



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025
16TH 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.



Fellowship Pews 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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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

LITURGIST: Helen Picher

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

Next Week

LITURGIST: Jenny Montague

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 RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Deux Arabesque I: Andante con moto

Debussy

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.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

NRSV OT 736

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

NRSV NT 210

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

NRSV NT 79

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*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.

SERMON

Rev. François Lacroix

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

God our Savior desires that everyone be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. God is merciful and loves you. If you are ready to accept God's love we welcome 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.



Scan the QR code to give via credit card on the Church Center app

OFFERTORY

You Are Mine

D. Haas

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. (REFRAIN: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine.) I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. REFRAIN. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. REFRAIN. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live! REFRAIN.

*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

We give you thanks and praise, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand: for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends, above all for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

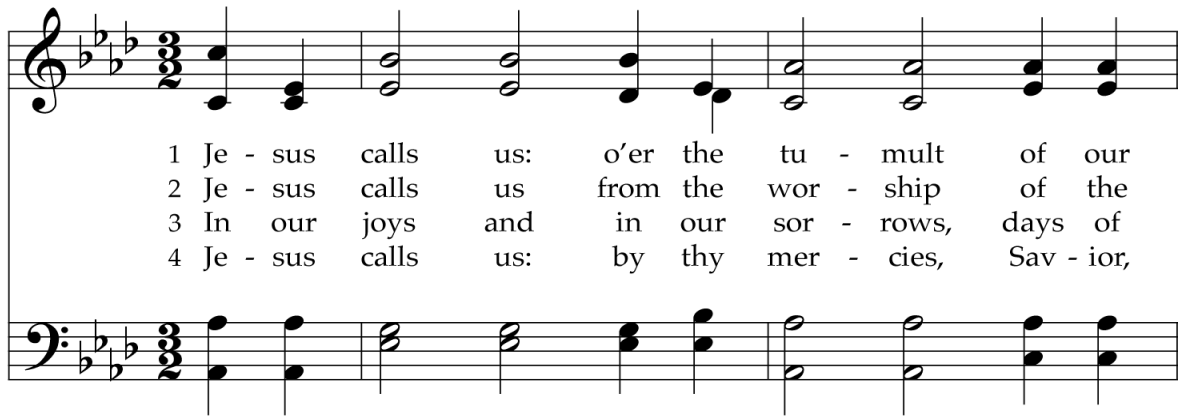
*BLESSING AND PEACE

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

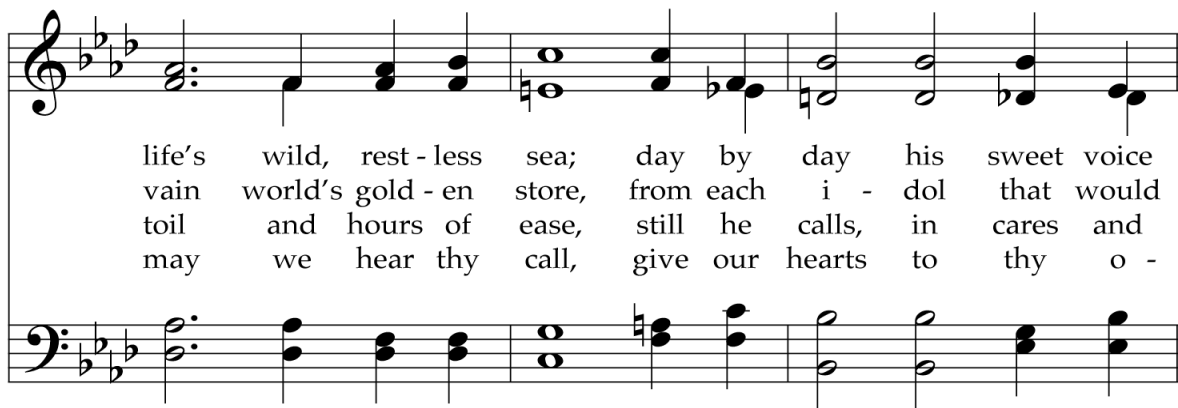
*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Helen and Ver Picher,
in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.*

Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. ⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." "



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Hopefully you have received our 2026 Annual Giving Campaign letter and pledge card. Pledges represent approximately two-thirds of our annual budget and provide the confidence we will continue to be the exciting, growing church we have become thanks to everyone's open hands and open hearts. Register your pledge using the pledge card, Church Center app or QR code.

NAME TAGS Name tags are 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 REGISTRATION Need to register your children for Sunday School this year? Complete a physical copy of the form or use the QR code.

CRITICAL FOOD BANK NEEDS IN DELAWARE COUNTY Right now, all food banks across our region have been forced to limit their distribution of food to the needy. Food supply has been curtailed from government sources until at least November. Thus, food must be purchased locally at retail prices. In response to these circumstances, our Session has decided to contribute an additional \$2,000 to Chester Eastside, Inc. for the purchase of perishable foods; that is, milk, eggs, butter, cheese and frozen meats. Fortunately, perishable produce is available locally and can be purchased at reasonable prices. What can we do as a congregation? First of all, we can pray that God will provide. Then, each of us can continue to contribute to the Red Wagon all of the non-perishable food and personal items that we can. The money raised by the current efforts can be concentrated on the purchase of short-supplied perishable items until normal supply is restored. - Mission & Service Committee

WPC DIRECTORY Want to learn how to easily update your picture or information in the secure online WPC directory? Come to the Reception Room following the church service **today, Sunday, September 28**, to view a brief video on the process. You can also get one-on-one help to access the directory from your phone or a laptop. We want up-to-date information and pictures for our church family to help our next pastor get to know us better!



SPROUTS GAME NIGHT Play wild and wacky games all over the WPC campus, ending with a Bible lesson and song, **6pm, Friday, October 3**. Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5 – use the QR code to register and send the link to your friends!

SOCKTOBER Bring new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks for our eighth annual Soctober, **beginning Sunday, October 5**. Look for the Sock Drive containers in the Narthex and near the main office. Adult socks benefit Savage Sisters; kids' socks benefit Chester Eastside. Continues through Sunday, October 26.

TRUNK OR TREAT TREATS Leave wrapped candy, non-sugary snacks (fruit roll-ups, gummies, raisins, popcorn), stickers or other non-edible treats in the tubs in the narthex/Fellowship Hall **beginning Sunday, October 5**. Continues through Sunday, October 19.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids- meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am, Sunday, October 5**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to kids 4-11.

W.O.W. (WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD) Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, October 8**, and a lesson led by Chris Fox.



BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, October 12**, for breakfast, games, discussion and fellowship. Open to students grades 6-12. Use the QR code for the Breakfast Club schedule.

CELEBRATORY CONCERT FOR FRANÇOIS AND CYNDI Delight in a celebratory concert featuring our staff members and Chancel Choir performing songs dedicated to François and Cyndi, and special solos by François, **3pm, Sunday, October 19**.

CATERED RECEPTION Following the concert, enjoy a catered reception in Fellowship Hall and the Reception Room, **4:30pm, Sunday, October 19**. To RSVP, email/call the Church Administrator (office@wallingfordpres.org/610-566-1644, ext 2) by Monday, October 13.



KIDS MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT Watch "The Prince of Egypt," have playground time and make crafts to take home, **3pm, Sunday, October 19**. Dinner included. Open to ages 4-11. In conjunction with the concert and reception. Use the QR code to register.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Mark your calendar, **Wednesday, October 22nd, 2-7 pm**. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation (donate two units of red blood cells during one donation). Give blood – help save lives.



WPC DAY OF SERVICE PLANNING DAY Help plan the WPC Day of Service (Monday, January 19) by offering suggestions for outreach organizations and projects, **10am, Monday, October 20**. An intergenerational event – all ages welcome. Lunch provided. Use the QR code for more info.

WPC DAY OF SERVICE For the WPC Day of Service (Monday, January 19), the Abilities Initiative is exploring ways to provide children in our community with hygiene products and snacks. Sometimes larger companies are eager to partner in this kind of effort, but are easiest to reach through personal connections. If you or someone you know works for a company that might be willing to donate, we would be grateful if you would alert us. Your connection could make a big difference. Please contact Michelle George (610-417-3734) or Shirley Rudd (717-644-5451) so they can follow up.

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

Sunday, September 28	Thursday, October 02
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, October 03
11.30am- Worship Council	06.00pm- Sprouts: Game Night
Monday, September 29	Saturday, October 04
10.00am- Bible Study	Sunday, October 05
10.00am- Staff Meeting	09.00am- Bell Choir
Tuesday, September 30	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Wednesday, October 01	10.00am- Worship
09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Mission and Service Meeting	11.00am- Kids Café

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