



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 11TH, 2025
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

CHURCH OPENER: Bud Fury

LITURGIST: Don Killian

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Dave Rudd

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

*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

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Revelations 7:9-12

NRSV NT 249

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMNS #614

Great Are You, Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

HYMN #616

Our God Is an Awesome God

AWESOME GOD

HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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 (12 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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Thrupp and Roberts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Psalm 23

NRSV OT 501

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. S. Aniol

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay. One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. Oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home. My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

NRSV NT 128

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture teaches that the risen Christ breathed on his disciples and said to them; Receive the Holy Spirit. As Christ shared peace with them, he sent them out to share the good news so that others might have life.

We come to this sanctuary and are part of this community of faith to be nourished by the word of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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

OFFERING

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. T.C. McKibben



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

*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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world. ...**

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

***CLOSING HYMN #250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

***CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lin Axiomethy Floyd,
For all who mother, especially Betty Elsaesser Axiomethy, Elizabeth Gimmel Elsaesser,
Rose Vagdacs Axiomethy, Mary Schuster Floyd, Catram Schuster, and Mabel Mellor Floyd.*

Great Are You, Lord

614

Great Is the Lord

C Dm G C F G

Great are you, Lord: you are ho-ly and just; by your pow-er we trust in your

F C C Dm G C

love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your

F G F C B \flat

mer-cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and

F C B \flat G C

wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.

B \flat D G E Am

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

Dm G Am Am/G Dm G C

great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Although it is not a direct paraphrase of any particular psalm, this text echoes "great is the Lord and greatly to be praised," found in three of them (Psalms 48:1; 96:4; 145:3). Such songs of adoration lift up the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. "Awesome" here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of "awe-inspiring" and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

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MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988

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AWESOME GOD

Irregular

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

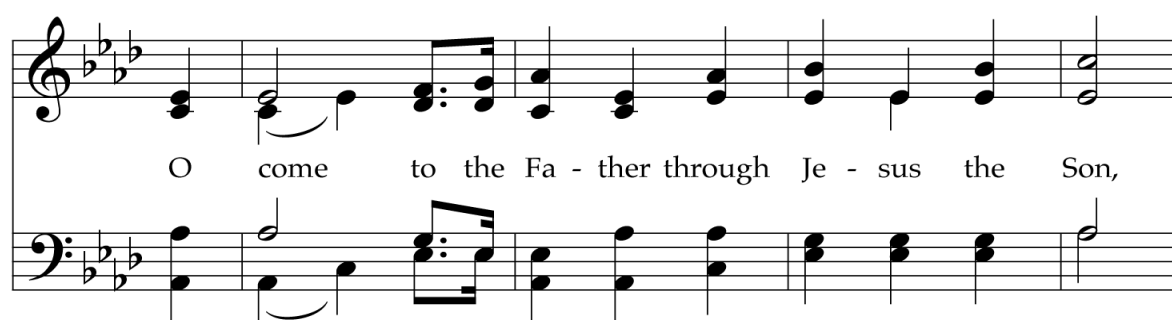
This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

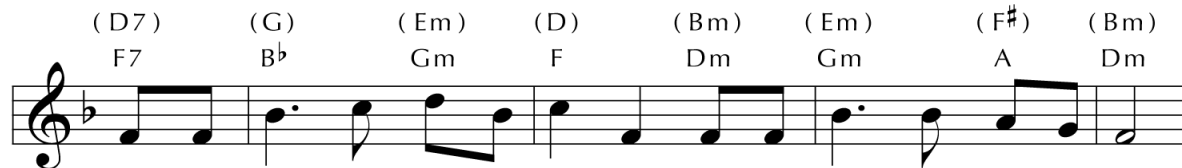
Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

Revelations 7:9-12

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

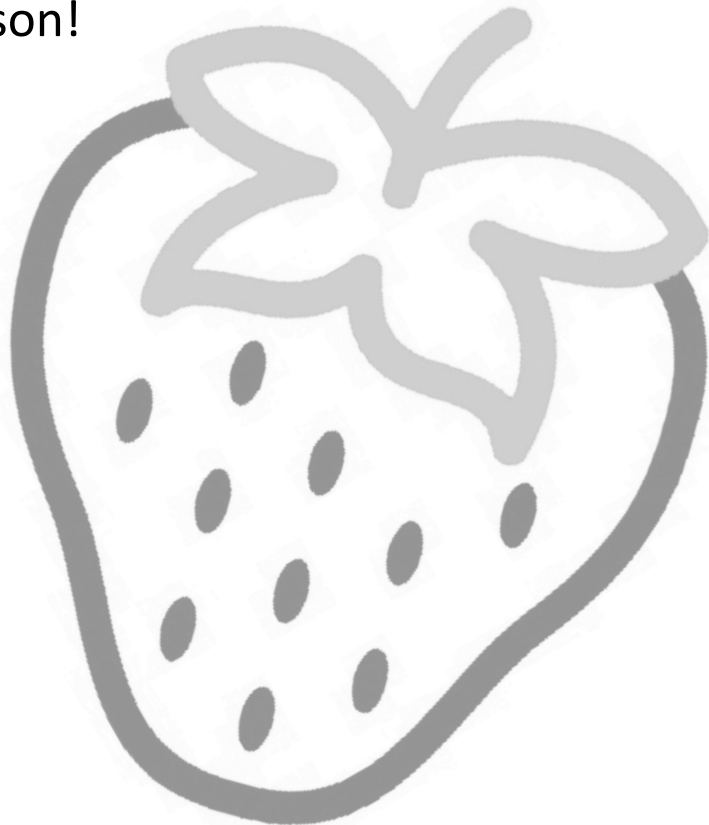
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 5-8PM

YOU MAKE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESS!

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO ...

- bake a cake
- slice strawberries
- set up or clean up
- set up attic treasures or book nook
- sell tickets
- sell attic treasures or books
- serve desserts

Call or email the church office if you want to volunteer but can't make it to sign up in person!



ATTIC TREASURES DROP OFF IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY MAY 25TH THROUGH SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

household items, collectables, knickknacks, kids items

(no glassware, mugs, sets of China or picture frames, and nothing larger than what one person could reasonably carry)

BOOK NOOK DROP OFF IN THE CHOIR ROOM

SUNDAY MAY 25TH THROUGH SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

Kids books, fiction and non, cookbooks

(no encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or CDs)

PLANTS LEAVE IN THE COURTYARD

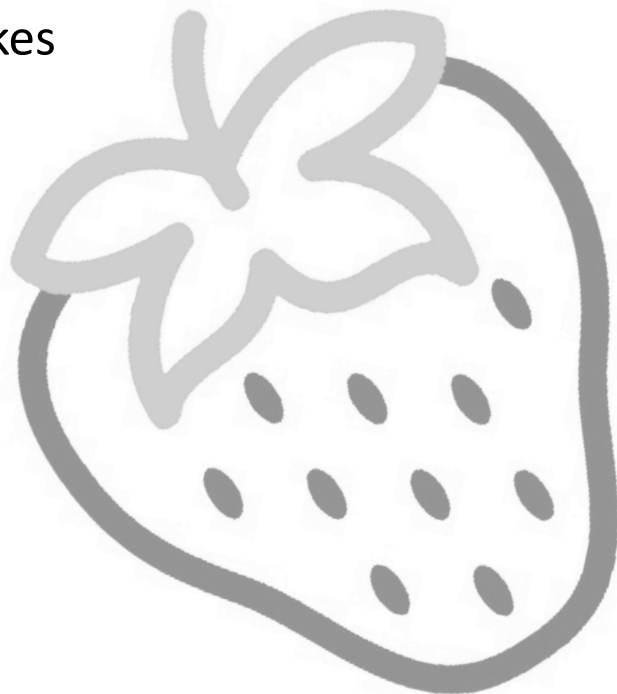
SUNDAY JUNE 1ST AND MONDAY JUNE 2ND

Perennials, vegetables, herbs, (mark with name of plant and sun/shade) garden tools, pots

CAKES LEAVE IN KITCHEN

SUNDAY JUNE 1ST AND MONDAY JUNE 2ND

Homemade/purchased/cupcakes



CALLING ALL GRADS If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. **Deadline – Monday, May 12.**

PRIME TIME Lenny Davidson, former owner of the Neon Museum in Philadelphia, will talk about old store signs in Philadelphia, focusing heavily on neon signs, **Tuesday, May 13. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

W.O.W. Spring Dinner Enjoy our potluck appetizer, salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6pm, Wednesday, May 14.** Bring a dish to share and a chair. All women in the congregation are invited.



SCOUTING AMERICA TROOP 2019 PLANT SALE Order collections, perennials, seeds and mats and more. Proceeds will help fund summer camp at Resica Falls and other troop adventures. Use the QR code to order. **Deadline – Thursday, May 15.**

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS – ANTISEMITISM IN DELCO Delve into the origins and history of antisemitism, how the tropes have evolved online and in our communities and how we can combat them, **7-9pm, Thursday, May 15.** Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Delaware County Kehillah, Jewish Community Relations Council, Delaware County District Attorney's Office, FUSE and SAMi. Held at Twentieth Century Club (84 S. Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne).

KIDS SING Kids – meet in the choir room to practice the Thank You song for Teacher Appreciation Day, **9am, Sunday, May 18,** Day, then sing it during the 10am service. All children and youth are invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Please note **Sunday, May 18** is our last day of Sunday School for the season. Childcare for youngsters 12 months – pre-K will be offered 10am, Sunday, May 25, in the lower-level Sunday School room. Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, June 1.



WPC SENIOR PROM Enjoy a night of music, dancing and finger food at Starlight Serenade, WPC's first Senior Prom, **7:30pm, Wednesday, May 21.** Festivities will include a photo booth, refreshments and raffle. Guests 18+ are invited (beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served). Dress code is formal, so feel free to don your favorite evening attire.

Use the QR code to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

BOOKLOOK Discuss “Nudge” by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein, a New York Times bestseller about how we make [everyday] choices and how we can make better ones, using dozens of eye-opening examples and drawing on decades of behavioral science research.” (Amazon), **7:30pm, Wednesday, May 28**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.

SPRING CLEANUP Lend a hand to help tidy up the beds and spread mulch, **9am to noon, Saturday, May 31**. Bring your own rakes and gloves, light refreshments included.

ABILITIES INITIATIVE CHILDREN’S SERIES After Time with Young Disciples, (**Sundays, June 8, June 22, July 13 and July 27**), kids in grades K-5 are invited to the Reception Room to explore differences related to vision, hearing, speech and physical abilities through books, discussions and other fun activities. The purpose is to educate our children on sharing basic knowledge and compassion regarding individual diversity. We can't wait to see you there.

VBC Kids – spend a week at Camp Firelight with stories, crafts and songs based on the Bible verse “Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in You.” (Psalm 56:3), **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**. End the week with a hot dog dinner and closing program. Open to kids ages 4-11 (grouped by age for stories/crafts).

COVID-19 TESTS COVID-19 tests are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for your use.

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

-Cereal (kids' favorites)

-Soups:

Condensed (any kind);

Chunky -

Beef (any combo with potatoes and veggies),

Chicken (any with noodles),

Sausage (any type);

Chowder (New England, corn)

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

-Condiments (ketchup, mayo, BBQ sauce)

-Salad dressing (all varieties)

-Household cleaning products (bathroom wet wipes, laundry detergent, dish soap)

-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, May 11	Thursday, May 15
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, May 12	07.30pm- BSA 227/2019
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	Friday, May 16
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Saturday, May 17
07.30pm- Session	11.15am- Ballet Academy
Tuesday, May 13	Sunday, May 18 - Confirmation Sunday/ Teacher Appreciation Sunday
12.00pm- Prime Time	09.00am- Presentation of Confirmands
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	09.00am- Chapel Choir
Wednesday, May 14	09.30am- Chancel Choir
01.30pm- Stephen Ministry	10.00am- Worship
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	11.00am- Coffee Hour
06.00pm- WOW	11.00am- Wallingford Winds

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