

MAY 3RD, 2026  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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, or sync your Bluetooth enabled hearing aids to our sound system. Scan the QR code for instructions.



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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, ACTING HEAD OF STAFF: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

• [pastortaylor@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:pastortaylor@wallingfordpres.org)

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CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

USHERS: Jenny Sheaffer

Steve Sheaffer

LITURGIST: Barb Demos

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

### **Next Week**

USHERS: Jenny Montague

Helen Picher

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

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

"Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me." – Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above by Charitie Lees Smith

"Under the Old Covenant, the Law was inside the Ark, and the Mercy Seat was on top of it. The blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled on the Mercy Seat so that God could look down at His Law and see it satisfied by the sacrifice. Jesus is the ultimate Mercy Seat—He stands between the Law and our failure to keep it, offering His own life as the ground for our acceptance."  
– Tim Keller

### 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.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The writer of Proverbs 30 asks us:

Who has gone up to heaven and come down?

**Whose hands have gathered up the wind?**

Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak?

**Who has established all the ends of the earth?**

What is his name, and what is the name of his son?

**Surely you know! Yes! Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord!**

**Let us worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

JERNIGAN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Precious Savior, though you have given your life for us, we often treat you as just an accessory to our lives. We do not seek your will first, and instead we try to gratify our own desires. We are sorry Lord. Root out the pride, greed, and anger in our hearts, and replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has laid down his life so that you could be pardoned, forgiven, and free! Praise be to God that, through Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection, we were bought back from the grave! **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.***

#### 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                      With Verdure Clad, from Creation                      Joseph Haydn  
ft. Meghan Cakalli

#### **WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING                      Romans 3:21- 26                      NRSV NT 154

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

ANTHEM                      Think of His Goodness to You                      R. C. Ward  
When waves of affliction sweep over the soul And sunlight is hidden from view, If ever you're tempted to fret or complain, Just think of His goodness to you. Just think of His goodness to you; Yes, think of His goodness to you; Though storms o'er you sweep, He is able to keep; O think of His goodness to you. The world may forsake you, and those whom you trust May prove to be false and untrue; There's One you can trust even unto the end; Just think of His goodness to you. Misfortune's dark cloud may hang over the way, Despite your best efforts to do; The Savior is guarding your treasures up there; Just think of His goodness to you.

SERMON                      It Was the Strangest Thing... [Part III]                      Rev. Taylor Cornelius

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

arr. Mark Hayes



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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

**We thank you, Generous God, for your kind provision. We know that all that we have is Yours. Take our gifts, tithes, and offerings, and make of them a harvest of blessing for those in our church, community, and beyond. 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 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.**

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 #625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

### **THIS WEEK AT WPC ....**

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** The Strawberry Festival is **5-8 pm, Monday, June 1** and YOU make it a success!

**To volunteer:**

-sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall beginning **TODAY**

-email the church office to request a time for a particular activity (sell/setup attic treasures, books, plants; bake a cake; cut strawberries; serve food; sell tickets)

**Start saving:**

-Books – kids, fiction and non, cookbooks

(no encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or CDs)

-Attic Treasures – household items, collectables, jewelry

(no luggage, glassware, mugs, sets of china or picture frames)

-Plants – perennials, vegetables, herbs

(mark with name of plant, sun/shade)

garden tools and pots

**CALLING ALL GRADS** If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. **The deadline is Monday, May 11.**

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am today, Sunday, May 3**, for breakfast, games, discussion and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12.

**KIDS CAFÉ** Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am today, Sunday, May 3**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to children age four and older.

**AN AFTERNOON OF CHORAL MUSIC** Enjoy the Baldwin School and Haverford School choral ensembles in a program featuring classical concert pieces to contemporary pop, in addition to excerpts from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," **3pm today, Sunday, May 3**. The \$15 suggested donation will benefit Musicopia, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to inspire, educate and connect children, youth and their extended communities through collaborative music and dance experiences. Part of WPC's Concerts for a Cause.



**SPROUTS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** End the year with a splash with sprinklers and a big celebration, **5-7pm, Friday, May 8**. Open to children grades K-5. Please bring a dish/drink to share. Use the QR code to register (and send the link to friends to register, too).



**SPROUTS PIZZA VOLUNTEER** Offer dinner for the Sprouts End of Year Celebration, **Friday, May 8**, by providing four large plain cheese pizzas. Have them delivered/drop them yourself in the WPC kitchen around 4:45pm. Use the QR code for details and to register.

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

**MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR** We are looking for a few good men to handle coffee hour on Mother's Day (**Sunday, May 10**) as a special treat for the women of the congregation. Like to help? Speak with/text Chris Dearnaley (610-585-6773).

**W.O.W. SPRING DINNER** Enjoy our potluck appetizer, salad and dessert dinner in the Reception Room, **6pm, Wednesday, May 13**. Bring a dish to share. All women in the congregation are invited.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY** Celebrate our Sunday School teachers during the **Sunday, May 17** service.

**CHAPEL CHOIR** Kids – meet in the choir room to practice the song for Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day, **9am, Sunday, May 17**, then sing it during the 10am service. Open to children age four and older.

**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL** The last day of Sunday School for the year is May 17. Summer Sunday School begins May 31.

**YOUTH GROUP CAPTURE THE FLAG** Bring your friends to have the best team, **4:30pm, Sunday, May 17**. Stay for pizza and Rita's.

**BOOKLOOK** Discuss "The Art Thief" by Michael Finkel, "one of the most remarkable true-crime narratives of the 21st century. It, like its title character, has confidence, élan and a great sense of timing." ("The New Yorker"), **7:30pm, Wednesday, May 20**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$11.

## GIVING AND SERVICE ....

**DELCO GIVES** As part of the annual Delco Gives program, Chester Eastside is raising funds to buy a cargo van to collect and transport food donations for its lunch and after school programs. WPC has already made a very generous donation, but if you feel called to make a personal donation to Chester Eastside, or any of the other worthy causes that are participating, visit [delcogives.org](http://delcogives.org). **Runs through May 7.**

**HOUSE FIRE** A co-worker of WPC member Alyssa Nielsen recently experienced a devastating house fire. Thankfully she, her family and their pets are safe but unfortunately, they have been displaced and experienced significant loss.

Alyssa is heading a collection at her workplace for monetary and clothing donations – please text her (484-682-3926) if you can provide any of the following items or offer financial help:

Women's

- Blouses (size large)
- Pants (size 14 petite)
- Shoes (size 7)

Men's

- Shirts (size large)
- Pants (36 waist x 30 length)
- Shoes (size 9.5)

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

LifeWerks is requesting:

- Grape jelly
- Granola and fruit bars
- Chunky soups (any beef with vegetables or chicken with noodles)
- Cream of chicken soup, beef broth
- Tuna
- Canned beans (kidney, pinto)
- Dried beans (black, kidney, lima, pinto, split pea)
- Tomato paste, tomato sauce
- Detergent (dish, dishwasher, laundry)
- Cleaning products (all types)
- Toilet paper
- Deodorant, shampoo

# You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519

## You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (C)  
 F C Dm7 Am F

*\* F*

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I

(Dm7) (C) (G7) (C) (G7) (C) (G)  
 Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) (Em) (C) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)  
 Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 B<sup>b</sup> F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G) (C) (G7)  
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

*\* F*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)  
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

*\*May be sung as a canon.*

The expression "all in all," meaning "everything," owes much of its endurance in English usage to its appearance in 1 Corinthians 15:28, though many phrases leading up to it here have parallels in Hebrew Scripture. The second section echoes the song to the Lamb in Revelation 5:12.

# O Lord My God

## How Great Thou Art

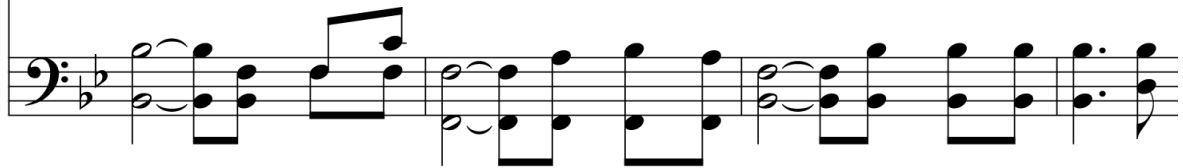


*Refrain*

u - ni - verse dis - played:  
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 take a - way my sin:  
 God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>
09.30am- Chancel Choir	<b>Thursday, May 7</b>
10.00am- Breakfast Club	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, May 8</b>
11.00am- Kids Café	05.00pm- Sprouts
03.00pm- Concert for a Cause	<b>Saturday, May 9</b>
<b>Monday, May 4</b>	<b>Sunday, May 10</b>
10.00am- Bible Study	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Connections	10.00am- Worship
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	

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