



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025
CHRIST THE KING 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.



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: Dottie Celebre

Jeff Celebre

LITURGIST: Lisé Meloy

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

Next Week

USHERS: Ellis Warley

Heather Warley

LITURGIST: Mary Lou Day

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

*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

By opening our lives to God in Christ, we become new creatures. This experience, which Jesus spoke of as the new birth, is essential if we are to be transformed nonconformists ... Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit. -Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." -2 Corinthians 5:17

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and that life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." -Galatians 2:20

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. C. Berry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, we confess that we too often see you as the "friendly neighborhood Jesus" and do not honor you in all your power, glory, and majesty - as you deserve. We confess that we do not see our sin as an affront and insult to your Kingship, but it is. To sin is to laugh at your power, and mock your patience, and for that Lord, we are sorry. Forgive us, we humbly pray, and make us into new creations, that we might magnify your Name and glorify you in our every thought, word, and deed. 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.***

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 NRSV NT 181
¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SERMON “Who Do You Say That I Am?” Part 2: New Creation Rev. Taylor Cornelius

ANTHEM Hymn #265 Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun H. Hopson
The congregation is invited to sing along with the choir for verses 1, 2 and 3. The choir will sing verse 4, and the congregation may join back in for verse 5.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY O Lord, Thou Art My God and King E. Broughton



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

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of over all! We humbly bow before you today, and lay our many crowns down at your wounded feet. As our Lord and King, accept these offerings, and bless them according to your wisdom, that your love might come to shape the world through what we have offered here today. Amen.

LITANY OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

...

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 #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



All 1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 All 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 All 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 Choir Only 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 All 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant



4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.



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. 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

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 cechester.org

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

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

THIS WEEK AT WPC

ONLINE 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 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.



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 today, Sunday, November 23**. Invite a friend (and send them the link to sign up). Use the QR code to register.

LOOKING AHEAD

MOMENT FOR WELLNESS: FOSTERING SELF AND COMMUNITY CARE 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 We need as many hands on deck as possible to 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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

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

LOOKING FORWARD TO THANKSGIVING

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE Pageant practice begins **11:15am, TODAY**, with assigning parts, reading through the script and rehearsing the songs.



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.**

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.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE SHAMPOO DONATIONS Please bring a full-size bottle of shampoo (or make a monetary donation) to the Advent Open House in exchange for the opportunity to receive a Trader Joe's gift bag. Benefits WPC's Day of Service (Monday, January 19).

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE Appetizers Have a family favorite appetizer, snack or beverage of choice you'd like to share? Bring it for the nosh table.



YOUTH GROUP ADVENT OPEN HOUSE AND AFTER PARTY Tweens and teens – help with crafts and stay after for the Youth Group Christmas Party, **4:30pm, Sunday, December 7.** Use the QR code to register.

GIVING AND SERVICE

LEAST COIN Look for the water jug in the Narthex (before church) and Fellowship Hall (during coffee hour) to deposit your least coins (loose change) for the WPC Day of Service. Continues through mid-January.



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through week nine, we have received 74 pledges totaling \$359,764. 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 23	Wednesday, November 26
09.30am- Chancel Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
10.00am- Worship	Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, November 28 - Office Closed
11.15am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Saturday, November 29
04.30pm- Youth Group: Arcade & Pizza Night	Sunday, November 30
Monday, November 24	09.30am- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Bible Study	10.00am- Worship
10.00am- Staff Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Tuesday, November 25	11.15am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
07.00pm- Trustees	12.00pm- Chapel Ringers

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