



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024  
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

# 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-4:30pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

MINISTER 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 OF MEDITATION

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

### WELCOME, BIRTHDAY WISHES AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

***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

We come to this sacred space mindful of the generations of faithful who have come before us. **Adults and children, certain and questioning, men and women, hopeful and despairing.** We give thanks for the welcome all receive from you, O God, and for the ways we continue to be enfolded into community with one another and with you. **With grateful hearts we come to worship.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #326

For All the Saints (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

SINE NOMINE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin—we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your Holy Name. Forgive us and unbind us from our sin, so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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.***

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION                      Come Christians, Join to Sing                      arr. A.L. Page

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

**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.**

### WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING                      John 6:28-35                      NRSV NT 98

SERMON

### MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY                      Love Grows Here                      D. Besig  
   Sharon Babcock



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\*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 love, we offer these gifts to you. Bless them, so that they might become a blessing to others. May you do the same with our very lives! Amen.**

## **COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS**

### **ALL SAINTS' DAY MEDITATION**

#### **WE REMEMBER AND NAME THE SAINTS**

*The names of those in the church who have died this past year are read. This is done slowly, deliberately with the ringing of a bell after each name. After the official church list, the congregation will be invited to name those in their personal lives who have died in the past year, or those whom they want to remember as significant for passing along the faith. After they have spoken one last bell is rung.*

In remembrance of those passed

George Denney

Dolores Thomas

Anne Hauser

In celebration of the newly baptized

Henry Whitaker

Eleanore Nielsen

Ben Drane

Madelyn Drane

Hazel Drane

Savannah Drane

Louisa Drane

#### **ANTHEM**

Canticle for All The Saints

arr. D. E. Wagner

Let us sing of famous ones, and our parents that begat us, such as did bear rule in their lifetimes, and were renowned for their power. Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge, such as found out musical tunes and recited verses in writing: all these were honored into their generations, and were the glory of their times. And some there be which have no memorial; who are perished as though they had never been. Their bodies are buried in peace but their names liveth forevermore. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! 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

### THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God.*

*You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.*

### SENDING

#### CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1, 2 and 5)

FOUNDATION

#### CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*Thank you to Gwyn Vernon, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Gwyn Vernon,  
in loving memory of Mark Vernon.*

**JOHN 6:28-35**

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."  
<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

## For All the Saints



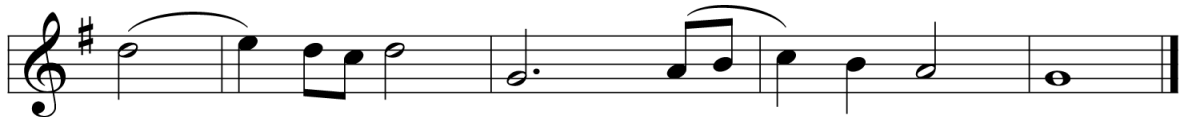
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.



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## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.



**ANNUAL GIVING** Through the sixth week, we have received 60 pledges totaling \$261,519. 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.

**WELCOME PASTOR DOUG** Rev. Doug Cornelius, head of staff at Paoli Pres (and Pastor Taylor's husband), is completing the pulpit swap this morning.

**KIDS CAFÉ** Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am today, 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 today, Sunday, November 3**. Co-sponsored by the Mission and Service Committee and WPC Scouts. Sign up using the poster in Fellowship Hall.

**ADVENT OPEN HOUSE** Sign up to volunteer to help at the Advent Open House, **Sunday, December 1, 4.30pm**. Find the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall, email Pastor Taylor with any questions.

**ELECTION DAY** If you haven't already mailed in your ballot, be sure to get out and vote on **Tuesday, November 5**.

**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**.

**DEDICATION SUNDAY** Dedicate the 2025 pledges as part of the service, **10am, Sunday, November 10**.

**TIME AND TALENT SUNDAY** As part of Dedication **Sunday, November 10**, everyone will be asked to share information by completing a brief form about their talents in WPC's ministry and day-to-day lives

**MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS** Watch the video and join the discussion on "Searching for the Historical Jesus," **11:30am, Sunday, November 10**, exploring the history, context and character of a humble rabbi who changed the world. Led by Pastor Taylor.

**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.

**PRIME TIME** Delco News Network editor and reporter Peg DeGrassa will speak about her career in journalism; changes in the newspaper business, adapting to technology and the future of newspapers, **Tuesday, November 12. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

**W.O.W.** Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, November 13**, and a lesson led by Barb Demos.

**CONTROLLING THE END OF LIFE** Join Congregational Wellness Nurse Cyndi Lacroix, RN, **11:30am, Sunday, November 17**, in a conversation about having the same control of the end of your life as you have had throughout all the seasons of your life well lived. If you are in the winter of your life, or the autumn raising a family and caring for aging parents, come share in the grace, grit and joy of it.

**BOOKLOOK** Discuss “The Lost Girls of Paris” by Pam Jenoff, “a riveting story inspired by true events of World War II, [it] weaves a tale of courage, sisterhood and the great strength of women to survive in the hardest of circumstances.” (Amazon), **7:30pm, Wednesday, November 20.** Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.50.

**CHESTER EASTSIDE THANKSGIVING** Chester Eastside has Thanksgiving on its mind – they will be preparing 250 boxes with all the fixins’. Here’s what they need:

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| -Turkeys                      | -Turkey gravy (15 oz jars)        |
| -Instant mashed potatoes      | -Sweet potatoes (15 oz cans)      |
| -Stuffing                     | -Mac & Cheese (7oz boxes)         |
| -Corn (15 oz cans)            | -Green beans (15 oz cans)         |
| -Cranberry sauce (15 oz cans) | -Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix (7 oz box) |

**TURKEY DONATIONS** Have a turkey you won’t be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Mark the bird “Deacons” and place in the church refrigerator between **November 15-27.**

**A MESSAGE FROM MISSION AND SERVICE** Please know how much Chester Eastside appreciates the ongoing support of the Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Your gifts are vital to our ability to feed and provide groceries to the hundreds of Chester residents we serve each week. Additionally, we are able to provide arts enrichment and academic help to two dozen youngsters each day through our Kids First program.

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

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| -Cereal (kids' and whole grain adult)              | -Condensed Soups                |
| -Chunky Soups: Beef, Chicken, Sausage              | -Chowder (New England, corn)    |
| -Italian Wedding, Minestrone, Lentil Soups         | -Crackers                       |
| -Canned vegetables, tomato paste                   | -Spaghetti sauce                |
| -Condiments (ketchup, mayo, BBQ sauce)             | -Salad dressing (all varieties) |
| -Paper goods (tissues, toilet paper, paper towels) | -Household cleaning products    |
| -Skin care products                                | -Feminine hygiene products      |
| -Bladder control products                          |                                 |

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 03</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 06 (cont.)</b>
09.00am- Bell Choir	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
09.30am- Chancel Choir	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Mind the Gap Trivia Night
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Valley Voices
11.00am- Kids Cafe	<b>Thursday, November 07</b>
11.15am- Ed Council	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
12.00pm- Rise Against Hunger	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
<b>Monday, November 04</b>	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	<b>Friday, November 08</b>
10.00am- Staff Meeting	10.00am- Ballet Academy
07.00pm- WPC Connections	<b>Saturday, November 09</b>
07.30pm- Worship Council	11.00am- Ballet Academy
<b>Tuesday, November 05</b>	<b>Sunday, November 10</b>
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	10.00am- Worship
<b>Wednesday, November 06</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11.30am- Monthly Conversations
10.00am- Fellowship of Friends	

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