



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 12TH, 2025
18TH 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: Judy Leet

John Leet

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

Next Week

USHERS: Jenny Miller

Nancy Oettinger

LITURGIST: Cyndi Lacroix

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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see what God has done.

God is awesome in God's deeds.

God turned the sea into dry land.

God's people passed through the river on foot.

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth. Sing the glory of God's name.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN #635

Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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

Be Still My Soul/What a Friend
ft. Tyler Gibson

arr. N Sponberg & A. Hall

CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always.

We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.

Silent Confession

Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving.

Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving! **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.***

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	NRSV OT 731
HYMN OF RESPONSE #842	The Lord Is My Light	(PSALM 27)
EPISTLE READING	2 Timothy 2:8-15	NRSV NT 212
HYMN OF RESPONSE #820	Nothing Can Trouble	NADA TE TURBE
GOSPEL READING	Luke 17:11-19	NRSV NT 80
HYMN OF RESPONSE #654	In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful	IN THE LORD
SERMON	The Grateful Samaritan	Rev. François Lacroix

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

In scripture, God has given us a great gift to be lived out with discernment and compassion, to convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience and teaching. In what ways will the gift of God's word spur you to respond to those who cry out, day and night for justice?

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.

OFFERTORY Glory to His Name/Holy Manna Medley arr. C.B. Putnam



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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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Small and humble in comparison to your love and grace in Jesus Christ, we give to you that you might mold our world anew. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SENDING

ANTHEM OF RESPONSE

Let My Prayer Come Up

G. Young

Let our prayer come up into thy presence, like a sweet perfume. Like a morning mist, let it hang there, let it be. Let our prayer come up into thy presence. Let our prayer come up into thy presence. Let it shine forevermore. Let our prayer come up into thy presence like a sweet perfume. Like a morning mist, let it hang there, let it be.

***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 Jenny and Kevin Montague,
in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.*

635 Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord

Laudate Dominum

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.
Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num,

Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!
om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.
Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num,

Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!
om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia!

By the way the notes fall on the syllables, repeated singing reveals that this refrain based on Psalm 117:1 originally set the Latin text. The refrains of the ecumenical community at Taizé, France, often use Latin because it is not the language of any current political power.

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...

⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

842 The Lord Is My Light

(Psalm 27)

Theme I

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
God I trust; in God I trust. The

Chord progression: Dm, G, Dm, G. The piece ends with a final G chord marked 'Last time'.

Theme II

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
God I trust; in God I trust. The

Chord progression: Dm, G, Dm, G. The piece ends with a final G chord marked 'Last time'.

**Each of the two themes can be sung separately, either in unison or as a round.
The two themes can also be sung together.*

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991

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THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
Irregular

2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Nothing Can Trouble

820

Nada te turbe

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

This meditative refrain from Taizé is based on a saying attributed to Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing trouble you; let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever possesses God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

TEXT: Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th cent.; para. Taizé Community: Spanish, 1986; English, 1995

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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NADA TE TURBE

Irregular

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The score includes a treble and bass staff for each part, with lyrics written below the notes. There are triplets marked with a '3' in the second and third systems.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

COUNTDOWN TO FAREWELL

Tuesday, October 14

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.**

Sunday, October 19

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 office (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.

Sunday, October 26

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).



ANNUAL GIVING Campaign Through week three, we have received 44 pledges totaling \$182,624. 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.



VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGES Pennsylvania residents may register or change their voter registration information, such as address or party affiliation, for the November 4 election. Use the QR code for more info. The deadline is Monday, October 20.

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 individually-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:

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| -Fidget toys | -Keychains |
| -Novelty pencils/erasers | -Crayons |
| -Squishies | -Birthday party bag trinkets |
| -Small notebooks | -Stickers |
| -Slap bracelets | -Other small kid-friendly items |



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

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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. Sign up via the QR code, or in person during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 12 and 19.

OPIATE USE DISORDER EPIDEMIC David Metzger, Ph.D., a Research Professor and Director of the HIV Prevention Research Division in the Department of Psychiatry of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will provide information on the Opiate Use Disorder (OUD) epidemic in Delaware County and Philadelphia, **Wednesday, October 22**. He will also discuss treatment approaches and harm reduction strategies. **Potluck supper begins at 6:30pm; the talk, 7:15pm.**

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.

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.



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.



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.

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

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| -Cream of Wheat | -Dried fruit |
| -Crunchy peanut butter | -Canned meat (corned beef, Spam) |
| -Dried beans (garbanzo, kidney, lentils, pinto) | -Pasta sauce with meat |
| -Parmesan cheese | -Vegetarian chili |
| -BBQ sauce | -Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry) |
| -Pudding mix | -Oat milk |
| -Feminine hygiene products | -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 12	Wednesday, October 15
09.30am- Chancel Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
10.00am- Breakfast Club	Thursday, October 16
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Wallingford Winds	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, October 13	Friday, October 17
10.00am- Bible Study	Saturday, October 18
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Sunday, October 19
07.30pm- Session	09.00am- Wallingford Winds
Tuesday, October 14	09.30am- Chancel Choir
12.00pm- Prime Time	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	03.00pm- Lacroix Farewell Concert

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