



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024
TWENTY-FIFTH 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-4:30pm
- 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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

CHURCH OPENER: Mary Payne

USHERS: Nancy Oettinger
Gwyn Vernon

LITURGIST: Carter Zeszut

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Mary Payne

USHERS: Nancy Oettinger
Chris Fox

LITURGIST: Jim Oettinger

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

*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

When you let go of trying to get more of what you don't really need, it frees up oceans of energy to make a difference with what you have. - Lynne Twist

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martin Luther said that what fills the heart overflows the mouth.

Today and always, may our mouths overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN #682

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

ELLESDIE

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.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING AND PLEDGES OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Count Your Blessings

arr. F. Lopez

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As the choir sings the morning anthem the congregation is invited to come forward with their pledge and offerings of Time, Talent and Treasure.



Scan the QR code to give via credit card on the Church Center app.

ANTHEM

Where Your Treasure Is

Marty Haugen

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be. What do you gain from all your worry, what you should eat or what to wear? There is no peace in stress or hurry. Do you not know that you are held within God's care? Look at the ravens high above you. They do not work their whole life through, and yet God feeds them and protects them. So how much more will God protect and care for you? Do not fear little flock, for God delights to give you the blessed reign of God. Give your possessions to the needy; gain a treasure that will not fade. Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Friends in Christ, when we give, we say yes to something we value. With these pledges of financial support, and gifts of time and talent we say yes to the values of our faith. With these gifts we show where our treasure is stored, we share where our heart is, we share our vision and our faith.

We dedicate our gifts, freely given and gratefully received, to the work of the gospel by this church and we rededicate ourselves to the mission of this congregation.

Let us pray together our unison prayer of Dedication.

Loving Lord, our lives are filled with your gifts – the gift of life itself, the gift of friends and loved ones, the gift of home and food, the gift of daily work to do. There is nothing we can give you that compares with what you have already given us in Christ Jesus. So today, on this our annual pledge dedication Sunday, receive our commitment to you through our gifts of pledges, time, talent and treasure. By your grace and the working of your Holy Spirit in our lives, teach us to give you the best thing we have, our very selves, and to share all you have given us for the sake of others. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION #717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOUR

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 4

NRSV NT 213

SERMON

RESPONSIVE HYMN #797

We Cannot Measure How You Heel

YE BANKS AND BRAES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

God, through Jesus invites us to reconnect, with God and with one another, before “winter.” As a worshipping community we seek that connection with God and one another and invite you to seek that with us.

If you would like to become a member of this congregation or to find out more about WPC please reach out to Pastor Taylor or Pastor Francois.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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.

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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.

PEACE

*Thank you to Carter Zeszut, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week’s flowers were given to the Glory of God by Kay and Andy Yost,
in loving memory of Kurt Byerly and Don Woodfield.*

2 Timothy 4

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus remained in Corinth; Trophimus I left ill in Miletus. ²¹Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers and sisters. ²²The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises 682

(Psalm 92)

1 It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most
 2 You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have
 3 But the good shall live be - fore you, plant - ed in your dwell-ing

High, show-ing forth your lov-ing-kind-ness when the morn-ing lights the
 wrought; you have made my life vic-to-ri-ous; great your works and deep your
 place, fruit - ed trees and ev - er ver-dant, nour-ished by your bound-less

sky. It is good when night is fall - ing of your faith-ful - ness to tell,
 thought. You, O Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, reign for - ev - er - more in might;
 grace. In his good-ness to the righ-teous God his righ-teous-ness dis-plays;

while with sweet, me-lo-dious prais-es songs of ad - o - ra-tion swell.
 all your en - e - mies shall per-ish, sin be ban-ished from your sight.
 God, my rock, my strength and ref-uge, just and true are all your ways.

Psalm 92, paraphrased here, is the only psalm that the Bible assigns to a specific day: the Sabbath. This may be because of the mention of "works" in stanza two, recalling that, after six days of creation, God rested on the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3), when the faithful do the same.

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.

797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or
 2 The pain that will not go a - way, the
 3 So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
 guilt that ev - clings from to things long past, the
 some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
 hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
 pres - ent as if meant to last. But
 pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

This 20th-century text from the Iona Community grapples with the realities of illness and pain, not only as they afflict the body but even more as they lay waste to mind and soul. The traditional folk melody helps to convey the sort of communal experience assumed in the last stanza.

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
pres - ent too is love which tends the
let your Spir - it meet us here to

vive to hold and heal and warn, to
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

car - ry all through death to life and
pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.



2024 Giving Tree and Angel Tree

Giving Tree

gift cards and toys for families of
Chester Eastside, City Team, and within the
Wallingford Swarthmore School District

Angel Tree (through Prison Fellowship)

children of incarcerated parents receive a gift
with a note from the parent expressing their love,
helping to build a bond and learn about
the love God has for them

Chester Eastside, City Team and WSSD families
\$25 Walmart and Target cards or toys

Angel Tree – specific gift suggestions for each child

Look for the Giving Trees in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Tags available Sundays before and after worship

Nov. 17, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1

Return unwrapped gifts and gift cards on or by Dec. 8

**The Deacons thank you for
your continued generosity and support**

Sally Clyde Sheila Elmhurst Carol Freidinger Chris Jacobsen
Don Killian Cathy Kilpatrick June Tolomeo

A MESSAGE FROM MISSION AND SERVICE Thank you to everyone who came out to help package over 12,000 meals last Sunday for Rise Against Hunger. There were around thirty church members and over 100 scouts, parents and leaders that made this possible. We started at 1:00 and we were done and cleaned up at 3:00. Since 2014 we have packaged over 170,000 meals. It is all made possible with the benevolence funds that you all support. Thank you! We are Blessed!

SOCKTOBER Many thanks to the WPC community for contributing to Socktober. You exceeded expectations, donating 534 pairs (109 more than 2023). In addition, our pop-up clothing drive yielded more than 30 bags of fall/winter items. Thank you for your generosity!

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**.

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:

- 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)



ANNUAL GIVING Through the seventh week, we have received 66 pledges totaling \$284,219. 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.

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

TIME AND TALENT SUNDAY As part of Dedication Sunday, **today, 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.

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.

WPC SWAG Stock up on WPC note cards (\$5 for 20 cards/envelopes) and tote bags (\$5 each). Available **today** during Coffee Hour.

MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS Watch the video and join the discussion on "Searching for the Historical Jesus," **11:30am today, 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 today, 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 discussion led by Chris Dearnaley on the book "A Case for Kindness" by Lisa Barrickman.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Did you know that the national archives of the Presbyterian Church (USA) are in Philadelphia? The WPC staff will be touring the facility and learning about Presbyterian history on the morning of **November 18**. If you are interested in taking part in the tour, please contact Chris Darr or church administrator Nathan Gibson.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING If the way be clear, we will have a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 24** concerning the process to find a new senior pastor for WPC upon Pastor Francois' retirement next fall. In order for WPC to use the "transitional co-pastor model" (which involves searching for a pastor while Francois is still here), the congregation needs to approve use of that model.

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

-Cereal (kids' and whole grain adult)

-Soups:

-Condensed (any kind)

-Chunky

-Beef (any combo with potatoes and veggies)

-Chicken (any with noodles)

-Sausage (any type)

-Chowder (New England, corn)

-Italian Wedding, Minestrone, Lentil

-Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)

-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 (multi-purpose spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges/wipes)

-Skin care products (body lotion, hand cream, wet wipes)

-Feminine hygiene products (tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, overnight)

-Bladder control products (medium, heavy-long pads)

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, November 10	Wednesday, November 13 (cont.)
09.30am- Chancel Choir	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
10.00am- Worship	07.00pm- WOW
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Valley Voices
11.30am- Monthly Conversations	Thursday, November 14
Monday, November 11	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Session	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
Tuesday, November 12	Friday, November 15
12.00pm- PrimeTime	10.00am- Ballet Academy
02.30pm- Stewardship	Saturday, November 16
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Ballet Academy
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	Sunday, November 17
07.30pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Wednesday, November 13	10.00am- Worship
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11.00am- Coffee Hour
10.00am- Fellowship of Friends	11.30am- Abilities Initiative Presentation
01.30pm- Stephen Ministry	11.30am- Confirmation Class
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	

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