  
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991  
MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992  
Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.  
Music © 1993 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

AUSTIN  
8.7.8.7

## RALLY DAY

**Sunday, September 8, 10am**

**Kick off an exciting year at WPC!**

- Register for Sunday School - Register in the Narthex before worship
- First Day of Sunday School - Nursery (18months - pre-K),  
Early Elementary (grades K-2), Older Elementary (grades 3-5)
- Sunday School Teacher Commissioning
- Bibles for children (and adults) of all ages
- Blessing of the backpacks - Kids, bring your backpack and receive a goody bag from Pastor Taylor!
- Congregational Meeting - Elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees
- Celebratory Coffee Hour, hosted by Ed Council
- Fill the Red Wagon - Bring canned goods for our local food banks!

# In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)  
Fm Cm Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 In an age of twist - ed val - ues we have lost the  
2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -  
3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are  
4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)  
Fm B<sup>b</sup> C7 Fm Cm Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

truth we need. In so - phis - ti - cat - ed lan - guage we have  
dice and fear. Ha - tred swift - ly turns to cruel - ty if we  
full of strife, when our chil - dren are be - wil - dered, when they  
to o - bey. Turn us from our will - ful wan - dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm Cm Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

jus - ti - fied our greed. By our strug - gle for pos - ses - sions  
hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid - ed  
lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged  
truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)  
E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m Fm C7 Fm Cm

we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and  
by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and  
all the care we know they need, hear our cry and  
come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m Fm Cm Fm

heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.  
heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.  
heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.  
heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

One of the ways Christians can show firm allegiance to the country where they live and express care for its well-being is to ensure that they are mindful of the broad range of human needs within that society. This hymn is a strong reminder of the values that need such attention.



749

## Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain* G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

**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 101** Ask questions, **6:30pm, Thursday, August 29**, about applying for Medicare or changing your Medicare health plan and/or prescription drug coverage during open enrollment (Oct 15-Dec 7). Held at Aston Community Center (3270 Concord Road).

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

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND CHILDCARE** Please note there is no Sunday School for children grades K-5, **10am, Sunday, September 1**. The nursery (18 months - pre-K) will be open.

**PA MEDI ZOOM** Ask questions, **6pm, Wednesday September 4**, about applying for Medicare or changing your Medicare health plan and/or prescription drug coverage during open enrollment (Oct 15-Dec 7). Call 610-534-6880 to register.

**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 – use the QR code to register.

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

**PRIME TIME** Historian Steven Ujifusa, who chronicles the confluence of American business, social and maritime history, will discuss his latest book, “The Last Ships From Hamburg: Business, Rivalry, and the Race to Save Europe's Jews on the Eve of World War I,” **Tuesday, September 10. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

**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.

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** Join the ringers for the first rehearsal of the season, **6:30pm, Thursday, September 12**. No experience necessary!

**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).



**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 .



#### **FALL YOUTH GROUP**

<- Use the QR code for the fall YG schedule.

#### **SPROUTS**

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



**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)

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 25</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>
10.00am- Worship	09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
11.00am- Coffee Hour	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
<b>Monday, August 26</b>	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	<b>Thursday, August 29</b>
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	<b>Friday, August 30</b>
07.00pm- Trustees	<b>Saturday, August 31</b>
	<b>Sunday, September 01</b>
	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 110 E. BROOKHAVEN RD, WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 19086  
 WEBSITE: [www.wallingfordpres.org](http://www.wallingfordpres.org) PHONE: 610-566-1644  
 EMAIL: [OFFICE@WALLINGFORDPRES.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@WALLINGFORDPRES.ORG)