

The image features a background of a musical score with various notes and staves. A prominent blue wavy border frames the central text. The text is written in a blue, serif, all-caps font.

YOU GO FORTH
WITH ALL OF US
IN YOUR HEARTS
AND YOU IN OURS

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 26TH, 2025
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION 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 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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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Mary Rose

Nancy Oettinger

LITURGIST: Mimi Haggerty

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

Next Week

USHERS: Ken Ezzell

Polly Sacco Ezzell

LITURGIST: Don Holloway

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

*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 FOR MEDITATION

Reformation, some definitions and thoughts:

- The act of making an improvement, especially by changing a person's behavior or the structure of something.
- There is a difference between mere change and reformation. Change is inevitable, while reformation is a choice. Change happens, while reformation presents us with an opportunity to improve, to grow, to change for the better.
- The Reformation refers to the 16th-century religious ideas and activity in Europe that were an attempt to change and improve the Catholic Church, and resulted in the Protestant Churches being established
- May you choose to be a force for life-giving reformation this day, knowing that in faith, nothing is final.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

We worship the Lord with gladness; we come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

We enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. We give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN #684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But God knows us completely.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, Lord you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near: 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.

WORD

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

NRSV NT 213

SERMON

Coffee Conversation

François and Taylor

ANTHEM

A Time for Everything

M. Hayes

There is a time for everything, a season for everything under heaven, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to grieve and a time to dance. There is a time for everything, a season for everything under heaven, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. There is time for everything under heaven. There is a time.

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 sour 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.

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is you, O Lord, who gives us rain and sun, food and drink, day and night, work and rest, friends and companions, today and eternity.

You crown your people with righteousness by the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension rescues us and saves us for life eternal with you.

You come to us in our very breath when we know our need and when we cannot pray, teaching us the words that raise us up.

With thanksgiving, we offer here what you have first given us. Use us and these gifts for the sake of the life of the world. Amen.

SAYING GOODBYE, CLOSING REMARKS

COVENANT OF CLOSURE AND LITANY FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. There is a time for reflection and a time for action; a time for cheers and a time for tears; a time for saying hello and a time for saying goodbye. Today we recognize the conclusion of the pastoral relationship between the Wallingford Presbyterian Church congregation and the Rev. François Lacroix.

We give thanks for the grace of God that has been present in this church and in the ministry of Pastor François.

Since September 1, 2013, this congregation and the Presbytery of Philadelphia have been in a covenant relationship with Pastor François. In this time, we have worshipped, prayed, and served together.

We give thanks for the ministry we have shared.

In every pastoral relationship, there are moments of both joy and challenge.

My brothers and sisters, siblings in our risen Lord I pray for grace regarding any work I left undone, expectations not met, and wounds not healed.

We offer you forgiveness and celebrate what God has done among us, expressing gratitude for your ministry and influence, and asking for forgiveness for mistakes made and expectations not met.

Do we, the members and friends of the Wallingford Presbyterian Church congregation release pastor François and offer our support as he enters a new phase of life in retirement?

François, we release you with thanks to God, and with our blessing.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CONCLUSION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Prayer at Times of Change

J. Marshall

May God bless you and all you do, may God bless those you leave and those to whom you go; and may your heart rejoice that love which knows no limits of time or place, surrounds you always.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Gwyn Vernon,
in loving memory of Mark J. Vernon.*

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

⁴¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주



ANNUAL GIVING Campaign Through week five, we have received 57 pledges totaling \$246,564. 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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY TARTAN Be sure to wear your plaid shirts and skirts **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).

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REGISTRATION Kids – wear costumes/perform/sing songs to tell the story of Jesus' birth in the pageant held during the Sunday, December 21 service. Practices – 11:15am, Sundays, Nov. 23, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. **Registration opens Saturday, November 1** – watch for details.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room for songs, games and refreshments, **11 am, Sunday, November 2.** Open to children 4-11.



SPROUTS COOKIE DECORATING NIGHT Have fun decorating cookies (and eating a few!), **6pm, Friday, November 7,** then offering the rest for the Sprouts Bake Sale. Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5. Use the QR code to register.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, November 9,** for breakfast, games, discussion and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12. Meet in the Youth Room.

SPROUTS COOKIE SALE Cookies decorated by the Sprouts will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour, **11am, Sunday, November 9.** Proceeds benefit Giving Tree and Angel Tree (Christmas gifts for children at Chester Eastside and City Team and those of incarcerated parents).

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Join with Scouting America Troops 277 and 2019 and Cub Pack 228 to help package 10,000 meals to ship to those in need throughout the world, **1pm, Sunday, November 9.** Co-sponsored by the Mission and Service Committee and WPC Scouts. Sign up using the poster in Fellowship Hall.

POP-UP CLOTHING DRIVE Drop clothing for Savage Sisters in Kensington, **Sunday, November 9.** Please donate fall/winter-weight clean clothing, including winter jackets, for men and women (no children's). Place the items folded in bags (rather than hanging) in the Reception Room.

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) | |

PNC UPDATE As you may know, we do not, at this time, have a candidate for our next Head of Staff. In an effort to call a new pastor before Pastor Francois' departure, the PNC worked at an aggressive pace, looking at nearly 100 applicants. After five months of weekly zoom meetings, four in-person candidate interviews and hours of personal discernment, the committee overwhelmingly believed it was far more important that it find the right person than meet this optimistic timetable. The PNC has requested to pause the search through the end of the year and believes it is in an excellent position to continue in the new year. The committee is quite confident that our next pastor is out there and the Holy Spirit will lead it to that person! Pastor Taylor has agreed and Session has approved her working as our sole pastor through at least the Annual Meeting, with additional compensation for her during that time. She will not be fully solo, however, as the entire staff, Session, boards, councils, committees and congregation will support her. Session will assess the situation at the end of January and think creatively about the best way to manage the gap left by Pastor François' vacancy. It will seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as to how to best continue our ministry and is appreciative of your prayers and helping hands.

Helen Picher, co-chair of the PNC; Chris Darr, Clerk of Session

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 26	Thursday, October 30
09.00am- Chapel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Worship	Friday, October 31
11.00am- Hail and Farewell Coffee Hour	Saturday, November 1
Monday, October 27	Sunday, November 2
10.00am- Bible Study	09.00am- Bell Choir
10.00am- Staff Meeting	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, October 28	10.00am- Worship
07.00pm- Trustees	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Wednesday, October 29	11.00am- Kids Café
09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner	11.15am- Ed Council
01.00pm- Stewardship	

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