

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 5TH, 2025
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION 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.

Mrs. 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 WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** 

**CHURCH OFFICE** 

Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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**This Week** 

**USHERS: Carol Freidinger** 

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Jenny Montague **COFFEE HOUR: Trustees** 

**Next Week** 

**USHERS: Judy Leet** 

John Leet

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able, please stand.

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Words for Meditation

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. "Worldwide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." - Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr Celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world!

Is the cup of blessing which we bless not a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is the bread which we break not a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one loaf, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf. -1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

I hope I do not offend God by making my Communions in the frame of mind I have been describing... The command, after all, was "Take, eat" - not "Take, understand." — C.S. Lewis

#### **GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world people gather today to break the bread

United as the church universal, we gather at Christ's table!

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity!

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed!

Who sets this table for us to share in?

Not the world, not our hands, but the Risen Christ invites us to his table!

The Great Cloud of Witnesses, and the Church Universal -

We gather together to affirm that Jesus is Lord and the King still reigns!

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty!

\*Opening Hymn #318 In Christ There Is No East or West

Word

ST. PETER

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:28-35 NRSV NT 90

MUSICAL MEDITATION For the Bread Which You Have Broken arr. J. Krug

Bell Choir

#### 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.

SERMON Do I Know You? Rev. Taylor Cornelius

ANTHEM A Communion Invitation M. and J. Martin Gentle pilgrim, come and eat, all who hunger, all who need. Bread is broken for the feast, come and all will be received. Come ye traveler in the night. All who thirst for life divine. Jesus bids you come and dine. Fill your cup with heaven's wine. Bread of comfort, hope of glory, wine of promise, come fill our empty hearts. Come ye weary to the Lord, bread is served and wine is poured. All your strength will be restored, one in Christ forevermore. Bread of comfort, hope of glory, wine of promise, come fill our empty hearts.

### **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

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### 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 glory forever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward to the table, where you will receive the bread and cup. Dip the bread into the cup and eat. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you. Individual cups of juice are also available.

#### WORLD COMMUNION LITANY

Because of this meal.... Where we are weak, He is now strong!
Because of this meal.... We are fed by the Spirit, made new in Him!
Because of this meal... We are freed and forgiven!
Because of this meal... We are united across the world as one body!
One bread, one body, one Lord of all! One cup of blessing which we bless!
One in Christ Jesus, our Lord, Now and forever! Allelujah, Amen!

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #530

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**OFFERTORY** 

Glory to His Name/Holy Manna Medley

arr. C.B. Putnam



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

\*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

Gracious God, you give us more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

#### SENDING

\*Closing Hymn #770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (verses 1 and 4)

WELCOME TABLE

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Judy and Bob Kenworthy,

in honor of World Communion.

<sup>\*</sup>CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

# In Christ There Is No East or West 318



This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.



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.



The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6–9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15–24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

**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.



回踪議画 ANNUAL GIVING Campaign Through week two, we have received 31 pledges totaling \$133,044. 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 or the Church Center app.

**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.

**SOCKTOBER** Bring new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks for our eighth annual Soctober. Look for the Sock Drive containers in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall 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. Continues through Sunday, October 19.

**RECYCLE/REUSE DRIVE** Have/need extra some new/gently used kid's toys and trinkets? Beginning Sunday, October 12, place them in (or take them from) the baskets in the Narthex and hallway near the fidget toys. It's a great way to reduce waste and spend less on new items and a fun way to keep them circulating.

The list includes:

-Fidget toys

-Keychains

-Novelty pencils/erasers

-Crayons

-Squishies

-Birthday party bag trinkets

-Small notebooks

-Stickers

-Slap bracelets

-Other small kid-friendly items

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

**WPC DIRECTORY** Want to learn how to easily update your picture or information in the secure online WPC directory? Learn more at a table in Fellowship Hall following the service, 11am today, Sunday, October 5, where you can also get one-on-one help to access the directory from your phone or a laptop and how to change your picture or contact information. We want up-to-date information and pictures for our church family to help our next pastor get to know us better.

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.

PRIME TIME WPC's Congregational Wellness Nurse Cyndi Lacroix will talk about "what is a Congregational Wellness Nurse compared to a Parish Nurse" and what ten years of practicing has brought to her life and the life of WPC, Tuesday, October 14. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.



回题影響地画 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

TRUNK OR TREAT Bring the kids in their Halloween costumes, 3pm, Saturday, October 25, for decorated cars/trucks/SUVs and treats galore in the upper parking lot. The event will be held rain or shine (in Fellowship Hall if raining). As part of the afternoon, please donate non-perishable food items to support the Red Wagon.



PROBLEM HOST A TRUNK Sign up to include your trunk and treats (prizes for best decorated!). The church lot will open 2pm, Saturday, October 25, for set up. To register, use the Church Center app.

YOUTH GROUP TRUNK OR TREAT AFTER PARTY Come in costume, 2pm, Saturday, October 25, to decorate the youth trunk, then stay for the after party.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** (Pastor François' Last Sunday) Recognize Pastor François and Cyndi's shared ministry during the worship service, 10am, Sunday, October 26.

SPECIAL FAREWELL COFFEE HOUR Join in wishing Pastor François and Cyndi the best in the new season of their lives, 11am, Sunday, October 26. There will be a basket for cards (or you may send them to the church office).



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.

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

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

-Cream of Wheat

-Crunchy peanut butter

-Dried beans (garbanzo, kidney, lentils, pinto)

-Parmesan cheese

-BBQ sauce

-Pudding mix

-Feminine hygiene products

-Dried fruit

-Canned meat (corned beef, Spam)

-Pasta sauce with meat

-Vegetarian chili

-Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry)

-Oat milk

-Egg cartons

- -Cooking staples (vegetable stock, apple cider vinegar, olive oil, condensed milk)
- -Personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap)
- -Canned vegetables (mixed vegetables, whole tomatoes, spinach)
- -Household essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent pods, dish detergent)
- -Baby items (baby food, diapers {sizes 1, 4, 6}, pull-ups {sizes 2T/3T and 3T/4T}, wipes)

## **WPC Week at a Glance**

Sunday, October 05	Wednesday, October 08
09.00am- Bell Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
09.30am- Chancel Choir	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
10.00am- Worship	07.00pm- WOW
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Thursday, October 09
11.00am- Kids Café	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
Monday, October 06	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Bible Study	Friday, October 10
07.00pm- WPC Connections	Saturday, October 11
Tuesday, October 07	Sunday, October 12
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	09.30am- Chancel Choir
	10.00am- Breakfast Club
	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.00am- Wallingford Winds