

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025  
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ABILITIES AND INCLUSION 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.**



Fellowship 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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TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

LITURGIST: Barb Demos

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lisé Meloy

Carol Freidinger

Jenny Montague

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

### **Next Week**

LITURGIST: Doug Thomas

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

\*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

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

– Romans 15:7

Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance.

– Verna Myers

United we are heroes, divided we are ashes. Inclusive we are alive, exclusive we are dead.

– Abhijit Naskar

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION      Mission and Service: Chester Eastside Ministries

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all God's children, beloved and created by God to reflect the Lord's image.

**We celebrate the beloved glory of God found in every person.**

We are all part of God's family and God's family reflects the image of God.

**We are part of a family of God that embraces our abilities, strengths, and weaknesses.**

God's family includes every person. We are a collection of people who love God. We are neurologically typical and neurologically divergent. Some are fully abled and some are disabled, yet we are part of God's family. Some can move in the world without thinking about access. Some need additional access and help to live in the community, yet we are all part of God's family.

**God's family is diverse and divergent. We are all part of God's family. Thanks be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

#### 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-6 are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. The Nursery is open 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.*

#### MUSICAL MEDITATION

How Firm a Foundation

arr. T. Beaney

### WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-2, 11-23

NRSV NT 111

## ANTHEM

### Every Eye is Different

A. Tice and D. Kantor

Ev'ry eye is different, catching different light, cast from different angles, giving us our sight. Seeing different colors paints the world we know, indistinct or focused, as our eyes will show. Some see with their fingers, knowing differently what those take for granted who use eyes to see. Even with a scripture we all hold as true, each sees uniquely what it says to do. How are we to worship when our neighbors' sight seems to be in error, while our own seems right? Knowing God created ev'ry person's heart, bearing God's own image is a worthy start. Ev'ry mind is different, made uniquely good bearing different lifetimes, not all understood. Giving thanks for difference, seeing gifts in all, is not wishful thinking, but a holy call.

## HOMILY

### We Are One

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE #300

We Are One in the Spirit    THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

### Abilities Initiative

### MISSION AND MINISTRY

## OFFERTORY

### Morning Has Broken

arr. Brickman



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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

**Blessed are you, Lord our God! How you shower us with love and blessings each day. May you direct these gifts we offer to you, so that they may reach all those who need it and continue your ministry of love to our church, community, and world. 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 AND 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.**

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.*

COMMUNION HYMN #530

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

CLOSING PRAYER

**SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*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.***

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.  
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Ken and Polly,  
in celebration of their anniversary.*

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



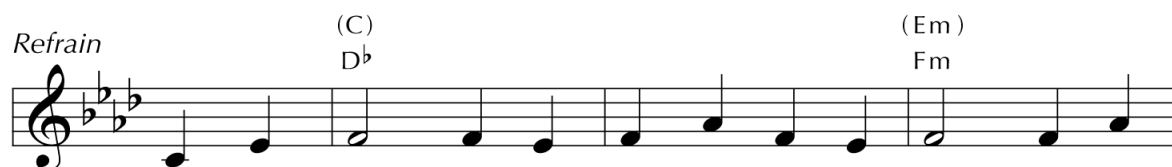
1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



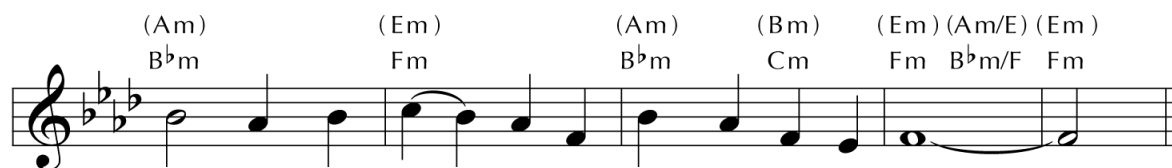
we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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## One Bread, One Body

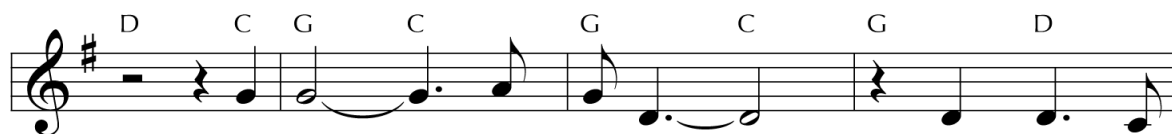
Refrain



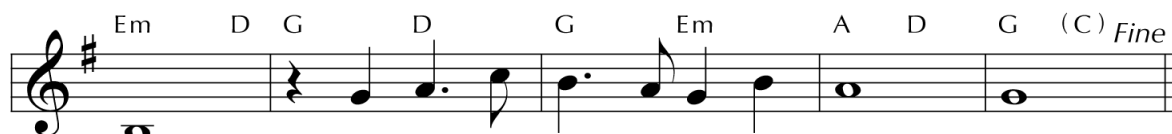
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of



all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the



earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew,	ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts,	man - y the
3 Grain for the fields,	scat - tered and



free,	wom - an or man,	no more.
works,	one in the Lord	of all.
grown,	gath - ered to one,	for all.

to Refrain  
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This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1–31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.



## 301

## Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

## **John 17:1-2, 11-23**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. <sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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**NAME TAGS** Name tags will be available in the Narthex wear during the service and Coffee Hour. When the new pastor is called, they will be a great way for the person to become acquainted with the congregation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/BREAKFAST CLUB OFFERING** Fish banks will be in each Sunday School room (and Breakfast Club) for children/tweens/teens to bring an offering beginning **today, Sunday, September 14**. For the fall, the money will benefit Giving Tree/Angel Tree (Christmas support for Chester Eastside/City Team/local families and children of incarcerated parents).

**ABILITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE** The PC(USA) celebrates Disability Inclusion Sunday on the second Sunday of September. During Coffee Hour on **September 14**, learn more about WPC’s Abilities Initiative by watching a video presentation of the last five years and completing a short survey to help the committee plan for the next five.

**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



**KID'S EVENTS** Children's events (grades K-5) for fall include Kids Café, Zoo on Wheels and the Christmas Pageant. Use the QR code for a master list for the season.



**YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE** Youth Group activities (grades 6-12) for the fall include YG trunk at Trunk or Treat, Arcade Night and Advent Open House After Party. Use the QR code for the fall schedule.



**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING COLLECTION** A drive-through collection for electronic waste only will be held **9am–1pm, Tuesday, September 23**, at Rose Tree Park (Route 252 entrance), 1671 North Providence Road, Media. Registration is required – use the QR code for details and to register.

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** Join the ringers for the first rehearsal of the season, **6:30pm, Thursday, September 18**. No experience necessary!

**EMBRACING HOPE: LOVING LIKE JESUS AMIDST CHAOS** An open discussion led by Pastor François on Embracing Hope, the theme of this year's Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee programs, **Wednesday, September 24. Potluck supper – 6:30pm; presentation – 7:15pm.**

**SHRED AND DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT** Safely dispose of documents containing personal information and unneeded medications. Held **9am-noon, Saturday, September 27**, at Northley Middle School (2801 Concord Rd. Aston).

**MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE FUNDING** Funds from the church budget are made available to the Mission and Service Committee to minister to the broader community – locally, nationally and internationally. The most recent donations are:

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| -The America Team for Displaced Eritreans (\$1000) | -Broad Street Ministries (\$1000)    |
| -Center for Pastoral Counseling (\$400)            | -Chester Children's Chorus (\$1000)  |
| -Chester Eastside, Inc. (\$2500)                   | -CityTeam Bridge House (\$1000)      |
| -Greenhouse Project (\$1000)                       | -New Life Center – Thailand (\$1500) |
| -T. M. Thomas (\$1000)                             | -Making a Change Group (\$2500)      |

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

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|---|--------------------------------|
| -Pancake mix/syrup  | -Cereal/oatmeal/Cream of Wheat |
| -Noodles (egg, ramen, cup of noodles)                                 | -Peanut butter/grape jelly     |
| -Canned fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit cocktail)             | -Apple sauce                   |
| -Canned chicken   | -Canned soup                   |
| -Rice   | -Canned fish (tuna, salmon)    |
| -Stuffing/mashed potatoes/mac & cheese                                | -Knorr Side Dishes             |
| -Canned Vegetables (corn, carrots, peas, green beans, collard greens) | -Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni)   |

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, September 14</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 17</b>
09.30am- Chancel Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- BookLook
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Thursday, September 18</b>
11.00am- Abilities Initiative Update	06.30pm- Bell Choir
<b>Monday, September 15</b>	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Bible Study	<b>Friday, September 19</b>
10.00am- Staff Meeting	<b>Saturday, September 20</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 16</b>	<b>Sunday, September 21</b>
07.30pm- Deacons	09.30am- Chancel Choir
	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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