



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 24TH, 2025
11TH 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: Mary Lou Day

Jenny Montague

LITURGIST: Earl Varney

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

Next Week

USHERS: Mary Lou Day

Mary Rose

LITURGIST: Walt Kaminski

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

*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

There will never be beings unloved by God, since God is absolute love.
— Hans Urs von Balthasar, Dare We Hope That All Men Be Saved?

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your voices!

God is here!

Lift up your heads!

The Lord is near!

For where does your help come from?

My help comes from the Lord!

The God of heaven and earth!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people, most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

People of God, body of Christ, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. 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.

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| SCRIPTURE READING | 1 Timothy 2:1-6 | NASB |
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| ANTHEM | Alleluia Hearts to Heaven ft. Lisa Higgins and Lisé Meloy | arr. R. Lombardo |
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| SCRIPTURE READING | Romans 5:12-19 | NASB |
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| SERMON | Dare We Hope? | Rev. Taylor Cornelius |
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MUSICAL MEDITATION

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY



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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 of glory, you have blessed us beyond our deserving. We give back to you part of the abundance you have given us. May you bless these offerings, and those who benefit from them, that they would further your kingdom of peace. Amen.

LITANY OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, good Lord

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all.

Hear us, good Lord

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless and hungry.

Lord, have mercy.

Shine your light on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive those whom we have foolishly regarded as enemies, bless them Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Give us the strength, love, and joy, to be your disciples, that we might surrender all to you.

Lord, have mercy.

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 #462

I Love to Tell The Story

HANKEY

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NASB)

¹First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, ²for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. ³This is good and pleasing to God our savior, ⁴who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

⁵For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself as ransom for all.

Romans 5:12-19 (NASB)

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned— ¹³for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not counted against *anyone* when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation *committed* by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

¹⁵But the gracious gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many. ¹⁶The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *offense*, resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the gracious gift *arose* from many offenses, resulting in justification. ¹⁷For if by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸So then, as through one offense the result was condemnation to all mankind, so also through one act of righteousness the result was justification of life to all mankind. ¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11–32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

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I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

The first line of the refrain is written on two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are centered under the notes.



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The second line of the refrain continues on two staves. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

LAST DAY OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Today, **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 today, 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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Study the book of Genesis beginning **10am, Monday, September 8**. All are welcome – no Bible knowledge required. Meets weekly.

WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD (W.O.W.) Meet, greet, eat and talk about ideas for discussion during the year, **7pm, Wednesday, September 10**. All women of our community of faith are welcome to participate in this ministry. Meets monthly.

BOOKLOOK Discuss “Salt: A World History” by Mark Kurlansky, **7:30pm, Wednesday, September 17**. “The only rock we eat, salt has shaped civilization from the very beginning, and its story is a glittering, often surprising part of the history of humankind. A substance so valuable it served as currency, salt has influenced the establishment of trade routes and cities, provoked and financed wars, secured empires, and inspired revolutions.” (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$6.50

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.**

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

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| Sunday, August 24 | Thursday, August 28 |
| 10.00am- Worship | Friday, August 29 |
| 11.00am- Coffee Hour | Saturday, August 30 |
| 11.30am- Monthly Conversations | Sunday, August 31 |
| Monday, August 25 | 09.30am- Summer Pick-Up Choir |
| Tuesday, August 26 | 10.00am- Worship |
| 07.00pm- Trustees | 11.00am- Coffee Hour |
| Wednesday, August 27 | 11.30am- Mission & Service Meeting |
| 09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner | |

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