



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

A P P R E C I A T I O N D A Y

MAY 17TH, 2026

SEVENTH 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

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Nancy Oetinger

Joe Oetinger

LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

COFFEE HOUR: Connections/
Peacemaking

Next Week

USHERS: Judy Leet

John Leet

LITURGIST: Don Killian

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

*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

"You ascended from before our eyes, and we turned back grieving, only to find you in our hearts." – St. Augustine of Hippo

"If we do not teach our children, who will? If they are not taught the truth, they will be taught lies. A Sunday School teacher is a sower of the best seed in the best soil." – Charles Spurgeon

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

And His greatness is unsearchable.

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty

And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

People will speak of the power of Your awesome acts,

And I will tell of Your greatness.

They will burst forth in speaking of Your abundant goodness,

And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. 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.

TEACHER APPRECIATION PRAYER

Almighty God, we come before You with grateful hearts, especially today as we recognize and appreciate our Sunday school teachers. We thank You for their selfless service in shaping the hearts and minds of our children. We pray you support them and their families, that you would continue to inspire them with your Spirit, and bless them abundantly. We thank you that they are a light to our church community which shines far into the future, as they plant seeds of love peace and joy in the hearts of the next generation of your disciples. Bless them always, in Jesus' name, Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

NRSV NT 91

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:20-23

NRSV NT 192

²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

SERMON

Leaving the Lights On

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

ANTHEM

Sing We Now the Praises of Our God

M. Hayes

Sing we now the praises of our God. Let us sing the alleluias. May the air resound in grateful chorus as we praise the Lord Most High. May all Nature join in glorious song as the Lord bursts forth in splendor, singing alleluia. The heavn's declare the glory of our great and mighty God. The stars applaud His greatness as they shine in the skies above. Sing we now the praises of our God. Let us sing the alleluias. May the air resound in grateful chorus as we praise the Lord Most High. May all Nature join in glorious song as the Lord bursts forth in splendor, singing alleluia! The rocks and hills will cry out if His praises we do not sing. So rejoice in God our Maker; He deserves the praises of ev'ry living thing. Sing we now the praises of our God. Let us sing the alleluias. May the air resound in grateful chorus as we praise the Lord Most High. May all Nature join in glorious song as the Lord bursts forth in splendor, singing alleluia!

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Strong Praise!

P. Davis



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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

Gracious God, we acknowledge that all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. Accept these gifts offered with cheerful hearts, and use them to extend your kingdom and care for your people. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of peace... **hear our 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 #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*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 Frank Noyes,
In honor of Tyler Noyes and Karen Caddy.*

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY Celebrate our Sunday School teachers during today's Sunday, May 17 service.

CHAPEL CHOIR Kids – meet in the choir room to practice the song for Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day, **9am today, 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 today May 17. Summer Sunday School begins May 31.

YOUTH GROUP CAPTURE THE FLAG Bring your friends to have the best team, **4:30pm today, 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.

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
- 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

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

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.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TICKET PRE-SALE Beat the rush – buy your Strawberry Festival tickets during Coffee Hour, **11am, Sunday, May 24.** Cash/credit or debit card/Venmo/PayPal/Apple Pay/Google Pay accepted. **Continues Sunday, May 31.**

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY Celebrate our music program with selections by the Chancel Choir/Wallingford Winds/Handbell Choir/Chapel Ringers, **10am, 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.

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.

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

GIVING AND SERVICE



CONTAINER WATERING Pick a week between May and September – it just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Please also deadhead the plants (pinch off the wilted blossoms) – it will encourage more blooms. Use the QR code to volunteer.

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

CONGRATS GRADS!

A shout-out to our high school and college grads:

Tim Childers (Delaware Valley Friends School; attending Haverford College in the fall – son of Thomas and Kristen Childers, grandson of Jean Stromberg)

Aubrey Jordan (Strath Haven High School; enlisting in the U.S. Navy – son of Jeff and Sheila Elmhurst)

Andrew Waltman (Strath Haven High School; attending Temple University in the fall – son of Steve and Angela Waltman, grandson of Marjorie Waltman)

Anna Warley (Strath Haven High School; attending The College of William and Mary/James Monroe Scholars Program in the fall – daughter of Nelson and Heather Warley)

Aiden Rowland (Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Olney, Maryland; attending St. Mary's College of Maryland in the fall – grandson of Louise Rowland)

Julia Anderson (BA in Classics, Baylor University Honors College – daughter of David and Rachel Anderson)

Trey Ford (BA in Psychology, Temple University – son of Shirley Robinson)

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 17	Wednesday, May 20
09.00am- Chapel Choir	07.30pm- BookLook
09.30am- Chancel Choir	Thursday, May 21
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Wallingford Winds	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
04.30pm- Youth Group	Friday, May 22
Monday, May 18	Saturday, May 23
10.00am- Bible Study	Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost
Tuesday, May 19	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Deacons	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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