



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 17TH, 2025
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SCOTTISH REFORMATION SUNDAY

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 Sheaffer

Steve Sheaffer

LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

Next Week

USHERS: Mary Lou Day

Jenny Montague

LITURGIST: Earl Varney

COFFEE HOUR: Worship 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 of Meditation

All that the Lord thy God commands thee to do, that do thou to the Lord thy God: add nothing to it, diminish nothing from it.' By this rule, think I, the Kirk of Christ will measure God's religion, and not by that which seems good in their own eyes. — John Knox

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary, to seek our unity in the Spirit, to seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, to seek the peace of God.

God's people have gathered: **Let us worship the God of Grace together.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, long suffering and ever faithful.

The Lord is good to all; the Lord's compassion rests upon all creatures.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sin against us, but in tender love, forgive.

(Silent Confession)

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission of all of our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Silent Prayer)

God of love, your Son gave us a new commandment, that we should love one another, even as you love us, the unworthy and the wandering. Give us a mind forgetful of past ill-will and a heart to love one another; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Guide us, O Lord, in all the changes of life, that we may neither complain in adversity nor boast in prosperity; but with faith, hope, and love, may follow your divine will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace
ft. Brian George, Tyler Gibson and Nathan Gibson

arr. T. Quigley

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

Offertorio Pastorale

anon. 18th c.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

NRSV OT 634

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

NRSV NT 226

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-56

NRSV NT 75

SERMON

Rev. François Lacroix

*HYMN #345

In an Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

... God of mercy, **hear our 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.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Let us throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. Let us run the race laid out in front of us, knowing that Christ is our running companion and will be with us until the very end. The journey awaits. 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 the journey with 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.



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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

In glad thanksgiving for your goodness we offer you our gifts, O Lord, and pray for the power to offer and present our very selves to you, a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*CHARGE, BLESSING AND PEACE

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S BLESSING #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.

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Helene Furlong,
in honor of her parents, John R. and Helene M. Furlong.*

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)
Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b E^b

1 In an age of twist - ed val - ues we have lost the
 2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -
 3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are
 4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b

truth we need. In so - phis - ti - cat - ed lan - guage we have
 dice and fear. Ha - tred swift - ly turns to cruel - ty if we
 full of strife, when our chil - dren are be - wil - dered, when they
 to o - bey. Turn us from our will - ful wan - dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)
B^bm Fm Cm Fm D^b A^b

jus - ti - fied our greed. By our strug - gle for pos - ses - sions
 hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid - ed
 lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged
 truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
E^b B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm

we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and
 by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and
 all the care we know they need, hear our cry and
 come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm

heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.
 heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
 heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.
 heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

One of the ways Christians can show firm allegiance to the country where they live and express care for its well-being is to ensure that they are mindful of the broad range of human needs within that society. This hymn is a strong reminder of the values that need such attention.

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

NEW MEMBERS CLASS Are you interested in learning more about membership in WPC? Pastor François and Pastor Taylor will lead a class, **11:30am today, 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!

LAST DAY OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL **Sunday, August 24** is the last day of Summer Sunday School. Please note there is no Sunday School for grades K-5 on Sunday, August 31 – the nursery (12 month - pre-K) will be open.

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!

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL New and returning singers – come to the first rehearsal of the season, **7:30pm, Thursday, September 4**. No experience necessary.

 **SPROUTS BOWLING NIGHT** Meet at Sproul Lanes (745 West Sproul Road, Springfield) for strikes, spares and pizza, **6pm, Friday, September 5**. Open to children grades K-5. Use the QR code to register.

ALL AGES BOWLING NIGHT Don't let the Sprouts have all the fun – meet at Sproul Lanes (745 West Sproul Road, Springfield), **6pm, Friday, September 5**. Cost – \$10 person (includes alley rental, shoes, pizza and soft drinks). Use the QR code to register.

RALLY DAY Kick off an exciting year at WPC, **10am, Sunday, September 7**.

- Sunday School Registration
- First Day of Sunday School
- Sunday School Teacher commissioning
- Bibles for children of all ages
- Blessing of the backpacks (bring the backpack you'll be taking to school)
- Special Meeting
 - Elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees
 - Accept the dissolution of Pastor François' relationship with WPC.
- Outdoor coffee hour
- Fill the Red Wagon

SOCKTOBER Buying socks for back to school? Pick up an extra package for Socktober, benefitting Savage Sisters (men and women) and Chester Eastside (kids). **Collection begins Sunday, October 5.**



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)

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 17	Wednesday, August 20
10.00am- Worship	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Staff Musical Revue
11.30am- New Member Class	Thursday, August 21
Monday, August 18	Friday, August 22
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Saturday, August 23
Tuesday, August 19	Sunday, August 24
07.30pm- Deacons	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.30am- Monthly Conversations

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