



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024  
CHRIST THE KING 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

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

CHURCH OPENER: Tony Tolomeo

USHERS: Mary Rose

Gwyn Vernon

LITURGIST: Chris Darr

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

### **Next Week**

CHURCH OPENER: Bud Fury

LITURGIST: Ver Picher

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

\*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

"The Greek word...*Kurios* can mean the Teacher who has authority over disciples, the Master who has command over servants, or the Lord who has power over all. With Jesus, all three meanings apply." - Joel Beek

"Yield yourself to Christ's claims. Give Him the throne of your heart. Turn over to Him the regulation of your life. Trust in His atoning death. Love Him with all your soul. Obey Him with all your might and He will conduct you to heaven." - A.W. Pink

"Surely none of us can decide to make Him Lord. Jesus is Lord regardless of what you or I decide. The Bible is clear that one day "every knee [will] bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue [will] confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:10). The question is not whether we will make Jesus Lord. The real question is whether you or I will submit to His lordship, and this is the essence of conversion." - David Platt

### WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God established the world from of old.

**God's reign shall never end.**

God delivered us in freedom and truth.

**God's love is everlasting. Let us worship God!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ our King, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore be at peace

**We are forgiven and free - hallelujah!**

#### \*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.***

## 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

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

NRSV NT 113

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

#### ANTHEM

Christ Is the King

D. Busarow

Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice. Let the world know he is your choice. Alleulia! Oh, magnify the Lord and raise anthems of joy and holy praise. For all his saints of ancient days, alleluia! O Christian women, Christian men, all the world over seek again the way his faithful followed then. Let love's all reconciling might your scattered companies unite in service to the Lord of light. Alleulia! So shall the Church at least be one, so shall God's will on earth be done. New lamps be lit, new tasks begun. Alleulia!

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 4:2-11

NRSV NT 247

<sup>2</sup>At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! <sup>3</sup>And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. <sup>4</sup>Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup>and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was

and is and is to come.”<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,<sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

#### SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Come Ye Thankful People Come  
Lisé Meloy and Lisa Tolomeo-Higgins

arr. R. Lombardo

#### MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

There’s a Stirring

Caedmon’s Call



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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, you call us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to share in your everlasting kingdom. Bless these gifts that we offer that we may extend your blessing to others, in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

#### SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN #273

He Is King of Kings

HE IS KING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MOTION

**We, the congregation of Wallingford Presbyterian Church, approve the use of the Transitional Co-Pastor Model for our next senior pastor.**

\*PEACE

*Thank you to Chris Darr, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.  
This week’s flowers were given to the Glory of God by Archie Paul.*

## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

# CHRIST IS THE KING

G. K. A. Bell\*

Charles Anders  
Setting by Donald Busarow

Congregation:



1. Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; Broth - ers and sis - ters,



with\_ one voice Let the - world know he is your choice.



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

Choir:

2. Oh, magnify the Lord, and raise  
Anthems of joy and holy praise  
For all the saints of ancient days  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O Christian women, Christian men,  
All the world over, seek again  
The way his faithful followed then.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. Let love's all-reconciling might  
Your scattered companies unite  
In service to the Lord of light  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Congregation:



5. So shall the church at last be\_ one; So shall God's will on



earth\_ be done, New lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Free Will Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: In Honor/In Memory of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line – Christmas Poinsettias

## 273

## He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and  
2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and  
3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;  
broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is  
by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

# Wallingford Presbyterian Church

## ChristMarket 2024



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

Supporting Girls' Education Worldwide

**Heifer International** [heifer.org](https://heifer.org)

Providing livestock for food and farming

## **NATIONAL:**

**4 Paws for Ability** [4pawsforability.org](https://4pawsforability.org)

Training service dogs for people with disabilities

**Arbor Day Foundation** [arborday.org](https://arborday.org)

Over 50 years of planting trees to improve the climate.

## **LOCAL:**

**Spring Garden Soup Society** [springgardensoupsociety.org](https://springgardensoupsociety.org)

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

**City Team - Chester** [cityteam.org](https://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](https://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

**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 by **November 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 ninth week, we have received 77 pledges totaling \$355,394. 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.

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** We will have a special congregational meeting **today, Sunday November 24** at the conclusion of the service concerning the process to find a new senior pastor for WPC upon Pastor François' retirement next fall. In order for WPC to use the "Transitional Co-Pastor Model" (which involves searching for a pastor while Pastor François is still here and which ideally includes a brief overlap of the retiring and incoming senior pastors), the congregation needs to approve use of that model. The motion is: **We, the congregation of Wallingford Presbyterian Church, approve the use of the Transitional Co-Pastor Model for our next senior pastor.**

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE** Kids – get parts and costumes/read through the script/rehearse the songs, **11:15am, today, Sunday November 24**. Meet in the Music room.

**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 **today, November 24 – continues Sundays through December 22**.

**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, **today, 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, today, Sunday November 24**, for arcade games, mini golf and pizza. Open to grades 6-12.



**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The church office will be closed **Wednesday, November 27, Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.**

**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!

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT** If you were unable to attend the presentation, physical copies of the handouts from Cyndi's presentation **Controlling the End of Life** are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>
09.30am- Chancel Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
10.00am- Breakfast Club	10.00am- Fellowship of Friends
10.00am- Worship	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
11.00am- Coffee Hour	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
11.00am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	<b>Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving</b>
11.30am- Peacemaking & Social Justice	<b>Friday, November 29</b>
04.30pm- Youth Group: Arcade Night	<b>Saturday, November 30</b>
<b>Monday, November 25</b>	<b>Sunday, December 01</b>
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Mission Study Team	10.00am- Worship
<b>Tuesday, November 26</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
04.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
07.30pm- Deacons	04.30pm- Advent Open House

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