

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 25TH, 2025
6TH 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: Tony Tolomeo

LITURGIST: Joanne Callahan

USHERS: Carol Freidinger
Mary Rose

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Bud Fury

LITURGIST: Cyndi Lacroix

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. - Song of Songs 8:6

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You, O Lord, are a shield around me,

The one who lifts up my head.

I cry aloud to the Lord,

And the Lord answers me from his holy hill.

I lay down and sleep. I wake again, for the Lord sustains me

I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me.

Deliverance belongs to the Lord;

May your blessing be on your people!

*OPENING HYMN #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we know your commandment: to love one another as you have loved us. But we confess that we fail more often than we want to admit. We let fear and hatred color our perceptions of our neighbors. We speak out of anger instead of compassion. We turn away from our brothers and sisters in need. O God, give us the strength to seek forgiveness not just from you, but from those around us whom we might have harmed. Lead us to do better in the future, so that we might be beacons of your love in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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. There is no Sunday school today, so the children are invited to stay with us in worship.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Open My Eyes That I May See

B. Burroughs

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

NRSV NT 241

ANTHEM

I Need You To Survive

D. Frazier

I need you, you need me. We're all a part of God's body. Stand with me; agree with me. We're all a part of God's body. It is his will that ev'ry need be supplied. You are important to me, I need you to survive. I pray for you; you pray for me. I love you, I need you to survive. I won't harm you with words from my mouth. I love you. I need you to survive.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:6-18

NRSV OT 241

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me



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 DEDICATION

God, we give thanks for your presence in our lives, and the gift of love that is stronger than death. Bless these offerings, they may be used to advance your kingdom and glorify your name. Amen!

PRAYER 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

*CLOSING HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

*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 Allie and Jeremy Guinn,
in celebration of Beckett's 5th Birthday!*

Ruth 1:6-18

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" ¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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)

JEWELRY DROP OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SUNDAY MAY 25TH THROUGH SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

Jewelry will be sold this year in the Choir Room with the books.

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 tapes 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

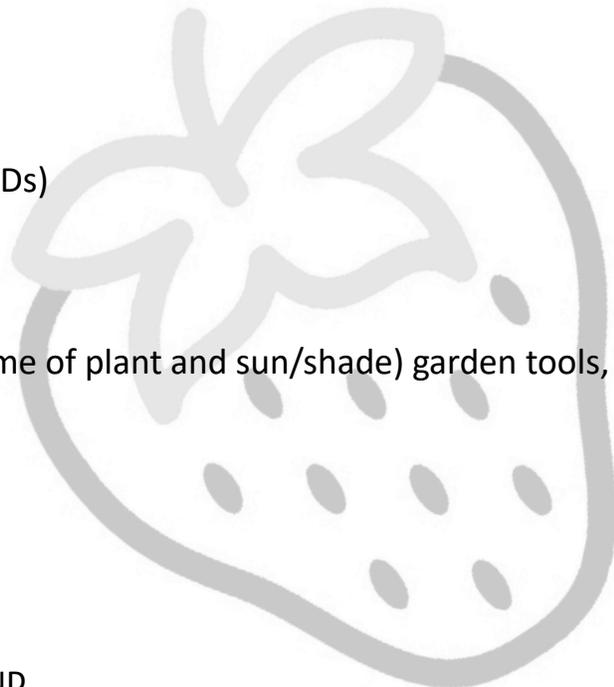
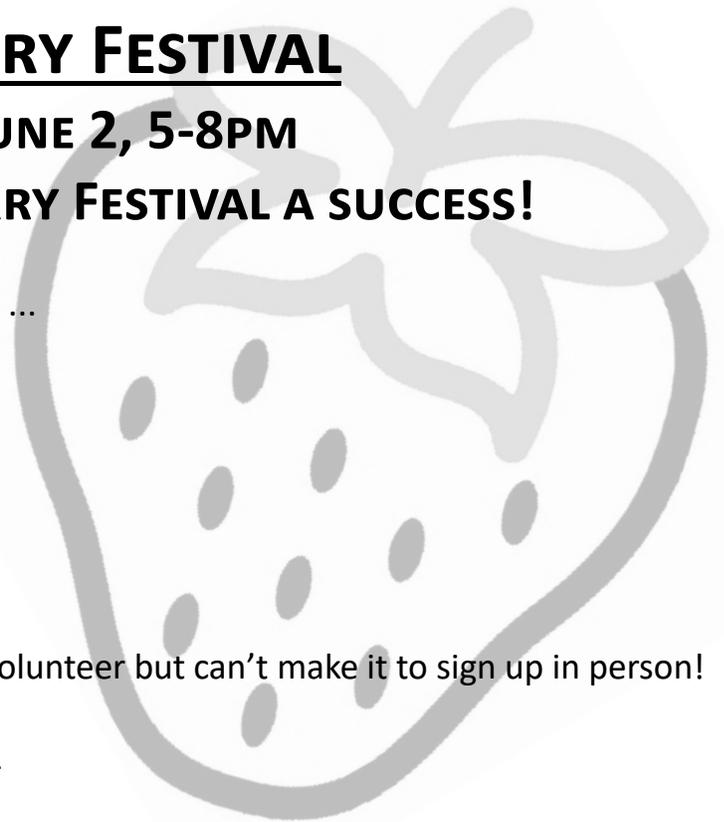
SUNDAY JUNE 1ST AND MONDAY JUNE 2ND

Homemade/purchased/cupcakes

DONATE SUPPLIES LEAVE IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY MAY 25TH THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 2ND

Extension cords/power strips/card tales/re-freezable ice packs





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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed **Monday, May 26** in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

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.

ABILITIES INITIATIVE FOR KIDS Start the series, **10am, Sunday, June 8**, by exploring differences related to vision with “The Black Book of Colours” by Menena Cottin, discussions and other fun activities. Led by Michelle George.

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.

RESISTANCE TO TYRANTS Who claims to have coined the phrase, "Resistance to Tyrants is Obedience to God"

- (A) Thomas Jefferson
- (B) Benjamin Franklin
- (C) John Knox
- (D) John Calvin
- (E) All of the above

Why do some refer to the American Revolution as The Presbyterian Revolt? Can The Scots Confession (in our Book of Confession) ratified in 1560 help answer these questions?

Join our nerdy reformation pastor, Pastor François, for answers, **11:30am, Sunday, June 8.**



EARLY VBC REGISTRATION WPC members and friends – register your children now for a great week at VBC: fun, faith-filled programming, storytelling, games, crafts, fellowship, end-of-week celebration, mission – Red Wagon. VBC, held **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**, is open to kids ages 4-11 (grouped by age for stories/crafts). Cost – \$20 per student/\$25 per family. Use the QR to register – early registration is available through Tuesday, June 3.

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 25	Thursday, May 29
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- BSA 227/2019
11.30pm- History Class	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day	08.00pm- Musician End of Year Party
Tuesday, May 27	Friday, May 30
07.00pm- Trustees	Saturday, May 31
Wednesday, May 28	Sunday, June 1 - Music Appreciation Sunday
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	09.00am- Bell Choir
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	09.20am- Wallingford Winds
07.30pm- BookLook	09.40am- Chancel Choir
	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.00am- Kids Café

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