



MAY 10TH, 2026
SIXTH 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

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Jenny Montague

Helen Picher

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

Next Week

USHERS: Nancy Oetinger

Joe Oetinger

LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

COFFEE HOUR: Connections/
Peacemaking

*Those who are able, please stand.

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me. – Matthew 25: 37-40
God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers. — Jewish Proverb

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this busy world filled with worry and hurt...

We gather here for peace and hope!

In this world divided and splintered...

We gather here unified as one in the Spirit!

In this world that scrambles to tell us who to be...

We gather here because we know who we are!

Fully seen, fully loved, and One in the Spirit!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come before you God to confess our sin. We have been prideful in the ways we've lifted ourselves up and put others down. We have been lazy in our spiritual walk with You. We have been apathetic toward the cries of the needy. We have been negative and complaining in our thinking and speech. O Lord, have mercy on us. Help us instead to be gentle and humble of heart as You are, and lead us to deeper repentance. 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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

NRSV NT 109

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Need Thee Every Hour

R. Lowry, arr. F. Ritter

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-5

NRSV NT 197

¹If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴You should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. ⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

SERMON

Barb Demos

ANTHEM

Constellation: Family of Light

M. Burrows

I am a voice: one voice, calling out across the divide. I am a heart: one heart, beating strong the rhythm inside, searching for the song, seeking out the place I belong. You belong. A brilliant bond of friendship, a radiant design, connected in community, together we will shine. A beacon ever bright, a constellation: We are a family of light. We have a hope: one hope, breathing out compassion and care. We have a dream: our dream, shining out the vision we share. Join us in the song. Welcome home, and know you belong. A brilliant bond of friendship, a radiant design, connected in community, together we will shine. A beacon ever bright, a constellation: We are a family of light. In beams of light, in waves of sound, we are seen, we are heard, we are known, we are found. A brilliant bond of friendship, a radiant design, connected in community, together we will shine. A beacon ever bright, a constellation: We are a family of light.

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

Blessed Jesus, how we love you! Take these gifts and make of them a harvest of blessing for those in need. Take our very thoughts, words, and deeds, that our whole being would be to you a sacrifice of love for your glory. 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 #300

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lin Aexamethy Floyd,
For all mothers and grandmothers, especially Betty Elsaesser Aexamethy, Elizabeth Gimmel
Elsaesser, and Rose Vagdacs Aexamethy and Mary Schuster Floyd, Katherine Schuster,
and Mabel Mellor Floyd.*

37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'CREATION AND PROVIDENCE'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, D, G, Am, D. The lyrics are: 'till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:'. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, C, G, D, G. The lyrics are: 'as forward we travel from light into light. to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!'.

GIVING AND SERVICE

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

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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

EARLY VBC REGISTRATION WPC members and friends – register your children now for a great week at VBC “Road Trip,” including


-High-energy music and dancing

-Immersive storytelling

-Creative hands-on crafts

-Action-packed games

-Mission – Red Wagon

 VBC will run **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17** and is open to kids ages 4-11 (grouped by age for stories/crafts). Cost – \$25 per student. Registering the whole crew? Use code WPCFAM at checkout for our 40% off multi-child discount. Use the QR code for more info and to register.

VBC SHEPHERDS Tweens and teens (ages 12-18) – volunteer with VBC. Escort the classes from station to station, help with crafts and games. . . Contact Pastor Taylor to volunteer.

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.**

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

PRIME TIME Pianist Donna Kay Jones, of Swarthmore, will present "Music of Spring," including works by Brahms, Chopin and Rachmaninoff, **Tuesday, May 19. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

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.

PENTECOST Be sure to wear red for the Pentecost service, **10am, Sunday, May 24**.

CHILDCARE/SUNDAY SCHOOL Please note there will be no Sunday School for 12 months – pre-K or grades K-6, **Sunday, May 24**. Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, May 31.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Kids – watch "The Chosen Ones" in the Reception Room (following a Time with Young Disciples). Open to children 12 months – 11 years (with a basket of toys for the younger kids). **Runs May 31-August 30**.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS Looking for a simple way to make a big difference? Volunteer for Summer Sunday School to help create a fun, welcoming space for our children. Play the video lesson and interact with/supervise kids ages 12 months – 11 years. Use the QR code to volunteer for a Sunday from **May 31-August 30**.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!

5-8 pm, Monday June 1
YOU make Strawberry Festival a success!

VOLUNTEER

- Bake a cake
- Slice strawberries
- Sell tickets
- Serve food/strawberries/cake
- Setup/Sell Attic Treasures/Book Nook/Plants
- General Setup/Cleanup

Use sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall/Email church office

ATTIC TREASURES

Household items/knickknacks/kids' items
(no luggage/glassware/mugs/
sets of china/picture frames)

Leave in rear of Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 17-Sunday, May 31

(Church open weekdays 9am-3pm)

JEWELRY

Necklaces, bracelets, pins, accessories

Weekdays – bring to Church office

(9am-3pm)

CAKES

Homemade/purchased/cupcakes

Leave in Kitchen

Sunday, May 31 and Monday, June 1

SUPPLIES

Extension cords/power strips/
card tables/refreezable ice packs

Leave in Library

Sunday, May 17-Monday, June 1

(Church open weekdays 9am-3pm)

LARGER ATTIC TREASURES

Only accepting those which
one person can carry
(side chairs/tables, tools)

Leave outside office entrance

Sunday, May 31 and Monday, June 1

BOOKS

Kids, fiction and non, cookbooks, etc.
(no encyclopedias/textbooks/VHS/CDs)

Leave in Library

Sunday, May 17 – 2pm, Sunday, May 31

(Church open weekdays 9am-3pm)

PLANTS

Perennials, vegetables, herbs
(mark with type of plant,
sun/shade), garden tools, pots

Leave in Courtyard

Sunday, May 31 and Monday, June 1

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 10	Thursday, May 14
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Worship	Friday, May 15
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Saturday, May 16
Monday, May 11	Sunday, May 17
10.00am- Bible Study	09.00am- Chapel Choir
07.30pm- Session	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, May 12	10.00am- Worship
Wednesday, May 13	11.00am- Coffee Hour
01.30pm- Stephen Ministry	11.00am- Wallingford Winds
06.00pm- WOW Spring Dinner	04.30pm- Youth Group

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