



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 10TH, 2025
9TH 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: Jenny Miller

Rick Miller

LITURGIST: Ashley Drane

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

Next Week

USHERS: Jenny Sheaffer

Steve Sheaffer

LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMNS #406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

HOLY GROUND

HYMNS #614

Great Are You, Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

HYMNS #664

Morning has Broken

BUNESSAN

HYMNS #626

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. 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.

ANTHEM

This Is My Father's World

arr. Brant Adams

WORD

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

NRSV NT 225

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:32-40

NRSV NT 75

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Etude

F. Chopin, arr. L. Wasson

SERMON

Rev. François Lacroix

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things unseen. By faith our ancestors sought a better homeland, stepping out as strangers and foreigners on the earth always looking for a heavenly home. If you are looking for a spiritual home, you are welcome here. If you are ready to take the next step in faith, we will walk beside you.

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 Francois.

OFFERTORY

Andante Cantabile from Symphony no. 4

C. M. Widor



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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

Generous God, you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love. Accept these offerings for the sake of your children, that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

A period of silence follows each intercession.

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 PARTING AND BLESSING #683 Lord of All Hopefulness

COURTNEY

*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 Ken Ezzell,
in celebration of Polly's birthday.*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Holy Ground

G D A D G D Em
 We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
 D G F#m F#m7 B7
 and I know that there are an - gels all a -
 E Gm D A7 D G
 round; let us praise Je - sus
 D Em F#m7 G D G
 now; we are stand - ing in his
 D Em7 D G D
 pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12-17) or Hebrews 12:22.

Great Are You, Lord

614

Great Is the Lord

C Dm G C F G

Great are you, Lord: you are ho-ly and just; by your pow-er we trust in your

F C C Dm G C

love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your

F G F C B \flat

mer-cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and

F C B \flat G C

wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.

B \flat D G E Am

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

Dm G Am Am/G Dm G C

great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Although it is not a direct paraphrase of any particular psalm, this text echoes "great is the Lord and greatly to be praised," found in three of them (Psalms 48:1; 96:4; 145:3). Such songs of adoration lift up the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.

Morning Has Broken

664

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

626

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
 soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my
 heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.
 You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone
 may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
 heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Chords: D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D, G, A7, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, Asus, A7, D, Bm, Bm/A, G, D/F#, G, Bm, Em, F#sus, F#, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D.

This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.

683 Lord of All Hopefulness



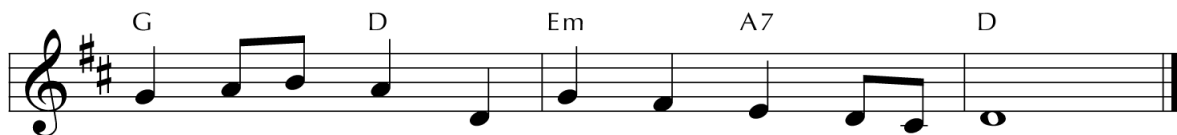
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy: be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
 hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: be
 voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: be



there at our wak - ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our la - bors and give us, we pray, your
 there at our hom - ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS Volunteers are needed for **Sundays, August 17 and 24** for grades K-5 (play the DVD lesson and interact with the kids). Use the QR code to volunteer.

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. 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.

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



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)

Cares and Concerns

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK	
The Callahan family, as together we morn the passing of Bernie's father on August 4th	
WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:	
Leonard C.	
Michael K.	Rhoda M.
Victims of war all around the world	
All those affected by climate disasters	
All affected by gun violence	
Ryan Kerr (USAF) and active duty, reserves, and veterans of our armed forces	
Seminararian Adrienne Poissant	
Our Missionaries: Rev. Jeni Pedzinski, Mission Engagement Director- International Ministries	
John Stauffer for The America Team for Displaced Eritreans	

Prayer concerns are listed in the bulletin for four consecutive weeks.

If you wish to have your concern listed, please fill out a prayer card or contact the office.

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 10	Thursday, August 14
10.00am- Worship	Friday, August 15
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Saturday, August 16
11.30am- Monthly Conversations	Sunday, August 17
Monday, August 11	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Session	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 12	11.30am- New Member Class
Wednesday, August 13	
09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner	
01.30pm- Stephen Ministry	

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