



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 29TH, 2025
3RD 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.



Fellowship Pews 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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This Week

USHERS: Helen Picher

Jenny Montague

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

Next Week

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ver Picher

Helen Picher

Cyndi Lacroix

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

I can't separate worship from our daily living. In worship the human and the holy must meet in relevancy, confession, festivity, and hope. Otherwise our words do not translate into loving justice, doing mercy, and walking humbly with God. - Ann Weems

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is the day the LORD has made!

It is a day for singing and worship!

God is with us in our celebration.

Let us sing and worship with all our hearts!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I am embarrassed to admit, O God, how seldom I have thanked you for the many gifts in my life. You have given me so much that I have learned not to notice. Forgive me and teach me to see with new eyes and to understand what it means to be part of the Body of Christ.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is in learning to recognize our sin and to say "I am sorry" that we learn to change.

It is in changing that we find new life and hope.

It is as we find new life and hope that we are able to change the more.

In Jesus Christ God gives us the power to be made new.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! 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

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

He Leadeth Me

T. Kirkland, arr. W. Bardbury

WORD

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:13-26

NRSV NT 190

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:51-62

NRSV NT 70

ANTHEM

Where He Leads Me

LEAD ME GUIDE ME

I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow me." He will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way. Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

SERMON

HYMN #442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. J. Bell



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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

God our maker, our Savior, our source of life, we thank you for your self-giving love.

You made us in your image and gave us a home in your world.

You did not forsake us when our sin brought disaster upon what you love.

Instead, you sojourned with us in the wasteland; you taught us neighbor-love and holiness through the commands of Moses; you spoke to us words of justice, correction, and kindness in the poetry of the prophets.

We thank you that in the fullness of time you sent the Son to be born of Mary by the Holy Spirit, to be the perfect image of God.

We thank you that Christ Jesus gave himself upon the cross to free us from the bondage to sin and death.

We thank you for receiving him in resurrection and ascension, the firstborn of the new creation. Through him we have freedom to walk in the Spirit that is eternal life.

We present our offerings and commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ, love our neighbors, and share the fruits of the Spirit, giving you thanks and praise, O holy, triune God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER, INTERCESSIONS, 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

*SENDING HYMN #623

I've Got Peace like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*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 Carol and Roger Freidinger,
in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.*

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 I be - lieve,
 thine a - lone,

SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,
 sin más confianza que tu amor;
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

KOREAN

1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해
 주보-혈 흘려주시고
 또-나를 오-라하시니-
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of “peace like a river” is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God’s will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians’ baptismal identity.

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

SUMMER CHOIR Meet in the choir room, **9:30am today, 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 today, Sunday, June 29**.

ABILITIES INITIATIVE FOR KIDS After Time with Young Disciples, continue the series by exploring physical differences with the book “When Charley Met Emma” by Amy Webb, discussions and other fun activities, **10am, Sunday, July 13**. Led by Shirley Rudd.

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 Reception Room

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



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.

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



NAVIGATING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM Representatives of the Delaware County Health Department will be at local senior centers to assist community members with getting medical records, signing up for services and connecting to resources.

-Schoolhouse Senior Center (600 Swarthmore Avenue, Folsom) **11:30am–1:30pm,**

Tuesday, July 15 and Friday, July 25

-Surrey Media (302 South Jackson Street, Media) **10am-noon, Wednesday, July 16**

Use the QR code for more info

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, 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

Sunday, June 29	Thursday, July 03
09.30am- Summer Pick-Up Choir	Friday, July 04 - Independence Day
10.00am- Worship	Office Closed
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Saturday, July 05
Monday, June 30	Sunday, July 06
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	10.00am- Worship
Tuesday, July 01	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Wednesday, July 02	
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	

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