

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 18TH, 2025
5TH 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: Dave Rudd

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

USHERS: Nancy Oettinger
Jim Oettinger

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Tony Tolomeo

LITURGIST: Joanne Callahan

USHERS: Carol Freidinger
Mary Rose

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"You would not have called to me unless I had been calling to you," said the Lion. – The Silver Chair, by C.S. Lewis

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit – fruit that will last– and so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give it to you.

– John 15:16

He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. – 2 Timothy 1:9

By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. — Ephesians 2:8

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here not because we philosophically seek after the divine...

But because Christ sought us out and brought us from darkness into light!

We come to worship not because we are perfect, godly folk...

But because we are broken sinners who can't help but smile because we are loved!

We arrive at faith and follow His calling not by our own human striving...

But because the Shepherd has led us by his own hand! Thank you God! Hallelujah, Amen!

*OPENING HYMN

He Leadeth Me (verses 1, 2 and 4)

AUGHTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we are sorry for all the times we hurt other's feelings this week, or the times where we did what was wrong, even though we knew better. Forgive us God, for the times we passed by someone who needed help, or held onto anger when we should have forgiven. We are sorry Lord, and we ask that you would help us to do better this week. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved children of God, Jesus died to save you from your sins. His perfect love has made us new creations in Him! **We are forgiven, loved, and free! Hallelujah, Amen!**

*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 AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

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.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Praise God, Praise God

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

NRSV OT 635

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. G. Walker

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation, I hear the real though distant song that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth it's living! What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it's giving! No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing. When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging. When friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?

HOMILY

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmands: Thomas Hansen, Ellis Warley, Lena Anderson

Mentors: Tom Erickson, Charles & Sharon Babcock, Carol Friedinger

WORDS ON CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS AND CONFIRMATION VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

May the Lord bless you and keep you. Remember you are God's beloved.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you.

May the Lord give you comfort and peace. Remember you are Christ's own.

May the Lord challenge and convict you, guard and guide you through the Power of the Holy Spirit. Go with God! Amen!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
(verses 1 and 3)

HERE I AM

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

P. Scholtes



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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 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

*CLOSING HYMN #749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*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 Mary Rose,
in loving memory of Ken, Anthony and Debbie.*

He Leadeth Me

D G

1 He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O
 2 Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when,

D D/A A D

words with heav - enly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
 times where E - den's flow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er
 by thy grace, the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

G D Bm A⁷ D

e're I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862
 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1864



LM with refrain
 AUGHTON
www.hymnary.org/text/he_leadeth_me_o_blessed_thought

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Refrain

A D G D Bm D/A A

He lead- eth me, he lead- eth me; by his own hand he lead- eth me:

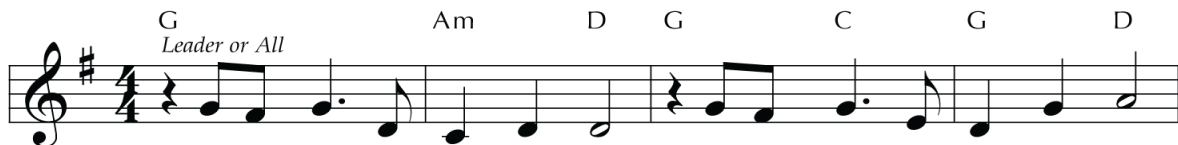
D A D G D Bm A⁷ D

his faith-ful fol-lower I would be, for by his hand he lead- eth me.

69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

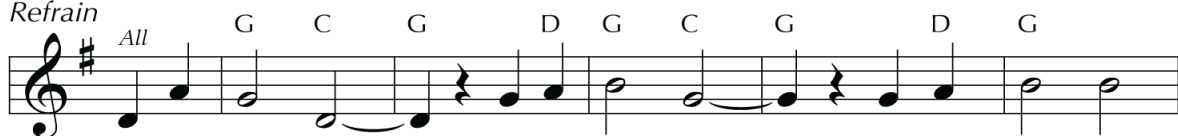


made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ²Seraphim were standing above Him, each having six wings: with two covering their faces, and with two covering their feet, and with two, they flew. ³And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies. The whole earth is full of His glory." ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. ⁵Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of armies." ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your guilt is taken away and atonement is made for your sin." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Congrats to our WPC Grads!

Samantha Benham - daughter of Corie Benham
Juniata College with a degree in Biology

Isaac Dunbar - son of Deb Dunbar
Cornell University with a Masters in Systems Engineering

Penney Hardesty - granddaughter of Sally Clyde
Towson High School in Baltimore. Attending Kean University

Max Kenworthy - grandson of Judy and Bob Kenworthy
Roosevelt High School in Kent, Ohio. Attending Ohio University

Tommy Kenworthy - grandson of Judy and Bob Kenworthy
Roosevelt High School in Kent, Ohio. Attending Ohio State

Kelly Montague — daughter of Kevin and Jenny Montague
Strath Haven High School. Attending Purdue University

Miriam Rose - granddaughter of Mary Rose
University of Vermont with a degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Biology

Cate Whitehead — daughter of Chris and Kelly Whitehead
Strath Haven High School. Attending The College of William and Mary

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

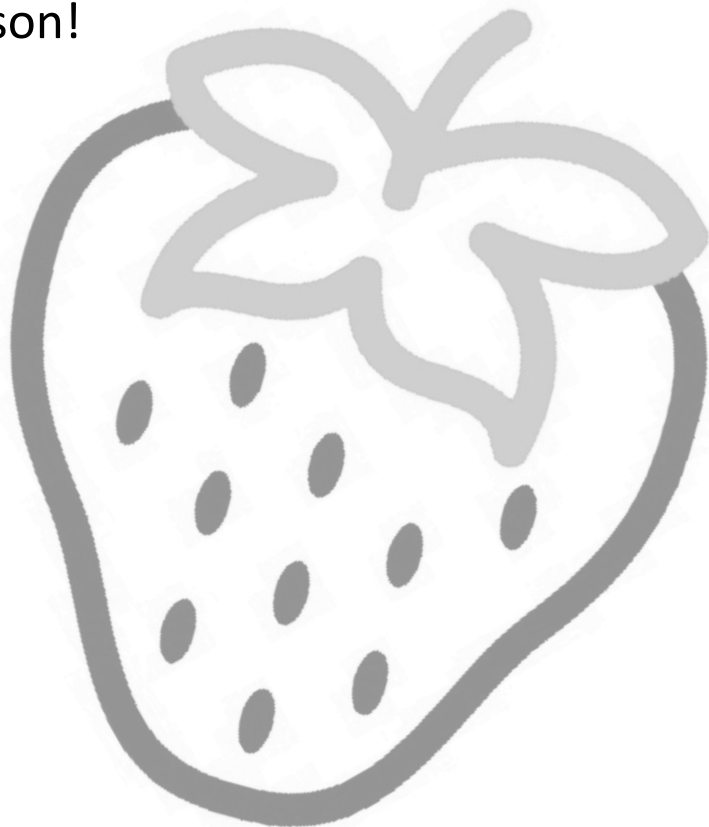
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 5-8PM

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

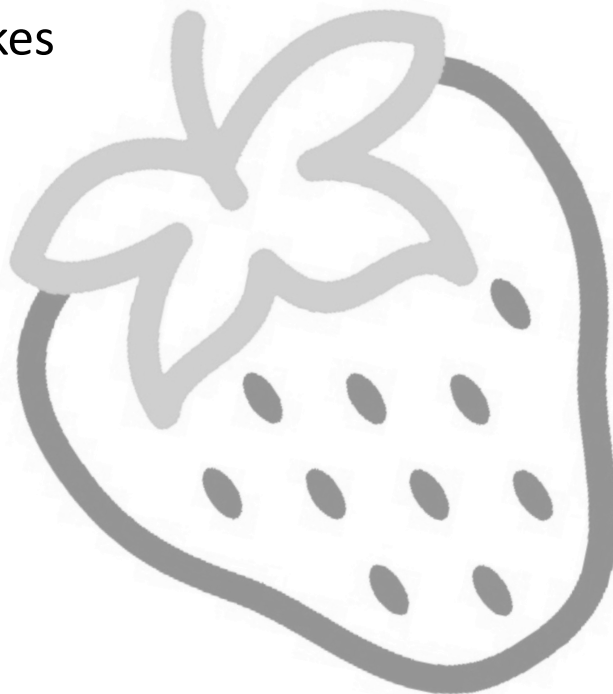
SUNDAY JUNE 1ST AND MONDAY JUNE 2ND

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





CONTAINER WATERING Pick a week from mid-May to mid-September – it just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Please also deadhead the plants (pinch off the wilted blossoms) – it will encourage more blooms. Use the QR code to register.



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.

CHILD CARE/SUNDAY SCHOOL Please note there will be no Sunday School for grades K-5 on **Sunday, May 25** (Memorial Day weekend). Children ages 12 months – pre-K are invited to the lower-level Sunday School room. Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, June 1.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TICKET PRE-SALE Beat the rush – buy your Strawberry Festival tickets during Coffee Hour, **Sundays, May 25 and June 1**. Cash, credit/debit card, Venmo, PayPal, Apple Pay, and Google Pay accepted.

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.



MEDIA CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERTS The singers and musicians will present “Concert Mass,” by Joseph Fitzmartin and other choral selections, **7:30pm, Friday, May 30** (Middletown Pres) and **4pm, Saturday, May 31** (PAC Center).

Use the QR code for tickets.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Beginning **Sunday, June 1**, grades K-5 are invited to the Reception Room following a Time with Young Disciples to watch “Friends and Heroes.” Children 12 months – pre-K are invited to the lower-level Nursery room. Continues through Sunday, Aug. 31.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS We have so many new families at WPC - we need YOU to help make Summer Sunday School possible for them.



Teachers for the K-5 class play the DVD lesson and interact with the kids.

<- Use the QR code to register.

Nursery Room helpers (12 month – pre-K) supervise and play with the children.

Use the QR code to register. ->



Runs Sundays, June 1 – August 31.

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 Camp Firelight is a week of fun, faith-filled programming through storytelling, games, crafts and fellowship. Held **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**, it will include an end-of-week celebration and the mission will be the Red Wagon. Open to kids ages 4-11. Watch for registration info.

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 18 - Confirmation Sunday/ Sunday School Teacher Appreciation	Wednesday, May 21 (cont.)
09.00am- Presentation of Confirmands	07.00pm- Senior Prom
09.00am- Chapel Choir	Thursday, May 22
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Wallingford Winds	07.30pm- BSA 227/2019
Monday, May 19	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	Friday, May 23
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, May 24
Tuesday, May 20	11.15am- Ballet Academy
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	Sunday, May 25
07.30pm- Deacons	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Wednesday, May 21	10.00am- Worship
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Coffee Hour
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	11.30pm- History Class

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