



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 6TH, 2024
TWENTIETH 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

GATHERING

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. "Worldwide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." - Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr Celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world!

I hope I do not offend God by making my Communion in the frame of mind I have been describing... The command, after all, was "Take, eat" - not "Take, understand." - C.S. Lewis

I always have a funny story at communion time that underscores that no one is perfect, and that communion is not for perfect people but for hungry people. - Greg Boyle

Buzz Aldrin on his experience of taking Communion on the moon: "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. We had come to space in the name of all mankind—be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics, or atheists. But at the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God. It's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon — and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the 'Love that moves the Sun and other stars.'"

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS 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.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world people gather today to break the bread, and pour the wine -

We gather with them in heart and mind!

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity!

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed!

Who sets this table for us to share in?

Not the world, not our hands, but the Risen Christ invites us to his table!

The body of Christ, the Great Cloud of Witnesses, and the Church Universal

We gather together to affirm that Jesus is Lord and the King still reigns!

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty!

CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth
Wallingford Bell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 26:25-30

NRSV NT 30

ANTHEM At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day arr. Strommen
At length there dawns the glorious day by prophets long foretold; At length the chorus grows
that sang so long ago. The day of dawning fellowship breaks on our eager eyes, and human
hatreds flee before the radiant eastern skies. For what are sund'ring strains of blood, or
ancient caste and creed? One claim unites us all in God to serve each human need. Then here
together, followers all, we pledge the Lord anew our loyal love, our stalwart faith, our service
strong and true. One common faith unites us all; we seek one common goal. One tender
comfort broods upon the struggling human soul. To this clear call of fellowship our hearts
responsive ring; We join the glorious new crusade of our great Lord and King!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 2:13-17

NRSV NT 36

HOMILY

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)

COMMUNION ANTHEM Come, Share this Feast of Love M.K. Beall and L. Larson
Here is the body that's broken for you. Come share this feast of love. Here is the blood that I
shed for you. Come, share this feast of love. Here is the life that I lived for you. Come, share
the feast of love. Here is the life that I gave for you. Come, share this feast of love. Come,
come in prayer. Bring your pain; bring your care. Come, come in prayer. Come, my child, and
share. Here is the peace that your soul has sought. Come, share the feast of love. Here is the
peace that my dying bought. Come, share this feast of love. Come, share this feast of love.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

LORD'S PRAYER IN MANY LANGUAGES

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.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY



Scan the QR code to give via credit card on 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 DEDICATION

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #372

O for a World

AZMON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Thank you to Mimi Haggerty and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Judy and Bob Kenworthy,
in honor of World Communion Sunday.*

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

LINSTEAD

LM with refrain

Matthew 26:25-30

²⁵Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
 where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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AZMON

CM

Mark 2:13-17

¹³Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. ¹⁵While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



ANNUAL GIVING Through the first week, we have received 24 pledges totaling \$87,860. 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.

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

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am today, 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 today, 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," **11:30am today, Sunday, October 6.** Led by Pastor François and illustrated with photos from his sabbatical.

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY We will begin accepting donations of wrapped candy or fruit snacks for Trunk or Treat **today, 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.

SOCKTOBER Bring new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks for our seventh annual Soctober, beginning **today, 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.**



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. 9, 16 and 23.** Use the QR code for more info.

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

PUMPKIN SALE Choose among orange, black and white pumpkins and colorful corn bundles at the Scouts BSA Troop 2019 pumpkin sale, **10am-4pm, Saturday, October 12**. The event will be held at the corner of Brookhaven and Rose Valley roads.

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. The event is made possible by contributions to the Legacy Fund.



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.

BE-SHARPS WPC will welcome three musical groups, **7:30pm, Tuesday, October 22**, for a night of electric performances: the Be-Sharps (choir and rock band from Ordrup, Denmark, presenting rock and pop favorites), Haverford School Notables (a cappella) and Baldwin B-Flats (a cappella). Don't miss a fun evening of music, energy and cultural exchange!

BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS Give blood, help save lives! **Wednesday, October 23rd, 2023, 2-7pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter WPC to schedule an appointment. Help us continue our 70+ years of blood drives here at WPC!

BEEF AND BEER Cheers! Join **5:30pm, Saturday, October 26**, for a casual evening of B&B. WPC will supply roast beef sandwiches, provolone cheese, condiments and potato salad. Please bring a six-pack of your favorite beer or bottle of wine, green salad (if potato salad doesn't appeal to you) and dessert to share.



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.



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.



PA YELLOW DOT Placing the PA Yellow Dot decal in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check the glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. Packets are available in the Narthex or use the QR code.



COVID TESTS Free at-home COVID tests are available which detect the currently circulating COVID-19 variants. Each package contains four tests for use through the end of the year.

<-Use the QR code to order.

Test kits are also available for those who are blind, have low vision or low manual dexterity. Use the QR code to order ->



RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Media Food Bank is requesting:

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat/seafood (chicken, tuna, salmon)
- Canned vegetables
- Broth
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Salad dressing
- Cooking oil, vinegar
- Sugar, flour
- Snacks (crackers, chips, cookies)
- Beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, juice boxes, shelf-stable milk)
- Baby items (baby food, diapers, pull-ups, wipes)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Personal care items (deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes/toothpaste)
- Household essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent)
- Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry)

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, October 06	Wednesday, October 09 (cont.)
09.00am- Bell Choir	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
09.30am- Chancel Choir	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Valley Voices
11.00am- Kids Café	Thursday, October 10
11.00am- Coffee Hour	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
11.30am- Monthly Conversations	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.30am- Confirmation Class	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
Monday, October 07	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Friday, October 11
07.00pm- WPC Connections	10.00am- Ballet Academy
07.30pm- Personnel Committee	Saturday, October 12
Tuesday, October 08	11.00am- Ballet Academy
12.00pm- PrimeTime	Sunday, October 13
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	09.00am- Chapel Choir
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Wednesday, October 09	10.00am- Worship
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11.00am- Coffee Hour
09.00am- Walking with Ease	

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