



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024
FIFTEENTH 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.

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF MEDITATION - The Cantic of Creatures (St. Francis)

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor and all blessing. To You alone, Most High, do they belong and no human is worthy to mention Your name. Praised be you, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through which you give sustenance to your creatures. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP 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.***

OPENING READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

NRSV OT 623

CALL TO WORSHIP

My heart overflows with melody!

Words of praise spring from my lips!

The throne of God endures forever.

God's rule is equity and justice.

Let us worship God with joy giving thanks to God for all the blessings we receive.

OPENING HYMNS #414

HYMN #405

HYMN #411

*HYMN #388

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Praise God for This Holy Ground

God is Here Today

Come All you People

PSALM 46

HEYMONYSTRAAT

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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

He Is Exalted

T. Paris, arr. S. Pethel

EPISTLE READING

James 1:17-27

NRSV NT 229

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Land Acknowledgement from the Presbytery of Philadelphia

MERCY AND FORGIVENESS

RESPONSIVE HYMN #642

Heleluyan, We Are Singing

HELELUYAN

(This Muscogee hymn is a Trail of Tears song, a testimony that their Christian faith was more powerful than their mistreatment by those who took away their ancestral homelands. Revered and cherished, it remains the most popular Muscogee hymn sung in churches in Oklahoma)

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
ft. Andrea Couzens

arr. V Thomas



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, thank you for your gifts of life – fragrant flowers, fruitful vines, singing creatures, and our own lives, renewed in Christ. Let your grace infuse the gifts we offer with life-giving power to those in need. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Arise, God of love, **Come to our aid.**

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.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward to the table, where you will receive the bread and cup. Dip the bread into the cup and eat. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you. Individual cups of juice are also available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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.***

PEACE

*Thank you to Don Killian, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Dave and Shirley Rudd,
in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.*

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. ¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GATHERING

414 Be Still and Know That I Am God

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)

E C#m E7 C#m

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Be still and know that I am God.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)

A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7

Be still and know that I am God.

**May be sung as a canon.*

In many situations, simplicity is more challenging than embellishment. The spiritual life is no exception, as these eight stark monosyllables from Psalm 46:10a make clear. The musical setting is similarly spare, using only five notes to create a sense of melodic spaciousness.

Praise God for This Holy Ground 405

Capo 2: (D)

E (G) (A) (Bm)
A B C#m



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
2 Praise God in whose word we find
3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7) (D/F#) (Em7) (Asus4) (A)
F#m7 E/G# F#m7 Bsus4 B



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
all are loved and called God's own.
rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain (D) (G) (Em7) (A) (F#7) (Bm)
E A F#m7 B G#7 C#m



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D) (Em7) (A7) (D)
E F#m7 B7 E



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

God Is Here Today

411

Dios está aquí

Capo 2: (D) E (A7) B7 (Bm) C#m (D7) E7 (G) A

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) B7 (D) E (D7) E7 (G) A

as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) B7 (D) E (A/C#) B/D# (Bm) C#m (D/A) E/B

as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) A (A7) B7 (D) E

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

Come All You People

Uyai mose

Leader

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom *Ahom*

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom *Ahom*

This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

GATHERING

ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

Ahom

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. Ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er, Lord.

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

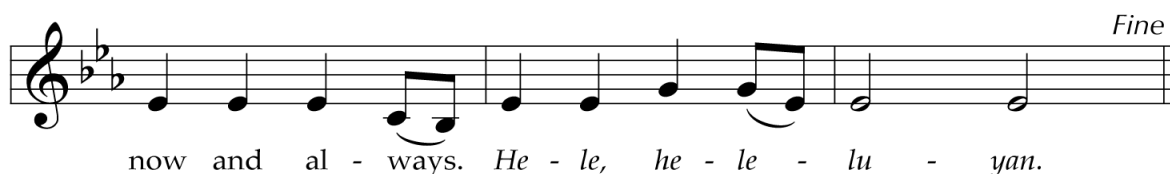
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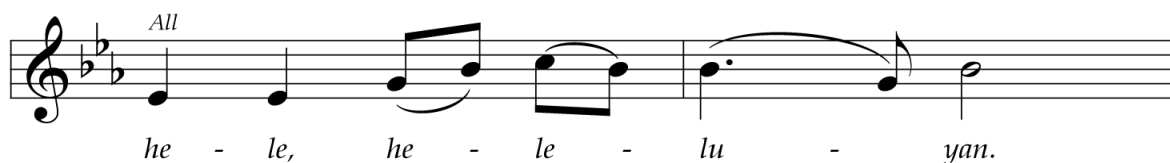
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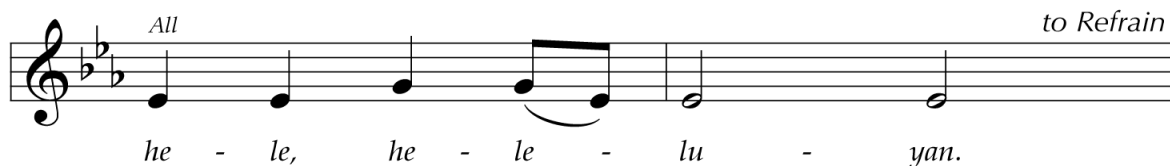
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Refrain

- 1 Chris-tians ev - ery - where shall sing now and al - ways:
 2 Town and coun-try peo - ple sing to Je - sus:
 3 Peo - ple far and near will join the cho - rus:



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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 &
Address an Amendment to the By-Laws
- **Celebratory Coffee Hour** - hosted by Ed Council
- **Fill the Red Wagon** - Bring canned goods for our local food banks!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Gather in the courtyard, **today, 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, **today, 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, **7:30pm, 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. Weight limit – 80 lbs. The rain date is Sunday, September 22.



WALK WITH EASE WPC will host Walk with Ease, developed by the Arthritis Foundation for people 60+ to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life and improve overall health. The program **begins 9am, Wednesday, September 18** and continues Friday, Sept. 27 and Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Use the QR code for more info.

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.



FUSE COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS Come together for a meal and discussion with Ken Park and Laura Boyce of the Nether Providence Police Accountability Committee, **6:30pm, Tuesday, September 24**. The program will be held at N8rds Family Kitchen (301 Edgmont Avenue, Chester).

Use the QR code for more info and to register.

PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE: BANNED BOOKS Join the conversation, **Wednesday, September 25**, about the increase in attempts to ban books in conjunction with the American Library Association’s annual Banned Books Week, which works to stimulate discussions and bring readers together to support the freedom to read. A local high school librarian will answer questions on the who, what and why books are banned and effective ways to respond. **The potluck supper begins at 6:30pm; talk, 7:15pm.**

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. ->



WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, September 01	Thursday, September 05
10.00am- Worship	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, September 02- Labor Day	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
Tuesday, September 03	Friday, September 06
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	06.00pm- Sprouts
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	Saturday, September 07
Wednesday, September 04	11.00am- Ballet Academy
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	Sunday, September 08 - Rally Day
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	09.30am- Chancel Choir
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	10.00am- Worship
07.00pm- WCNS Parent's Night	11.00am- Meeting of the Congregation
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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