



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JULY 27TH, 2025  
7TH 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

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

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TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

USHERS: Ed Mattote

Mary Rose

LITURGIST: Bob Kenworthy

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

### **Next Week**

LITURGIST: Chris Darr

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Don Killian

Jenny Miller

Rick Miller

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

\*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, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is worthy of Thanksgiving and praise!

**All the false kings and gods tremble before our God.**

You establish peace and righteousness, O God.

**How beautiful is your loving rule over all!**

### OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMNS #646

Sing Out, My Soul

MAGNIFICAT

HYMN #647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

HYMN #670

From the Rising of the Sun

RISING SUN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays, we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist. We act as though we created ourselves, with no connection to you, with no hope of transcendence. Open us to your constant presence, Holy One. Teach us to pray, and restore our sight, that we may commune with you each day in the light of eternity. Amen.**

#### 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.*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

You Are Near

C. Schutte, arr. L. Wasson

**WORD**

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 2:6-19

NRSV NT 200

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

NRSV NT 72

ANTHEM

Lord Teach Us How to Pray

G. Young

Lord, teach us how to pray, how to do our Father's will, teach us how to find the way, help us now to find the door to the kingdom of God. Lord, bring us closer to Thee; Lord, ever closer to Thee. Lord, teach us how to pray, how to do our Father's will, teach us how to find the way, help us now to find the door to the kingdom of God.

SERMON

Rev. François Lacroix

**MISSION AND MINISTRY**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

God cares for those whom we stand for. This is the privilege of being God's beloved – that we can stand up for others. At WPC we stand up for our nation and the world and pray and work for justice. We stand up for our community and pray and work for compassion. We stand up for our church family and pray and work for salvation for all our loved ones.

If you would like to explore following Jesus by becoming a member of this congregation or to find out more about WPC please reach out to Pastor Taylor or Pastor François.

OFFERTORY

Peace Reigns Within

G. Peterson



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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 One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts of hospitality for those who need them most. 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 OF COMMITMENT #710 We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

\*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 Roger and Barb Demos,  
in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary, here at Wallingford Presbyterian Church.*

# Sing Out, My Soul

## Magnificat

646

G \* C D7 G (chords continue)

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and  
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi -

glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul.  
cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat.

Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!  
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

*\*May be sung as a canon.*

This canonic chant from the Taizé Community is based on the opening phrase of Mary's song when she visited her relative Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-56). Both Eastern and Western churches have used the full text for many centuries as part of daily prayers.

647

## Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

# From the Rising of the Sun 670

(Psalm 113)

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down

of the same, the name of the Lord shall be

praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the

go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be

praised. So praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord. From the

ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,

the name of the Lord shall be praised.

This paraphrase of Psalm 113:3 concisely represents the psalm beginning the group called the Egyptian *Hallel* (113–118) used at all major Jewish festivals. One of these may have been what Jesus and his disciples sang at the conclusion of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30/ Mark 14:26).

## We Lift Our Voices

710

## We Are an Offering

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).



## **Colossians 2:6-19**

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

## **Luke 11:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PROCEEDS** The Strawberry Festival realized a net profit of \$8809 which was donated to the following organizations:

Chester Eastside – \$6607

Scouting America Troop 277 – \$529

Scouting America Troop 2019 – \$529

Scouting America Pack 228 – \$264

Strawberry Festival 2026 – \$880

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and attended the event. Start thinking about Monday, June 1, 2026!

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

**ABILITIES INITIATIVE FOR KIDS** After Time with Young Disciples, **today, Sunday, July 27**, complete the series by exploring differences in speech and celebrating diversity with the book “It’s OK to be Different” by Sharon Purtill, discussions and other fun activities. Led by Dottie Celebre.

**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!

**-Ushering 101 – 11:30am today, 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

**HISTORY OF WPC** Join Church Historian Roger Demos, **11:30am, Sunday, August 3**, to explore WPC’s past and how it grew by touring the original church building and its additions. Watch for the dated yellow stickers highlighting different areas beginning Sunday, July 27. Meet in the Reception Room.

**REFORMATION 2.0** Join our nerdy reformation pastor, Pastor François, for more fun facts about his favorite religious movement, **11:30am, Sunday, August 10**. Meet in the Reception Room.

**STAFF MUSICAL REVUE** Hear Pastor François, Pastor Taylor, Lee, Nathan and Leslie sing “A Few of Our Favorite Songs,” **7:30pm, Wednesday, August 20**. Enjoy an evening of great music from your beloved church staff!



**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.

**NEW STORAGE SHED** The Trustees are investigating adding a second storage shed to the WPC property, to be located just above the current trash and recycle bin corral on the south side of the driveway between the church and A manse.

As they explore size and style options, they are asking the leaders of all the boards, councils, committees, regularly scheduled events, individuals and official groups within the church to consider how they would like to use this facility.

The shed will be secured and weather-proof, but not climate-controlled. Electrical service to the unit will be investigated at the same time.

Please contact project leader David Rudd with the following info:

- what your group would store in the shed/move from a current storage location
- amount of space needed
- how the items would be packaged for storage

If your group has no requirements, notify him to be removed from the consideration list. Please respond by the end of July.

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

-Cream of Wheat, -Crunchy peanut butter, -Canned meat (corned beef, Spam), -Canned vegetables (mixed vegetables, whole tomatoes), -Dried beans (garbanzo, kidney, lentils, pinto), -Pasta sauce with meat, -Vegetarian chili, -BBQ sauce, -Cooking staples (vegetable stock, apple cider vinegar, condensed milk), -Pudding mix, -Baby items (baby food, diapers {sizes 1, 4, 6}, pull-ups {sizes 2T/3T and 3T/4T}, wipes), -Feminine hygiene products, -Personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap), -Household essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent pods, dish detergent), -Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry), -Egg cartons



**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** From July 4th to 5th, heavy rainfall resulted in catastrophic flash flooding in the Hill Country area in central Texas. Concerns remain for additional heavy rains and flooding from Hill Country to north Texas. The sudden floods resulted in more than 100 lives lost and search and rescue is ongoing. PDA is in communication with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network and Mission Presbytery to coordinate a response and assess the needs, including Emotional and Spiritual Care. Use the QR code to support PDA's response.

**NETHER PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1980 - 45TH REUNION** There currently is a date in September for the reunion. Please contact Cindy Santa Maria at (484)-919-0328 or netherprovidence1980@gmail.com for more information.

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 30</b>
09.30am- Summer Pick-Up Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
10.00am- Worship	<b>Thursday, July 31</b>
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, August 01</b>
11.30am- Ushering 101	<b>Saturday, August 02</b>
11.30am- Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	<b>Sunday, August 03</b>
<b>Monday, July 28</b>	10.00am- Worship
07.00pm- WPC Connections	11.00am- Coffee Hour
<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	11.30am- WPC History Class
07.30pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	

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