



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 20TH, 2024
TWENTY SECOND 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

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Beauty is God's handwriting - a wayside sacrament." – John Milton

"Power is God's hand or arm, omniscience is God's eye, mercy is God's delight, eternity is God's duration, but holiness is God's beauty!" - Stephen Charnock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters!

You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind;

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures. Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Presentation of Trustees, Ruling Elders and Deacons

Commissioning Questions to the Trustees

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates for Ordination and Installation

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God you search the heart. You see the ways that we crown our own selves with the responsibilities and honor that belong to you.

Forgive us, Lord. **God have mercy on me, a sinner.**

You see when we hurt others, keep back a kind word, look aside when others need us.

Forgive us, Lord. **God have mercy on me, a sinner.**

You see when we put off the work of forgiveness and mercy, when we say we'll be a better person tomorrow.

Forgive us, Lord. **God have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Lord we hide our own sins, but despise others who do the same that we do. You see when we desire gentleness for mistakes we make but don't offer that gentleness to others.

Forgive us, Lord. **God have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 TO FORGIVENESS

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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

NRSV OT 554

ANTHEM

God Is Here

G. Wonacott

God is here, reaching out to all who gather. God is here, listening to the prayers of all. God is here, giving grace where hearts are wounded. God is here, lifting lives after a fall. God is here, calling us to find out passion. God is here, teaching us to find ourselves. Reaching, listening, giving grace, lifting lives to see God's face. God is here, showing why we all are here, for God is here, God is here.

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Then Sings My Soul
Diane Gerlach & Helene Furlong

arr. G. Lanier

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

S. Aber and A. Showalter



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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*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

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*Thank you to Frank Noyes and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lisa and Scott Higgins,
in celebration of their 8th wedding anniversary.*

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan.


Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

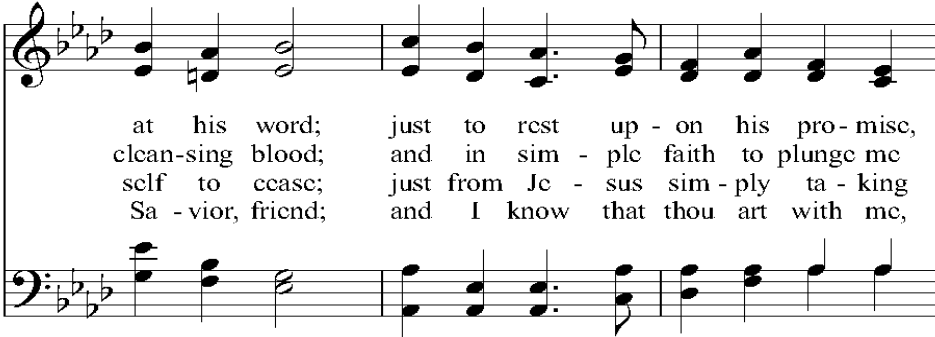
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus




1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, and to take him
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre cious Je - sus,

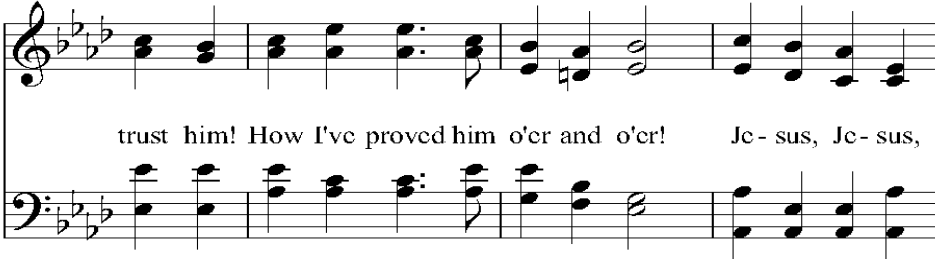


at his word; just to rest up - on his pro - mise,
 clean-sing blood; and in sim - ple faith to plunge me
 self to cease; just from Je - sus sim - ply ta - king
 Sa - vior, friend; and I know that thou art with me,

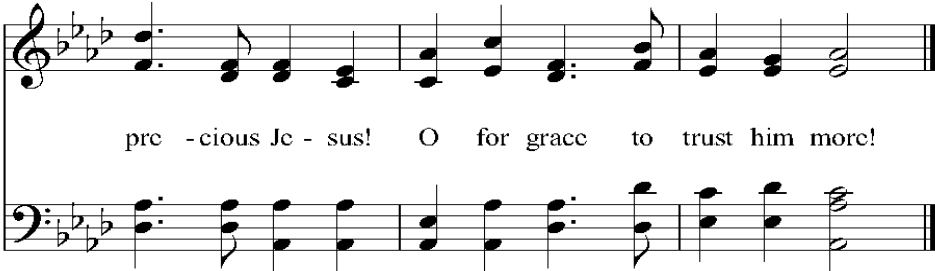
Refrain



and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 neath the heal - ing, clean-sing flood! Je - sus, Je - sus, how I
 life and rest, and joy and peace.
 wilt be with me to the end.



trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus,



pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, ²wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent; ³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind; ⁴you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. ⁵You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. ⁶You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. ⁸They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place that you appointed for them. ⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

^{35c}Praise the LORD!



ANNUAL GIVING Through the third week, we have received 51 pledges totaling \$231,664. 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 Soctober. 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION Join **today, 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 today, 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.

DANISH-AMERICAN MUSIC EXCHANGE 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!



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, Wednesday, Oct. 23**. Use the QR code for more info.

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 (and kid-friendly food) will be available. Sign-up on Planning Center to register for child care.

POP-UP CLOTHING DRIVE Drop clothing in the Reception Room, **Sunday, October 27**, for Savage Sisters in Kensington. Items should be clean and fall/winter-weight for men and women, including winter jackets (no children's) and folded in bags (rather than hanging).



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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY TARTAN Wear your plaid shirts and skirts to mark Reformation **Sunday, 10am, October 27**, when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, October 27**, for breakfast, a discussion about the week's video and games. Open to students grades 6-12. Meets last Sunday of the month.



TRUNK OR TREAT The upper parking lot will be filled with cars/trucks/SUVs decked out for Halloween and treats galore on **Sunday, October 27 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.

SPROUTS VBC NIGHT Kids – relive this summer's VBC – dance to the songs, watch video skits, play games and make a craft, **6pm, Friday, November 1**. Didn't attend VBC? No worries! Come for a fun night together. Dinner is included. Open to children grades K-5.

PULPIT SWAP Rev. Doug Cornelius, head of staff at Paoli Pres (and Pastor Taylor's husband), will complete the pulpit swap, **10am, Sunday, November 3**, by preaching at WPC on All Saints' Sunday.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am, Sunday, November 3**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to kids ages 4-11. Please bring an offering to benefit the Giving Tree.

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:

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| -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) |
| -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) | |
| -Beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, juice boxes, shelf-stable milk) | |
| -Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry) | |

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, October 20	Wednesday, October 23 (cont.)
09.30am- Chancel Choir	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Valley Voices
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Thursday, October 24
11.00am- Wallingford Winds	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
11.30am- Zoo on Wheels	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
Monday, October 21	Friday, October 25
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	10.00am- Ballet Academy
Tuesday, October 22	Saturday, October 26
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Ballet Academy
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	05.30pm- Beef and Beer Dinner
07.00pm- Trustees	Sunday, October 27
07.30pm- Danish-American Music Exchange	09.00am- Wallingford Winds
Wednesday, October 23	09.30am- Chancel Choir
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10.00am- Breakfast Club
09.00am- Walking with Ease	10.00am- Worship
02.00pm- Blood Drive	11.00am- Coffee Hour
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	03.00pm- Trunk or Treat

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