



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 15TH, 2025
TRINITY SUNDAY | FATHER'S DAY
WORLD REFUGEE DAY

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

CHURCH OFFICE

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Mary Rose

Polly Sacco Ezzell

LITURGIST: Lindsay Gursky

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

Next Week

USHERS: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Ellis and Heather Warley

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

*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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,

Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting in the human race.

In the beginning was the Word, with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Blessed are you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We confess that we cling to narratives of artificial scarcity. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. You call us to open our hearts to the world in all its complexity, yet we refuse to see nuance, preferring black and white categories and simple explanations. We close doors, hearts, and churches to those whom we judge as too difficult and strange. Have mercy on us, O God.

(Silent Confession)

Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel.

That, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.

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.

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. After the lesson, children grades K-5 are invited to Sunday School in the Reception Room, or to stay with us in worship. The Nursery is open downstairs to children between 12 months and pre-K for the duration of worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School or the Nursery, please accompany them so that we may register your child.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Proverbs 8	NRSV OT 590
EPISTLE READING	Romans 5:1-5	NRSV NT 155
GOSPEL READING	John 16:12-15	NRSV NT 110
SERMON		
*HYMN #762	When the Poor Ones	EL CAMINO

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION – World Refugee Day, John Stauffer

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

As followers of Jesus, we have peace with God – not because of anything we have done, but because we have faith in what God has done: saving us from sin and death through Jesus Christ and pouring love into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

If you are seeking peace with God, we invite you to receive the grace of Jesus Christ and the love of the Holy Spirit. Come and see what God has done. Come and learn what God can do in you.

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	Refugee King	Liz Vice
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Away from the manger they ran for their lives, the crying boy Jesus, a son they must hide. A dream came to Joseph, they fled in the night, and they ran and they ran and they ran. No stars in the sky but the Spirit of God, led down into Egypt from Herod to hide. No place for his parents no country or tribe, and they ran and they ran and they ran. Stay near me LORD Jesus when danger is nigh, and keep us from Herods and all of their lies. I love the LORD Jesus, the Refugee King, and we sing and we sing and we sing. Allelujah!



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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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us—the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends, meaningful labor, and the gift of the church. We give you thanks for these and many other gifts. Most especially, we thank you for pouring your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Through these offerings, may your love spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

*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 Kay and Andy Yost,
in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.*

John 16:12-15

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

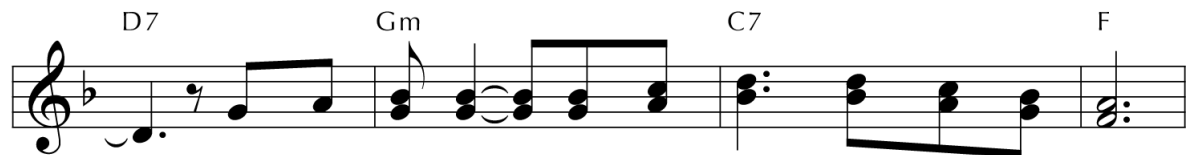
The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

762

When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre

1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,



when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

Refrain / Estribillo

then we know that God still goes that road with us,




then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Drawing on the parable revealing Christ's presence in "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46), the stanzas here give examples (the "when") while the refrain affirms the promise (the "then"). The journey imagery of the refrain may be based on the Emmaus story (Luke 24:13-35).


Heaven Shall Not Wait 773

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb




1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i-de-as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri-um-phant Hal-le-lu-jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb




the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e-lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com-pas-sion di-vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an-oth-er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 Eb Fm7 Bb



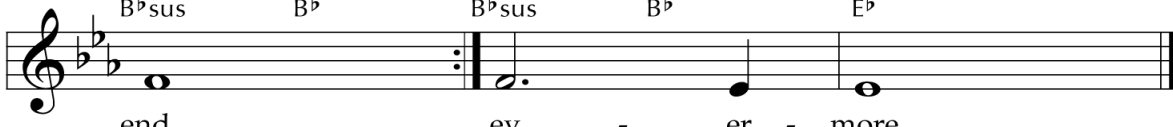
Je-sus is Lord; he has cham-pioned the un-want-ed;
 Je-sus is Lord; he has shown the mas-ter's priv-ilege:
 Je-sus is Lord; he has mar-ried word and ac-tion;
 Je-sus is Lord in our pres-ent im-per-fec-tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm Fm



in him in-jus-tice con-fronts its time-ly
 to kneel and wash ser-vants' feet be-fore they
 his cross and com-pa-ny make his pur-pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4
 (Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)
 Bbsus Bb Bbsus Bb Eb



end.
 feast.
 plain.

ev - er - more.

This stirring, prophetic hymn is organized around two recurring four-syllable phrases, the first of which introduces an idealized scenario of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer would call "cheap grace," while the second announces the "costly grace" of God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 8

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ⁵O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. ⁶Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; ⁷for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. ⁸All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. ⁹They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge. ¹⁰Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; ¹¹for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. ¹²I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. ¹³The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. ¹⁴I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight, I have strength. ¹⁵By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; ¹⁶by me rulers rule, and nobles, all who govern rightly. ¹⁷I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. ¹⁸Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and prosperity. ¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. ²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, ²¹endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasuries. ²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. ³²"And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. ³³Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. ³⁴Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. ³⁵For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; ³⁶but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death."

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

WORLD REFUGEE OFFERING Millions of people from many nations have fled to other countries because of conditions that make their lives unbearable or acutely unsafe, such as civil war, famine, religious discrimination, natural disaster, acute oppression and domestic violence.



The international refugees often are destitute and in dire need of food, shelter, protection and medical care. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is the primary source of support and protection in many countries.

Funding for UNHCR is desperately needed as the refugee population is growing and contributions are lagging. In conjunction with World Refugee Day (June 20), WPC will be taking a special offering, **today, Sunday, June 15**, to be provided to UNHCR. Donations may be placed in the offering plate using the blue envelope or use the QR code.

A PERSONAL CONNECTION Jean Stromberg's son, Paul Olaf Stromberg joined UNHCR in 1994 and is currently the Deputy Director of the Europe region based in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to taking up his current post he was Deputy Director of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, based in Amman, Jordan. He lead the organization's Head of the Donor Relations and Resource Mobilization (DRRM) service (2017-2022) and was assigned as UNHCR's Deputy Representative in Jordan (2013-2017) and Syria (2010-2012). He was Chief of UNHCR's Field Safety Section (2008-2010) and served as Special Assistant to High Commissioners Ruud Lubbers and Antonio Guterres (2004-2008). Mr. Stromberg has held various positions in Afghanistan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya and Rwanda, as well as being deployed on numerous emergency missions. Paul is a graduate of Wheaton College and the University of Chicago.

ABILITIES INITIATIVE FOR KIDS After Time with Young Disciples, continue the series by exploring differences related to hearing with the book "Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion" by Shannon Stocker, discussions and other fun activities, **10am, Sunday, June 22**. Led by Caroline Bellum.



SEARCHING FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS Watch a short documentary on the historical evidence surrounding Christ, then discuss it, **11:30am, Sunday, June 22**. Led by Pastor Taylor. Use the QR code to watch the trailer preview.

SUMMER CHOIR Meet in the choir room, **9:30am, Sunday, June 29**, to rehearse an easy anthem, then perform it for worship. Adults and youth (high school aged +) – all are welcome! Sings again Sunday, July 27 and August 31.

22 PARK AVENUE Plan to attend the Rose Tree Park Summer Musical Festival featuring 22 Park Avenue (and our own Earl Varney on trombone), **7:30pm, Sunday, June 29**.

BOOKLOOK Discuss "The Marriage Portrait" by Maggie O'Farrell, **7:30pm, Wednesday, July 16**. "A New York Times best seller, the author brings the world of Renaissance Italy to jewel-bright life in this unforgettable fictional portrait of the captivating young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici as she makes her way in a troubled court." (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$6.50

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.



VBC REGISTRATION Register your children 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.

VBC SHEPHERDS Tweens and teens – volunteer with VBC, **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**. Escort the classes from station to station, help with crafts and games. . . Contact Pastor Taylor to volunteer.

ABILITIES INITIATIVE CHILDREN'S SERIES After Time with Young Disciples, (**Sundays, 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.



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.

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

-Cereal/oatmeal/Cream of Wheat, -Peanut butter/jelly, , -Canned fruit (all varieties), -Canned soup (all varieties), -Canned chicken, -Canned fish (tuna, salmon, mackerel), -Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn, green beans), -White rice, -Lipton noodles/rice (all varieties), -Ramen noodles (family packs of six), -Stuffing/mac & cheese, -Dry pasta/pasta sauce (all varieties), -Salad dressing (all varieties), -Packaged cookies/snacks

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL THANK YOU The Strawberry Festival Coordinators would like to extend a huge thank you to our many members and friends who presented their best selves for the day and beyond! Special thanks to Choice Party Linens, Colonial Village Meat Market, Dietz & Watson, Herr's Chips, Jack and Jill Ice Cream, Jim's Ice, Pizza Hut, The Pretzel Factory, Produce Junction, Wawa and our Scouts, Cub Pack 228 and Troops 277 and 2019.

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 15	Thursday, June 19 - Juneteenth
10.00am- Worship	Office Closed
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
Monday, June 16	Friday, June 20
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, June 21
Tuesday, June 17	Sunday, June 22
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Personnel Committee	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Wednesday, June 18	11.30am- Monthly Conversations
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	

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