



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JUNE 22ND, 2025  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# 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: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Ellis and Heather Warley

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

### **Next Week**

USHERS: Helen Picher

Jenny Montague

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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***A community where all who seek God are Welcome...***



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are created by God

**in the image of God.**

All people are created by God

**in the image of God.**

In our glorious differences,

**we reflect the Holy face of God.**

All who gather in Christian worship—across the country and around the world—

**are brought near to God through Jesus.**

There is no longer Jew nor Greek,

**no longer slave nor free,**

no longer male or female,

**For ALL are one in Christ Jesus. So let us love each other and worship our God with joy!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

### 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. 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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

NRSV NT 68

ANTHEM

Blessed Be Your Name

M. Redman

Blessed be your name In the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name. Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name. Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. You give and take away, you give and take away, my heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

NRSV NT 189

SERMON

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY



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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

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for all your blessings and for the opportunity to give back to you. We offer these tithes and offerings with grateful hearts, recognizing that all we have comes from your generosity. We pray that these gifts be used for your glory, to further your kingdom, and to bless those in need. May they be a powerful tool in your hands to bring hope, healing, and transformation. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Hear their prayers, **and make us instruments of your peace.**

**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 #649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

\*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning,  
and a special thanks to guest preacher, Elder Doug Thomas.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Judy and John Leet,  
in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.*

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie  
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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 Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

AMAZING GRACE  
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### **Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### **Galatians 3:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.





**Vacation Bible Camp**  
**6-7:30pm**  
**Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**

Kids – put your trust in God and share the  
Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ

**Kids ages 4-11**  
grouped by age for stories/crafts

**Friday night**  
hot dog dinner/closing program

**Mission – Red Wagon**  
supporting local food pantries  
**Younger children** – canned goods  
**Older kids** – cleaning supplies

\$20 per child/  
\$25 per family

**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 today, 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 today, 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

**VOLUNTEERING 101** Pick a class (or two or three) and help with before, during and after worship activities. No particular skills are needed - but WE NEED YOU!

**-Liturgist 101 – 11:30am, Sunday, July 13**

Like to help lead worship? Learn the ins and outs of being a liturgist

Meet in the Sanctuary

Presented by Pastor François

**-Hospitality 101 – 11:30am, Sunday, July 20**

Calling All Coffee (and tea) Enthusiasts!

Learn how to set up, serve and clean up for Coffee Hour. Join us in creating a space where great conversations brew!

Meet in the Kitchen

Presented by Chris Dearnaley

**-Ushering 101 – 11:30am, Sunday, July 27**

Are you willing to usher on a Sunday morning? Not sure what you would be volunteering to do?

Meet in the Reception Room for info and a hand-out

Presented by Judy Kenworthy

**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

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, June 22</b>	<b>Thursday, June 26</b>
10.00am- Worship	10.00am- Staff Meeting: Office Closed
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, June 27</b>
11.30am- Monthly Conversations	<b>Saturday, June 28</b>
<b>Monday, June 23</b>	<b>Sunday, June 29</b>
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	09.30am- Summer Pick-Up Choir
<b>Tuesday, June 24</b>	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Trustees	11.00am- Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, June 25</b>	
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	

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