



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 13TH, 2024
TWENTY FIRST 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

(John) Calvin's views regarding government stemmed from his belief in the necessity of civil authority because of the depravity of man, his belief in providence, and his uncompromising certainty that God is sovereign over all things, including governments. His views regarding the corrupt nature of mankind as a result of Adam's disobedience to God are well documented. He believed that man's entire being was utterly sinful. Calvin wrote to the King of France that the wicked were so bold and their iniquity was so entrenched within them, that even the strictest of laws might not stop the evil doers from trying to harm God's people or disrupt God's plan. What then would those people do if there was no government to restrain them? Calvin concluded that civil government is necessary to protect the true church or "to uphold a public form of religion amongst Christians, and humanity amongst men." Calvin proposed that the purpose of the magistrate was to uphold God's glory, to preserve the divine truth, and to ensure the continuance of the Kingdom of Christ. When he was called upon to draft ordinances that would serve as a constitution for Geneva, he established an ideological movement that would have a lasting impact on both the sacred and the secular worlds.

(Rev. Garry Z. Cole, Western Reformed Seminary Journal, 16:2, August 2009: 18-23)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMNS #414

Be Still and Know That I Am God

PSALM 46

HYMNS #411

God Is Here Today

DIOS ESTA AQUI

HYMNS #405

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

HYMNS #414

Be Still and Know That I Am God

PSALM 46

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

My Lord You Are Good To Me
Chapel Choir

B. Mochnick

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

NRSV NT 220

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

NRSV NT 46

SERMON

CHORAL RESPONSE

Crown of Thorns

J. Frye and R.M. Cooper

Crown of roses always wither. Crowns of diamonds turn to stone. But my King has asked for neither diamond crown nor golden throne. Wealth and riches once I cherished, wealth and riches were my all. Now I care not if they've perished, I have heard my Master's call. He has freed my soul from sorrow, he has freed my soul from care. I shall see him some tomorrow and a crown of love he'll wear. Build no palace, soon to crumble, build no mansion for his fame. Let each home however humble glorify his holy name. He has freed my soul from sorrow, he has freed my soul from care. I shall see him some tomorrow, and a crown of love he'll wear. Hallelujah Amen!

CONFESSION LITANY AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. Listen to your people praying Lord, open our hearts, open our minds, open our hands and lead us to your will and law of love. Listen to your people Lord, have mercy.

Loving God, in baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

(Silence)

You united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

(Silence)

You call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you have made.

(Silence)

You send us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and will not listen to cries for justice.

(Silence)

You give us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Hear the good news! In baptism we were buried with Christ. In baptism we were also raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

My forgiven brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, sometimes the troubles of the world seem impossible to address, and the burdens of our lives seem too much for us to bear. Yet we trust that, for God, all things are possible. Having confessed and having received God's forgiveness and mercy let us share our hearts and prayers with one another and with our loving God.

Church, what shall we pray for today???

We pray for peace among the nations, food for the hungry, justice for the poor, and a life of dignity for all people.

(Silence)

We pray for new life in the church, fresh energy in mission, faithfulness in ministry, and reconciliation in the body of Christ.

(Silence)

We pray for the welfare of this community, safe streets and homes, good schools and jobs, and the spirit of love among neighbors.

(Silence)

We pray for the healing of all who suffer, comfort for the afflicted, hope for the despairing, and strength for those who care for them.

(Silence)

O God, in whom all things are possible, we commend these prayers to you and commit our lives to seek your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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.

*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.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Aber and Showalter



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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

We hear the call to let go of our possessions, to give to those in need and follow, and it feels daunting.

We fear losing our first-place status and becoming last. But the God who calls us to this life is not far off and distant. Christ sympathizes with us, has been tested like us, knows what it's like to live this life.

God invites you to this radical life of compassion and humility. We invite you to walk the faith journey with this congregation.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member, 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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #751

From the Nets of Our Labor

HAMILTON

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*Thank you to Barb Demos and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Chris Dearnaley and Joe Benvenuto,
in loving memory of John Waterbury.*

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.

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.

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!

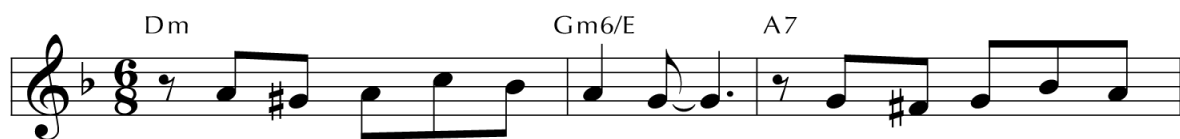
(D) (Em7) (A7) (D)
E F#m7 B7 E

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.

751 From the Nets of Our Labor

We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." ' ²⁰He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'



ANNUAL GIVING Through the third week, we have received 39 pledges totaling \$184,440. 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.



HURRICANE ASSISTANCE Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Use the QR code to donate.

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY We are accepting donations of wrapped candy or fruit snacks for Trunk or Treat. 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 Socktober. 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.

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION Join **10am, Sunday, October 20**, for the service to ordain and install Elders and Deacons and appoint Trustees.

ZOO ON WHEELS Kids – invite your friends to Sunday School and to stay for the Elmwood Park "Zoo on Wheels," **11:30am, 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.



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



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. Games (like cornhole) will be set up and child care will be available.



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.

MIND THE GAP A trivia game where everyone can flex their knowledge! Team up with folks of all ages, **Wednesday, November 6**, to answer pop culture questions from Boomer, Gen X, Millennial and Gen Z generations. **Potluck supper at 6:30pm; game, 7:15pm**.

DOUG AND TAYLOR IN CONCERT Enjoy an afternoon of Pastors Doug and Taylor playing guitar and singing bluegrass and southern spirituals, **3pm, Sunday, November 10**. The concert will be held at Paoli Pres (225 South Valley Road, Paoli) and donations will benefit the church's Wonder of Christmas, which provides gifts for missionary families and children in need in local school districts.



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 13	Thursday, October 17
09.00am- Chapel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, October 14	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
07.30pm- Session	Friday, October 18
Tuesday, October 15	10.00am- Ballet Academy
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, October 19
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	11.00am- Ballet Academy
07.30pm- Deacons	03.00pm- BSA Raingutter Regatta
Wednesday, October 16	Sunday, October 20
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	09.30am- Chancel Choir
09.00am- Walking with Ease	10.00am- Worship
01.30pm- Stewardship Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Wallingford Winds
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	11.30am- Zoo on Wheels
07.30pm- Valley Voices	

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