



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
AUGUST 3RD, 2025  
8TH 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

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

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COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

USHERS: Polly Sacco Ezzell

Ken Ezzell

LITURGIST: Chris Darr

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Don Killian

Tom Erickson

Jenny Miller

Rick Miller

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

### **Next Week**

USHERS: Jenny Miller

Rick Miller

LITURGIST: Ashley Drane

COFFEE HOUR: Ed 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

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. -Psalm 32:7

### GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;  
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

**For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**Those he redeemed from trouble!**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

**For his wonderful works to humankind!**

For he satisfies the thirsty,

**And the hungry he fills with good things!**

**Let us worship God!**

### \*OPENING HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear Lord, we are sorry for the ways we have not followed you. For times we hurt other's feelings, for the times we were selfish and only thought about ourselves, for the times we were greedy always wanting more, we are so sorry. We know that you are Love, and we want to be filled with your love instead. Forgive us and make us full of your love. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is so good, all the time! He is filled with love and forgiveness! Know that because of what Jesus did by dying on the cross for you, you are forgiven forever and free from sin!

**Hallelujah, we are free!**

### \*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

I'd Rather Have Jesus

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23

NRSV OT 80

### ANTHEM

May the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly  
ft. Sharon Babcock

R. and D. Schultz

May the word of Christ dwell in you richly, and the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, so that every word you say and everything you do may give glory to his holy name. May the word of Christ dwell in you richly and the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Cast away the earthly, set your minds on things above, kindness and compassion, humility and love, love that shows forgiveness, bears all things patiently, binding hearts together in perfect harmony. May the word of Christ dwell in you richly, and the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, so that every word you say and everything you do may give glory to his holy name. May the word of Christ dwell in your richly, and the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, rule in your hearts.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

NRSV NT 201

### SERMON

Hiding Places

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

### OFFERTORY

Berceuse

R. Kinder



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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

Precious Savior, we are so grateful for your lovingkindness. Receive these offerings and make of them a harvest of love beyond imagination. Make of our very hearts an offering, pleasing and acceptable to you, that will bring forth a harvest of love a hundredfold. Amen.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism is graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. - W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please hold, as we receive the bread together - representing our corporate experience of God.  
You may drink the cup as it comes to you - representing our personal experience of God.*

CLOSING PRAYER

### **SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN #438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

\*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 the rich history here at Wallingford Presbyterian Church.*

# 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

# 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Tenor parts, with the Alto and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a measure of the melody.

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.  
3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,

Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.  
MUSIC: Thomas Hastings, 1830, alt.

TOPLADY  
7.7.7.7.7.7

### **Exodus 33:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup>He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live."

<sup>21</sup>And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."



**Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**HISTORY OF WPC** Join Church Historian Roger Demos, **11:30am today, 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.

**WORSHIP COUNCIL** The Worship Council will meet **11am, Monday, August 4** 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.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** Are you interested in learning more about membership in WPC? Pastor François and Pastor Taylor will lead a class, **11:30am, Sunday, August 17**, to discuss the church's missions and ministries and what is involved in membership. Please let one of them know if you are interested in learning about membership and whether you are able to attend the class. 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!

**SEARCHING FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS: JOHN THE BAPTIST** Watch a short documentary on the historical evidence surrounding John the Baptist, then discuss it, **11:30am, Sunday, August 24**. Led by Pastor Taylor, meet in the Reception Room.

**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!



**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.

LifeWerks is requesting:

- Cereal (kids' favorites)
- Jam or jelly (strawberry or other berries)
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Canned vegetables (beets, carrots, collard greens)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Snack bars
- Skin care products (shampoo, body lotion or cream, wet wipes)
- Feminine hygiene products (maxi-pads, overnight)
- Bladder control products (medium, heavy-long pads)

**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](mailto:netherprovidence1980@gmail.com) for more information.

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, August 03</b>	<b>Thursday, August 07</b>
10.00am- Worship	10.00am- Staff Meeting
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, August 08</b>
11.30am- WPC History Class	<b>Saturday, August 09</b>
<b>Monday, August 04</b>	<b>Sunday, August 10</b>
11.00am- Worship Council	10.00am- Worship
<b>Tuesday, August 05</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, August 06</b>	11.30am- Monthly Conversations
09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner	

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