



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 7TH, 2025
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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: Helen Picher

Polly Sacco Ezzell

LITURGIST: Sharon Babcock

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

Next Week

LITURGIST: Frank Noyes

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

*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

"The Angels are not an absurdity or curiosity which we are at liberty to reinterpret, to deny or to replace by curiosities of our own invention. Without the angels God himself would not be revealed and perceptible." – Karl Barth

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.***

ADVENT LITANY OF LIGHT: ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her...

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*OPENING HYMN

The Angel Gabriel

TRAD BASQUE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in Heaven, we know that we are far from perfect. We sin, we hurt other's feelings, we are greedy and always wanting more, we lose our temper and our patience, and we have trouble thinking of other's and their needs before our own. Forgive us God. We need you to wash us clean! 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.

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.

ANTHEM

Advent Supplication

arr. H. Hopson

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild. At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow. All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lod. To God Creator, God the Song, and God the Spirit, three in one, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:10-20

NRSV NT 56

¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

SERMON

The View From Heaven: Gabriel's Perspective

Taylor Cornelius

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. D. McAfee



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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 DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, King of the earth and all that is in it. We thank you for giving us all of our blessings, and we pray that you would turn our very selves into living offerings for you and your glory. Amen!

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please hold, as we receive the bread together - representing our corporate experience of God.
You may drink the cup as it comes to you - representing our personal experience of God.*

CLOSING PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Ashley and Ben Drane,
in celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary.*

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 springgardensoupociety.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.

The Angel Gabriel

Rev S. Baring Gould

Trad Basque arr Pettman

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The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, his
"For known a bless - ed Mo - ther shalt thou be, all
Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To
Of her, Em - ma - nu - el, the Christ was born in

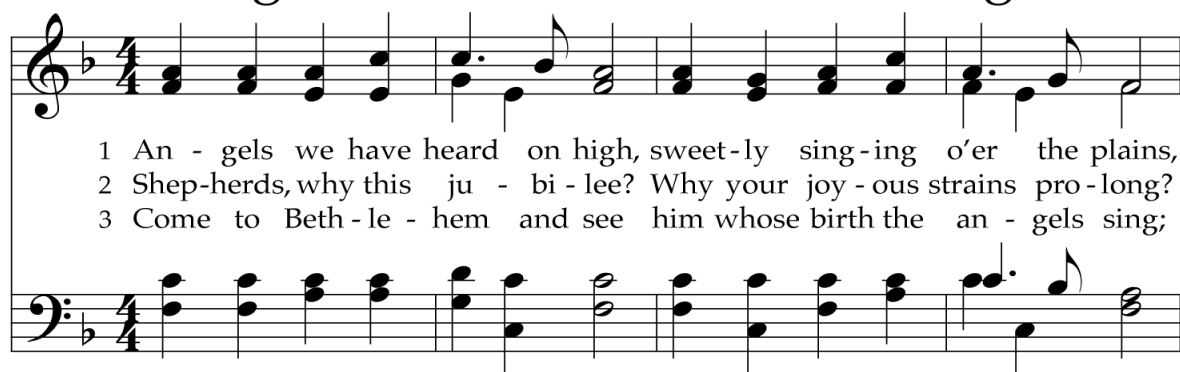
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wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
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me be as it pleas - eth God," she said, "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, and

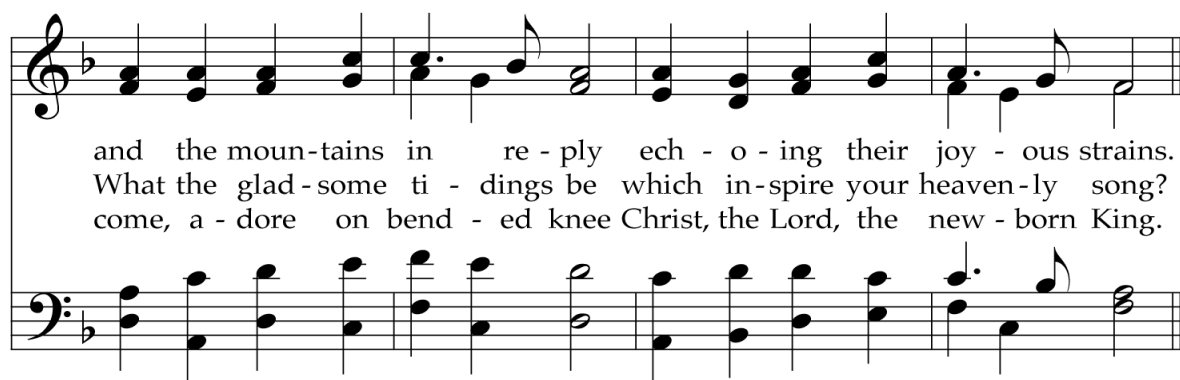
hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
Son shall be Em - ma - nu - el, by seers fore - told. Most
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy His ho - ly Name."
Christ - ian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

high - ly fa - vour'd la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

113 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

TEXT: French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860, alt.

MUSIC: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

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GLORIA
7.7.7.7 with refrain



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
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Free Will Gift _____ Total \$ _____

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

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THIS WEEK AT WPC

CHANCEL FLOWERS 2026 The sign-up board for sponsoring Chancel Flowers in 2026 is posted in Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and the dedication you would like printed in the bulletin. Suggested donation – \$50. Payments will be collected at the beginning of each month.

OFFERING ENVELOPES If you requested offering envelopes for 2026, pick them up in Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE Pageant practice continues **11:15am, TODAY**, with costume fittings and running through the script and songs.

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

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



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY Tweens and teens – help with Advent Open House crafts, then stay for the Christmas Party, **4:30pm, Sunday, December 7.** Use the QR code to register.

PRIME TIME Award-winning professional photographer Robert Wood will talk about his more than 45 years of experience capturing landscapes, weddings, families and life's most meaningful moments, **Tuesday, December 9.** His focus will be on how to take better pictures using light, composition and storytelling. **Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

WOW CHRISTMAS DINNER Women of Wallingford - join for our annual holiday event, **6pm, Wednesday, December 10.** We will provide the main course and beverages – please bring an appetizer, salad, side or dessert. End with the Christmas story and carols.

LOOKING AHEAD

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, December 14**, for breakfast, games, discussion and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12. Meet in the Youth Room.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Join us in telling the story of the Fourth Wise Man, based on the book by Henry Van Dyke, **10am, Sunday, December 21**. Explore the meaning of Christmas and the message of love shared to "the least of these" is the greatest gift you can give! Presented as part of the worship service.

NO CHILDCARE We will not provide childcare (Nursery or Sunday School), **10am, Sunday, December 21**, so children can enjoy the family-friendly service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES We will offer two services – **Wednesday, December 24**.

4pm – Service of Lessons and Carols A casual, family-friendly service of lessons and carols, children's message/interactive activity and lighting the Advent wreath. Featuring the Wallingford Winds, Bell Choir and Chapel Ringers.

8pm – Candlelight Service A traditional service of Bible readings, sermon, carols and anthems by our soloists and Chancel Choir, ending with "Silent Night" sung by candlelight. Pastor Taylor will preach on "The View from the Manger: The Christ Child's Perspective."

GIVING AND SERVICE

HAM DONATIONS Have a ham you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Mark it "Deacons" and place in the church refrigerator. Continues through Sunday, December 21.

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.

WPC DAY OF SERVICE DONATIONS For December, we are asking for full-size bottles of shampoo. 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, December 07	Wednesday, December 10
09.30am- Chancel Choir	09.00am- Breakfast Group @Court Diner
10.00am- Worship	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
11.00am- Coffee Hour	06.00pm- WOW Christmas Dinner
11.15am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Thursday, December 11
12.00pm- Chapel Ringers	Friday, December 12
04.30pm- Advent Open House	Saturday, December 13
Monday, December 08	Sunday, December 14
10.00am- Bible Study	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, December 09	10.00am- Breakfast Club
12.00pm- Prime Time	10.00am- Worship
06.30pm- Bell Choir	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.00pm- Communications Meeting	11.15am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
07.15pm- Wallingford Winds	12.00pm- Chapel Ringers
07.45pm- Chancel Choir	

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