



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 17TH, 2024
TWENTY-SIXTH 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 Oetinger

Chris Fox

LITURGIST: Jim Oetinger

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Tony Tolomeo

USHERS: Mary Rose

Gwyn Vernon

LITURGIST: Chris Darr

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

*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

People speak of hope as if it is this delicate, ephemeral thing made of whispers and spider's webs. It's not. Hope has dirt on her face, blood on her knuckles, the grit of cobblestones in her hair, and just spat out a tooth as she rises for another go.

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our chosen portion and cup.

Let us rejoice and worship God.

Let us bless the Lord, who gives us counsel.

Let us rejoice and worship God.

We keep the Lord always before us. Therefore our hearts are glad.

Let us rejoice and worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMNS #701

HYMN #698

HYMN #705

HYMN #710

Lord Prepare Me

Take, O Take Me as I Am

You Are Holy

We Lift Our Voices

SANCTUARY

TAKE ME AS I AM

YOU ARE HOLY

OFFERING

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

EPISTLE READING

Isaiah 55:8-12

NRSV OT 686

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

I'll never be more loved than I am right now
Wasn't holding You up So there's nothing I can do
to let You down It doesn't take a trophy to make You proud
I'll never be more loved than I am right now.
Going through a storm but I won't go down I hear Your voice
Carried in the rhythm of the wind to call me out
You would cross an ocean so I wouldn't drown
You've never been closer than You are right now

**Refrain: You are Jireh, You are enough Jireh, You are enough And I will be content in every circumstance
You are Jireh, You are enough Forever enough Always enough More than enough
Forever enough Always enough More than enough**

I'm already loved I'm already chosen I know who I am I know what You've spoken
I'm already loved More than I could imagine And that is enough, oh-oh That is enough...You are enough...So I am enough.

Refrain.

If He dresses the lilies with beauty and splendor How much more will He clothe you? How much more will He clothe you? If He watched over every sparrow How much more does He love you? How much more does He love you? It's more than you ask, think or imagine According to His power working in us It's more than enough It's more than you ask, think or imagine, oh yeah According to His power working in us It's more than enough (let's go y'all) It's more than you ask, think or imagine (so according) According to His power, it's working in us (how much more does He love you?) It's more than enough.

Refrain

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

ANTHEM RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In the Room

arr. M. Brown

There are moments nothin' can replace, when Heaven and Earth meet face to face, when a broken heart begins to change, a word takes on flesh and a soul finds faith, where the unfulfilled are satisfied and the unknown scars are reconciled, there's an open door to brand new life up close in the presence of the Savior.

(Refrain) And I just wanna be in the room, wanna be in the room when You move, and I'm not leavin', not leavin' 'til You do. I just wanna be in the room, wanna be in the room when You move, and I'm not leavin', not leavin' 'til You do.

I wanna see the blind receive their sight; hear the praise of the voiceless start to rise. Every child of God baptized with fire, yeah, right here in the presence of the Healer.

Refrain.

Tear off the roof, lower me down, whatever it takes to get me to You. Roll ev'ry stone, push through the crowd, God, I wanna see You break through.

Refrain.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Alleluia

MaMuse

featuring Taylor & Lee

Every time I feel this way, this old familiar sinking, I will lay my troubles down by the water where the river will never run dry.

Hallelujah, I'm gonna let myself be lifted! By and by, I will lay my troubles down by the water, where the river will never run dry. It's been said and I do believe: as you ask, so shall you receive, so take from me these troubles, bring me sweet release, where the river will never run dry.

Hallelujah, I'm gonna let myself be lifted! By and by, I will lay my troubles down by the water, where the river will never run dry. There is a river in this heart of hearts, with a knowingness of my highest good. I am willing. I will do my part, where the river will never run dry.

Hallelujah, I'm gonna let myself be lifted! By and by, I will lay my troubles down by the water, where the river will never run dry. This river will never run dry.



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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

The psalmist says, "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

We serve a God who shows us the way to live. If you have been led to respond to God's calling in your life, we will promise to walk with you on this journey.

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 Jim Oetinger, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Pat Laborie,
in celebration of Phil's birthday.*

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY

Irregular

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
 be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995

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TAKE ME AS I AM

7.7.7.4

705

You Are Holy

Prince of Peace

Part 1 G

You are ho - ly; you are

Part 2

You are ho - ly;

C2 Am

might - y; you are wor - thy,

you are might - y; you are

D

wor - thy of praise. I will

wor - thy, wor - thy of praise.

G C2

fol - low; I will lis - ten;

I will fol - low; I will

Am D G

I will love you all of my

lis - ten; I will love you

Songs of personal devotion to Christ have long formed part of congregational song, a tradition continued in this contemporary praise and worship song. The two parts suggest the voices of heart and mind, the latter being distinguished by familiarity with many scriptural images.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment in the key of G major (one sharp). The tempo is marked with a '7' (seventh note). The score consists of six systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano staff. Chords are indicated above the vocal staff: D, G, C2, Dsus, Em7, G/B, and C2. The lyrics are as follows:

days. I will sing to and
all of my days. You are Lord of lords; you are
wor - ship the King who is
King of kings; you are might - y God, Lord of
wor - thy. I will love and a -
ev - ery - thing. You're Em - man - u - el; you're the
dore him; I will bow down be -
great I AM; you're the Prince of Peace, who
fore him. I will sing to and
is the Lamb. You're the liv - ing God; you're my

continued

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP



musical score for "Dedication and Stewardship" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of six systems of two staves each. Chords are indicated above the first staff of each system: Dsus, Em7, G/B, C2, Dsus, Em7, Asus, A, C2, D, and G. The lyrics are: "worship the King who is saving grace; you will reign forever; you are worthy. I will love and a - An - cient of Days. You are Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - dore him; I will bow down be - gin - ning and End. You're my Sav - ior, Mes - si - ah, Re - fore him. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will deem - er, and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you. live my life for you."

We Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

Wallingford Presbyterian Church

ChristMarket 2024



WPC supports several charitable groups throughout the year, missions near and far, such as **Chester Eastside** ceichester.org, **The America Team for Displaced Eritreans** eritreanrefugees.org, and **New Life Center** newlifecenterfoundation.org.

You may choose specific groups or choose to give a lump sum to be distributed among several groups. We will still have printed cards available should you want to send them to loved ones informing them that you have contributed in their honor as an alternative gift. **NEW!** You can use checks, cash, credit cards, and such apps as Venmo and Apple Pay.

We are sorting other groups as International, National, and Local. We have included website URLs so you can learn more and we will speak about these organizations leading up to Advent so we can be better informed.

INTERNATIONAL:

Malala Fund malala.org

Supporting Girls' Education Worldwide

Heifer International heifer.org

Providing livestock for food and farming

NATIONAL:

4 Paws for Ability 4pawsforability.org

Training service dogs for people with disabilities

Arbor Day Foundation arborday.org

Over 50 years of planting trees to improve the climate.

LOCAL:

Spring Garden Soup Society springgardensoupsociety.org

Supporting ten organizations in Philadelphia that offer food, housing, counseling, and other services.

City Team - Chester cityteam.org

Assistance with homelessness, hunger, poverty, and addiction. Supportive programs for youth who have aged out of foster care.

Crum Creek Watershed Association crcwatersheds.org

Restoring and conserving the natural resources of Chester Creek, Ridley Creek, and Crum Creek.



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

Christmas Poinsettias

A distinctive way to decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season



In honor or memory of a loved one or as a free will gift

6-inch pots with 6-9 blooms

Color options – red or white

Cost – \$9 per pot

**Place this form in the offering plate, return to the office
or order through Planning Center**

Order Deadline – Monday, December 9

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Red Poinsettias _____ x \$9 # White Poinsettias _____ x \$9

Free Will Gift _____ Total \$ _____

Dedication: In Honor/In Memory of (circle one) _____

Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line – Christmas Poinsettias

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)

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)



ANNUAL GIVING Through the eighth week, we have received 74 pledges totaling \$350,919. 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.

CONTROLLING THE END OF LIFE Join Congregational Wellness Nurse Cyndi Lacroix, RN, **11:30am today, 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.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UP Kids – wear costumes/perform/sing songs to tell the story of Jesus' birth. Practices are 11:15am, Sundays November 24 and December 1, 8 and 15; the pageant will be presented as part of the Sunday, December 22 service. Use the QR code to register – **deadline is Friday, November 22**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 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 Pastor Francois is still here), the congregation needs to approve use of that model.

CHRISTMARKET ChristMarket offers meaningful alternatives to traditional gifts that raise awareness of the needs of others and funds to support those needs. Choose among local, national and international organizations or give a lump sum to be distributed among all the groups. Mission and Service will match all gifts to a total of \$5,000. Shop in person after worship or by mail. Opens **Sunday, November 24 – continues Sundays through December 22**.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS Giving gift cards this holiday season? Purchase them through the Co-op Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser. Use the QR code for details.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, November 24**, for breakfast, a discussion about the week's video and games. Open to students grades 6-12.

CHANGING THE LIVES OF YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN CHESTER Cory Long, Executive Director of Making a Change Group, will present a look into his 20-year journey of impacting individuals through mentoring, reducing incidents of gun violence with interventions and breaking generational cycles of poverty through family-based programs, **Sunday, November 24. Lunch begins at 11:30am; the presentation, 12:15pm.**

YOUTH GROUP ARCADE NIGHT Tweens and teens – meet at Putt Putt Family Fun Center (5300 W Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights), **4:30pm, Sunday, November 24**, for arcade games, mini golf and pizza. Open to grades 6-12.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE An all-family kick-off to the season with crafts, carols and a cup of (age-appropriate) cheer, **4:30-6pm, Sunday, December 1.**

- Kids – make Advent/Christmas decorations, listen to a holiday story and munch on snacks.
- Adults – chat with friends while enjoying a glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage and tasty bites; sports fans can watch the Eagles/Ravens game on the big screen TV.
- Everyone – end the evening with crowd caroling.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE APPS Have a family favorite appetizer, snack or beverage of choice you'd like to share? Bring it for the nosh table.

FALL CLEAN-UP Help tidy up our grounds **9am, Saturday, December 7.** The main task will be raking leaves and we welcome all hands. Please bring your own tools.

WOW CHRISTMAS FEAST Eat, Drink and Be Merry! Please plan to come join the annual WOW Christmas feast on **Wednesday, December 11 starting at 6pm** in the Reception Room. We will have a main dish and everyone will bring a dish to pass or dessert. After our time together breaking bread, we will follow the path to Cyndi's house and enjoy fellowship and a hot cocoa bar and have our Christmas story and carols. The house will be all decked with boughs of holly and sparkle. Please, Come all you faithful and share Cyndi's last Christmas with all the amazing women of Wallingford.

CHRISTMAS CABARET Join Tyler, Nathan, Billy and François for a festive afternoon of song, **3pm, Sunday, December 15.** Dress in merry attire, get in the holiday spirit and listen to the beautiful and diverse musical offerings! Part of Concerts for a Cause, the suggested donation of \$15 will benefit Keep Music Alive, a non-profit that believes every child deserves the opportunity to play music and every adult needs to be reminded it's never too late to start!

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, November 17	Thursday, November 21
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.30am- Abilities Initiative Presentation	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
11.30am- Confirmation Class	Friday, November 22
Monday, November 18	10.00am- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	Saturday, November 23
Tuesday, November 19	11.00am- Ballet Academy
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, November 24
07.30pm- Deacons	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Wednesday, November 20	10.00am- Breakfast Club
09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10.00am- Worship
10.00am- Fellowship of Friends	11.00am- Coffee Hour
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	11.30am- Peacemaking & Social Justice
07.30pm- BookLook	04.30pm- Youth Group: Arcade Night
07.30pm- Valley Voices	

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