



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025
23RD 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: Mary Lou Day

Jenny Montague

LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

Next Week

USHERS: Dottie Celebre

Jeff Celebre

LITURGIST: Lisé Meloy

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"If men were able in the slightest degree to try to move in God's direction, there would be no need for God to save them." – Martin Luther, The Bondage of the Will

"Blessed are You, Simon-bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven!" – Matthew 16:17

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who am I?

You are a child of God, just like me!

But how can we know this?

God came down in Christ to reveal His love for us!

And now what?

We live into our identity in Christ!

How so?

We love one another, serve the Lord, and worship the God who loves us!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and forgiving God, this week we have sinned against you and one another. We have been too focused on ourselves and not others, we have lost our temper, been impatient, and we have held on to grudges instead of forgiving. We are sorry, God. We are sorry for focusing too much on ourselves and not on the needs of others. We need your help to become more compassionate. Send us your Holy Spirit to help us to be gentler and gentler each day, and more loving like You. In Christ's powerful name we pray, Amen.

*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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1-3

NRSV NT 240

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

ANTHEM

Hine Ma Tov

arr. Neil Ginsberg

Hine ma tov uma naim shevet achim gam yachad. Lai lai lai...

(English: How good it is and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together.)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

NRSV NT 18

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

"Who Do You Say That I Am?" Part 1: It's a Done Deal

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

MUSICAL MEDITATION

How Beautiful Are the Feet
ft. Meghan Cakalli

Handel's Messiah

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



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

God, we dedicate these offerings to you. We pray that you would bless them and use them for your loving purposes in our church, community, and world. Amen!

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #438

Rock of Ages

TOPLADY

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.
 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

Wallingford Presbyterian Church
ChristMarket 2025



WPC supports several charitable groups throughout the year, missions near and far, such as **Chester Eastside** ceichester.org, **The America Team for Displaced Eritreans** eritreanrefugees.org, and **CityTeam Chester** cityteam.org/get-help/chester

You may choose specific groups or choose to give a lump sum to be distributed among all groups. We will still have printed cards available should you want to send them to loved ones informing them that you have contributed in their honor as an alternative gift. **DON'T FORGET** - You can use checks, cash, credit cards, and such apps as Venmo and Apple Pay.

We are sorting other groups as International, National, and Local. We have included website URLs so you can learn more and we will speak about these organizations leading up to Advent so we can be better informed.

INTERNATIONAL:

Malala Fund malala.org

Supporting Girls' Education Worldwide

Heifer International heifer.org

Providing livestock for food and farming

The American Team for Displaced Eritreans eritreanrefugees.org

Assists refugees and asylum seekers, helps with resettlement, provides emergency medical services and advocacy.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees unrefugees.org

UNHRC responds to emergencies and provides long-term solutions for refugees forced by war, persecution, or natural disasters to leave their countries.

NATIONAL:

4 Paws for Ability 4pawsforability.org

Training service dogs for people with disabilities

Arbor Day Foundation arborday.org

Over 50 years of planting trees to improve the climate.

LOCAL:

Spring Garden Soup Society springgardensoupsociety.org

Supporting eleven organizations in Philadelphia that offer food, housing, counseling, and other services.

City Team - Chester cityteam.org/get-help/chester

Assistance with transitional housing (including for mothers and babies), immediate hunger needs, and 12 step programs.

Crum Creek Watershed Association crcwatersheds.org

Restoring and conserving the natural resources of Chester Creek, Ridley Creek, and Crum Creek.

Chester Eastside ceichester.org

Helps children and families by providing access to hunger safety net programs and a safe environment for adult and youth education and exploration.



2025 Giving Tree and Angel Tree

Giving Tree

gift cards and toys for families of Chester Eastside,
City Team and within the Wallingford Swarthmore
School District

Angel Tree (through Prison Fellowship)

children of incarcerated parents receive a gift
with a note from the parent expressing their love,
helping to build a bond and learn about
the love God has for them

Chester Eastside, City Team and WSSD families

\$25 Walmart and Target cards or toys

Angel Tree – specific gift suggestions for each child

Look for the Giving Trees in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Tags available Sundays before and after worship

Nov. 16, Nov. 23 and Nov. 30

Return unwrapped gifts and gift cards on or by Dec. 7

**The Deacons thank you for
your continued generosity and support**

Sally Clyde Deb Dunbar Sheila Elmhurst Carol Freidinger
Chris Jacobsen Don Killian June Tolomeo

Christmas Poinsettias

A distinctive way to decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season



In honor or memory of a loved one or as a free will gift

6-inch pots with 5-7 blooms

Color options - red or white

Cost - \$9 per pot

Place this form -with payment- in the offering plate, return to the office, or
drop off in the church mailbox

Order Deadline - Monday, December 8

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Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Red Poinsettias _____ x \$9

of White Poinsettias _____ x \$9

Free Will Gift _____

Total \$ _____

Dedication: In Honor/In Memory of (circle one) _____

Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line - Christmas Poinsettias

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

THANK YOU FROM FRANÇOIS AND CYNDI

Dear WPC Community of faith and dear friends in Christ.

We cannot begin to tell you how deeply moved Cyndi and I were to receive your love and well wishes as I enter the new world of retirement.

From the musical love offering on the 19th to our bagpiper recessional on the 26th, everything was beyond our imagining. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your extravagant generosity of spirit, love, gift, notes, cards, hugs, tears and laughter. Thank you and please know that for us, you have been the gift all along.

We have read your cards and notes over and over again and prayed over them.

You will continue to be in our hearts and minds as you move forward to the spirit-filled future we know God has prepared for you. Trust in the Lord always and love one another as Christ has first loved you. All will be well.

Until we meet again, all of our love and blessings,

-François and Cyndi, and Tilly too.

SOCKTOBER AND CLOTHING DRIVE Many thanks to the WPC community for contributing 497 pairs of men's, women's and kids' socks. In addition, our pop-up clothing drive yielded 30+ bags of fall/winter items. Thank you for your generosity!

SPROUTS COOKIES FOR A CAUSE The children received \$221 from the free will offering, which they are donating to Giving Tree/Angel Tree. Thanks to everyone who baked, decorated, contributed and noshed!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Thank you to the 30 church members and more than 100 scouts, parents and leaders who helped package 11,232 meals. Since 2014 we have packaged in excess of 181,000 meals, all made possible with the benevolence funds you support. Thank you! We are Blessed! Mission and Service Committee

THIS WEEK AT WPC

ZOO ON WHEELS Kids – invite your friends to Sunday School and to stay for the Elmwood Park “Zoo on Wheels,” **11:30-noon today, Sunday, November 16**. Target age group: pre-school to 6th grade.

ADRIENNE POISSANT ORDINATION Plan to attend Adrienne’s ordination, **3pm today, Sunday, November 16**. A member of WPC, Adrienne was under care of our Session while a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she graduated in the spring. She is now pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Branchville (New Jersey). Light refreshments to follow.

BOOKLOOK Discuss “Middlesex” by Jeffrey Eugenides, “the breathtaking story of Calliope Stephanides and three generations of her Greek-American family, who travel from a tiny village overlooking Mount Olympus to Prohibition-era Detroit and the race riots of 1967 before moving to the tree-lined streets of suburban Grosse Pointe, Michigan.” (Amazon), **7:30pm, Wednesday, November 19**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.

LOOKING AHEAD

 **YOUTH GROUP ARCADE NIGHT AND PIZZA PARTY** Meet at Putt Putt Family Center (5300 West Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights) for a great night of arcade games and pizza, **4:30pm, Sunday, November 23**. Invite a friend (and send them the link to sign up). Use the QR code to register.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF BEFORE CARING FOR OTHERS Nalini Prakash, PhD, BC-DMT, CMA, an Assistant Professor in the Creative Arts Therapies Department at Drexel University, will talk about the impact of dance/movement therapy on empathy, peer relationships and cultural self-efficacy, **Wednesday, December 3**. Her presentation will be an interactive session using dance and movement therapy, with everyone welcome to participate regardless of their ability or mobility level. **Potluck supper – 6:30pm; presentation – 7:15pm.**

FALL CLEANUP Help tidy up our grounds, **9am, Saturday, December 6**. The main task will be raking leaves and we welcome all hands. Please bring your own tools.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THANKSGIVING

CHESTER EASTSIDE THANKSGIVING Chester Eastside has Thanksgiving on its mind – the agency will be preparing 250 boxes with all the fixins'. **Please drop off by Wednesday, November 19.**

Here's what they need:

- Turkey gravy
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Cranberry sauce
- Corn muffin mix

TURKEY DONATIONS Have a turkey you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons **beginning Sunday, November 16.** Mark the bird "Deacons" and place in the church freezer. Continues through Tuesday, November 25.

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS



CHAPEL RINGERS Kids and tweens – play the handbells as part of the Christmas pageant (10am, Sunday, December 21) and Christmas Eve family worship service (4pm, Wednesday, December 24). Use the QR code for information and registration.
Deadline – Monday, November 24.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REGISTRATION Kids – wear costumes/perform/sing songs to tell the story of the fourth wise man in the pageant held during the Sunday, December 21 service. Practices – 11:15am, Sundays, Nov. 23, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.
Registration is open now, deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 15. Use the QR code to sign up.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE An event for all ages! Start the season with crafts, carols and a cup of (age-appropriate) cheer, **4:30-6pm, Sunday, December 7.**

- Kids – make Advent/Christmas decorations, listen to a holiday story and munch on snacks
- Adults – chat with friends while enjoying a glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage and tasty bites.

-Everyone – end the evening singing holiday songs and carols

Please bring a full size bottle of shampoo to donate toward our ongoing collection for the WPC Day of Service.



ADVENT OPEN HOUSE HELPERS Helpers are needed for all phases of the December 7 event – setup, crafters and cleanup. To volunteer – use the QR code or sign up in Fellowship Hall.

GIVING AND SERVICE

LEAST COIN Look for the water jug in the Narthex to deposit your least coins (loose change) for the WPC Day of Service. Continues through mid-January.



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through week eight, we have received 73 pledges totaling \$358,724. 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.



PC(USA) MISSION YEARBOOK WPC goes national! An article about our Abilities Initiative is the devotion in the Tuesday, November 18 PC(USA) Mission Yearbook. Use the QR code to read it.

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.

WPC DAY OF SERVICE DONATIONS The WPC Day of Service (Monday, January 19), an inter-generational opportunity organized by the Abilities Initiative to benefit others, will involve donating items to four local organizations, including the Delco Domestic Abuse Project in Media and Bridge Houses through CityTeam in Chester. For November, we are asking for donations of full-size tubes of toothpaste and individually-wrapped toothbrushes. Place in large bin outside the church office.

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

- Cereal (kids' favorites)
- Jam or jelly (grape, strawberry or other berries)
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Canned vegetables (carrots, collard greens)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Snack bars
- Paper Products (napkins, toilet paper, tissues)
- Skin care products (shampoo, body lotion or cream, wet wipes)
- Feminine hygiene products (panty liners, maxi-pads, overnight)
- Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry)

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 16	Wednesday, November 19
09.30am- Chancel Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- BookLook
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Thursday, November 20
11.30am- Trustees	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.30pm- Zoo on Wheels	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
03.00pm- Adrienne Poissant Ordination	Friday, November 21
Monday, November 17	Saturday, November 22
10.00am- Bible Study	Sunday, November 23
Tuesday, November 18	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Deacons	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.00am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	04.30pm- Youth Group: Arcade & Pizza Night

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