

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2024 NINTEENTH 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.

Mrs. 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...



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#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### **GATHERING**

#### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Upon this gathering of your people,

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O Lord

Be near to us and speak to us,

And we will proclaim your glory.

Friends in Christ, this is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God.

**OPENING PRAYER** 

\*OPENING HYMN #300

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, source of living water, you have come to us to bear the burdens of this world, and you promise to meet us in the parched places of our own lives. Now we come to you,

Seeking relief from all we continue to carry,

Seeking refreshment and renewal for the work ahead,

Seeking answers to questions we don't even know to ask

Tired of the journey, we take our place beside the wellspring of your redeeming love.

And yet, occupied with our own weariness,

We confess that we miss the wonder of your promise and the call to participate in your work.

We have failed to bear the burdens of others,

We have ignored the deep needs that surround us,

We have denied the truths you reveal to your people.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us we pray.

Forgive our misguided assumptions that lead to waters too shallow to satisfy this thirsty world.

Forgive our inadequate expectations that lead to waters too stagnant to stir in us your call to justice.

Forgive our pressing doubts that lead to waters already squandered by hasty answers. We long for your mercy, O Lord.

\*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

Friends in Christ, God's forgiveness is not cheap grace, it requires something from us. Therefore I ask you, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As the beloved of God, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, anything that is excellent and worthy of praise, we will keep trying to do these things as Jesus taught us.

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (18 months—11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

3 Lieder op. 77, no. 1 ft. Meghan Cakalli and Sue Gerace

F. Mendelssohn

#### Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:6-12

NRSV OT 1

GOSPEL READING John 4:4-13 & 7:37-38 NRSV NT 94

ANTHEM Cantique de Jean Racine, op. 11

G. Fauré

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux, De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence: Divin sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux, Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante; Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix; Dissipe ce sommeil d'une âme languissante, Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois! O Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle, Pour te bénir maintenant assemblé; Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle, Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comble.

Word, equal to (one with) the Highest, Our only Hope, Eternal day of the earth and heavens, We break the silence of the peaceful night; Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us! Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace, That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice; Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul, That drives us to forget your laws. O Christ, show favor to this faithful people now assembled In order to bless (thank) you now. Accept the songs they offer to your immortal glory; And may they go forth filled (overjoyed) with your gifts.

SERMON

\*RESPONSE HYMN #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**CONVERSE** 

#### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP** 

**OFFERTORY** 

Down to the Water to Pray



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#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is a journey of perseverance and possibility. It is how we grow deeper in faith and faithfulness.

If you desire to be deeply rooted in God's love so that you can be more broadly used for God's life-giving purpose, receive Christ's invitation to follow him today.

We invite you to join this community as we seek to live out our faith through works of service and love. If you want to know more about our church and congregation or if you are ready to make the commitment to membership please see Pastor François or Pastor Taylor.

\*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

We thank you for the wealth you shower on us daily, O Lord, and we witness the marvelous goodness that comes from you. Transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your Spirit to save us.

For those who are sick and suffering . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your Spirit to save us.

For those who are burdened by sin . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your Spirit to save us.

For nations, crumbling in conflict . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your Spirit to save us.

For neighbors, divided by fear . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your Spirit to save us.

For the church, longing for renewal . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your Spirit to save us.

For the earth, groaning for peace . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your Spirit to save us.

God of new life, raise us up in the power of the risen Lord so that we may lift our hearts again in songs of thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

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 #39

**Great is Thy Faithfulness** 

**FAITHFULNESS** 

Thank you to Roger Demos, Tony Tolomeo, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Ver and Helen Picher, in thanks to God and celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary.

<sup>\*</sup>CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

#### **Genesis 1:6-12**

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

#### John 4:4-13, & 7:37-38

<sup>4</sup>But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

## 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,



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

## 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.





**可以表现间 Annual Giving** Through the first week, we have received 12 pledges totaling \$42,840. Pledges represent approximately two-thirds of our annual budget and provide the confidence that we will continue to be the exciting, growing church we have become thanks to everyone's helping hand.

Register your pledge using the pledge card or the Church Center app.



EXXILE 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.

Last week to sign-up! Classes start next week!

ROGER DEMOS PREACHING Roger, a member of WPC and Commissioned Lay Pastor (CPL) in the PC(USA), will be in the pulpit, today, 10am, Sunday, September 29.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens - meet in the youth room, today, 10 am, Sunday, September 29, for breakfast, a discussion about the week's video and games. Open to students grades 6-12. Meets last Sunday of the month.



YOUTH GROUP URBAN AIR Meet at Urban Air Adventure Park (1260 East Woodland Avenue, Springfield), today, 4:30pm, Sunday, September 29, for trampoline fun. Open to youth grades 6-12. Use the QR code to register.



WALK WITH EASE It's not too late to join the walkers. WPC is hosting 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 continues 9am, Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Use the QR code for more info.



FALL PREVENTION Are you concerned about falling? A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Held at Brookhaven Municipal Building (2 Cambridge Road), 9:30-11:30am, Thursdays beginning October 3. Use the QR code for more information and to register.

SPROUTS COOKIE BAKING Kids – bake and decorate cookies, 6pm, Friday, October 4. Take some home and save the rest to sell at Coffee Hour on Sunday to benefit the Giving Tree (Christmas gifts for children at Chester Eastside and City Team)



**澳 FALL SHREDDING AND DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT** Safely dispose of documents containing personal information and unneeded medications, 9am-noon, Saturday, October 5. The event will be held at Northley Middle School (2801 Concord Rd, Aston). Use the QR code for more information.

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** Celebrate our oneness in Christ with our siblings throughout the world, **10am**, **Sunday**, **October 6**.

**TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY** We will begin accepting donations of wrapped candy or fruit snacks for Trunk or Treat **next Sunday**, **October 6th**. Please place donations in the tubs in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Because some children do not eat sugar-added snacks, consider providing fruit roll-ups or gummies, raisins, popcorn, or even stickers or other non-food alternatives. The event will be held on Sunday, October 27 at 3pm.

**KIDS CAFÉ** Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am, Sunday, October 6,** for songs, games and refreshments. Open to kids age 4-11. Please bring an offering to benefit Giving Tree (Christmas gifts for Chester Eastside and City Team).

**COOKIES FOR A CAUSE** Cookies baked by the Sprouts will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour, **11am**, **Sunday**, **October 6**. The proceeds will benefit the Giving Tree (Christmas gifts for children at Chester Eastside and City Team).

**MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS** Join the discussion "From Iona to Edinburgh – what it means to be Reformed," **11:30 am, Sunday, October 6.** Led by Pastor François and illustrated with photos from his sabbatical.

**SOCKTOBER** Bring new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks for our seventh annual Soctober, beginning **Sunday, October 6**. Look for the Sock Drive containers in the Narthex and near the main office. Adult socks benefit Savage Sisters; kids' socks benefit Chester Eastside. Continues through Sunday, October 27.

**PRIME TIME** WPC member John Stauffer, of The America Team for Displaced Eritreans, will provide an update on the situation of refugees from Eritrea and the way the team is helping them, **noon**, **Tuesday**, **October 8. Lunch begins at noon**; **the talk**, **12:30pm**.

**W.O.W.** Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, October 9**, and a lesson led by Karen Emmons

**PULPIT SWAP** Pastor Taylor and her husband, Pastor Doug, head of staff at Paoli Presbyterian, will swap pulpits this fall. She will preach at Paoli on **Sunday, October 13**; WPC will welcome him on **Sunday, November 3**.

**ZOO ON WHEELS** Kids – invite your friends to Sunday School and to stay for the Elmwood Park "Zoo on Wheels," **11:15am, Sunday, October 20**. The target age group is two-five (older children are welcome to attend). Limit 30 children.



REGISTER TO VOTE The last day to register before the November 5 election is Monday, October 21. Most of us are registered, but did you know less than 35% of 18 to 25 year-olds are registered to vote in Pennsylvania? If you are in that age bracket, or have children or grandchildren of that age, remind them to register online, in-person or by mail (must be received by Oct 21). Use the QR code for more info.



知 Building Independence WPC member Doug Thomas will portray Patrick Henry and John Dickinson as part of Building Independence, historical scenes exploring the First Continental Congress through the lens of delegates, their families and everyday folk of the period. Presented weekends through Sunday, October 27, at Carpenters' Hall (320 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia). Use the QR for more information.



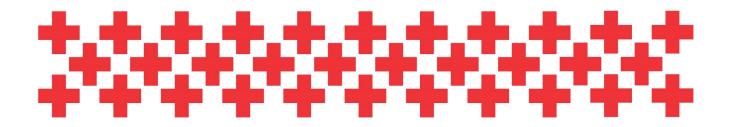
森回 Trunk or Treat The upper parking lot will be filled with cars/trucks/SUVs decked out for Halloween and treats galore on **Sunday, October 29 at 3pm**. Plan to bring your kids and invite your neighbors to this spooky fun event! To host a trunk (and possibly win a prize for the best trunk), use the QR code to sign up on Church Center, or call the church office.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Gather in Fellowship Hall to assemble and package 10,000 meals to be sent to a needy place somewhere around the world, 1pm, Sunday, November 3. Save the date and watch for details. Sponsored by WPC's Mission and Service Committee.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU Broad Street Love, formerly Broad Street Ministries, is one of the many missions supported by our church. Here is an excerpt from a thank you letter that we just received: "Thank you for being a part of the Broad Street Love family. Your support sends a powerful message of love and hope to our guests and staff. Whether through prayers, financial contributions, in kind gifts, or volunteer hours, your actions boldly declare that love, community, and Radical Hospitality should be accessible to everyone regardless of their circumstances. Thank you for investing in and being part of this community that recognizes and values every individual's full personhood, giftedness, and worth."

#### **American Red Cross**

## Give blood. Help save lives.



# Blood Drive Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall 110 E. Brookhaven Road Wallingford, PA 19086

## Wednesday, October 23, 2024 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: wpc to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Treat yourself: Come give blood in October for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card, there will be three lucky winners! Terms apply: rcblood.org/treat



WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, September 29	Thursday, October 03
09.30am- Chancel Choir	11.00am- Debbie Teti Memorial Service
10.00am- Worship	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Breakfast Club	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.00pm- Chancel Choir
04.30pm- Youth Group Urban Air Trip	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
Monday, September 30	Friday, October 04
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	10.00am- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Staff Meeting	06.00pm- Sprouts
Tuesday, October 01	Saturday, October 05
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Ballet Academy
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	Sunday, October 06
07.30pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	09.00am- Bell Choir
Wednesday, October 02	09.30am- Chancel Choir
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10.00am- Worship
09.00am- Walking with Ease	11.00am- Kids Café
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Coffee Hour
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	11.30am- Monthly Conversations
07.30pm- Valley Voices	11.30am- Confirmation Class