





MAY 31ST, 2026
TRINITY SUNDAY
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: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Mimi Haggerty

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

Next Week

USHERS: Polly Sacco Ezzell

Ken Ezzell

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

*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

"For he who sings praise, does not only praise, but also praises with gladness... lines of song become pathways for the soul. He who sings, prays twice." -St. Augustine

"It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together. It is not I who sing, but the Church; yet it is I who may share in the church's song. Thus all right singing together serves to lift the burden from the individual and to bind the community into a holy harmony." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Worship is the reason for which we were created. It is the topmost peak of human experience. And when we find a melody to match that worship, the soul finds its truest home." – A.W. Tozer

"The angels laugh at the old theologians who think they have found the ultimate answer, but they never laugh at a congregation that sings its praise to God." – Karl Barth

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

Resounding Praise
Wallingford Winds

T. Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:4-6

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, the lute, and the harp.

Praise God with tambourine and dance, with strings and pipes!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Come, let us make a melody to the Lord with all our hearts!

*OPENING HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created the universe with a divine melody, yet we confess that our lives are often out of tune. We let the harsh noise of worry, conflict, and judgment drown out your song of peace. We stay silent when we should speak out for justice, and we sing our own praises instead of yours. Forgive us when we lose the rhythm of your grace. Harmonize our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that our words, actions, and songs may ring true to your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, God does not leave us in our brokenness. The Lord hears our cry, sets our feet upon a rock, and puts a new song in our mouths—a song of praise to our God. Hear and believe the ultimate truth of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, loved, and made new.

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Chapel Ringers

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 ages 12 months through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in the Reception Room, or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School please accompany them so that we may register your family with the Sunday School workers.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 150

NRSV OT 583

¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! ²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! ³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! ⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Worthy To Be Praised!

Byron J. Smith

Holy, holy, holy. Praise our God almighty. Worthy and holy. Lord eternally. Praise the Lord in the highest. Praise His Holy name. Let all things that have a breath just praise the Lord. I believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. I will sing. I will shout He's worthy to be praised! We have come into the House of the Lord, to praise His Holy name. To give glory, honor and adore, His Son whose life He gave. Let the trumpet sound, let the rocks resound, our sinful soul He saved. I will sing, I will shout He's worthy to be praised! Raise your voices high and sing to the Lord, He's worthy to be praised. Shout hosanna high to God for, His everlasting grace. Let the trumpet sound, let the rocks resound, our sinful soul He saved. I will sing, I will shout He's worthy to be praised! Join all and sing hosanna, Praise ye the Lord, Oh let every voice sing out that He's worthy to be praised! Worthy, He is worthy my God is worthy. Sing and shout hosanna, praise His holy name. Let all praise Him in the highest, let all praise the Lord. He's worthy to be praised. I believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. I will sing. I will shout He's worthy to be praised!

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-21

NRSV NT 194

¹⁵Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

SERMON

Songs in the Dark: Part 1

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #821

My Life Flows On
(verses 1 and 2)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Praise With Timbral and Dance

F. Chatfield



Bell Choir
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

Take our gifts, O God, and use them to compose a symphony of care, justice, and hope in our community. May our whole lives be a continuous offering of thanksgiving. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, hear your people, **Receive our song.**

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 #821

My Life Flows On
(verses 3 and 4)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by the Halladay family,
In loving memory of Bart.*

ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

821

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY Celebrate our music program with selections by the Chancel Choir/Wallingford Winds/Handbell Choir/Chapel Ringers, **10am today, Sunday, May 31.**

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

New Member Class Are you ready to officially call our community your church home and help shape the future of our leadership? If you want to cast your vote for our new Pastor/Head of Staff, you must become a member of our church. By attending the new member class, **11:30am today, Sunday, May 31,** you will take that important first step, can be received as a member on Sunday, June 14 and ensure your voice will be heard on June 21. We are excited to have YOU as an official member of the WPC family! NOTE – If you previously attended a New Member Class, simply come 9:15am, June 14 to meet the Session and be voted into membership. You will be officially received into membership during that morning's service.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER REMINDERS Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer at the Strawberry Festival (setup, cleanup and during the event).

A few reminders:

- Check the signup sheets for the time of your shift
- Please park on the street (if possible) to decrease congestion in the parking lot
- Check in with the volunteer coordinator for a nametag (located at the head of the courtyard)

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL What else is there to say? See you tomorrow, 5-8pm.

LOOKING AHEAD



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY If you attended the New Member Class on May 31, or attended a previous New Member Class, and are ready to officially call WPC your church home, please arrive at **9:15am, Sunday, June 14**, to meet the Session and be voted into membership. You will be officially received into membership during that morning's service.

DAN GLENN MEMORIAL SERVICE A memorial service for Dan Glenn will be held **11am, Tuesday, June 16**, at WPC. A catered luncheon will follow the service.



ROSE TREE PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL The festival offers free concerts featuring all types of entertainment **beginning 7:30pm, June 17**. It also includes two morning concerts for children (10am, June 24 and July 3). Use the QR code for more info.

ROSE TREE POPS ORCHESTRA Plan to attend the Rose Tree Park Summer Festival featuring the Rose Tree Pops Orchestra (and our own Diane Gerlach on cello), **7:30pm, Saturday, June 20**.

SUMMER CHOIR Meet in the choir room to rehearse an easy anthem, then perform it for worship, **9:30am, Sunday, June 21**. Adults and youth (high school aged +) – all are welcome! Sings again Sundays, July 19 and August 16.

SAVE THE DATE Plan to attend the service, **10am, Sunday, June 21**, when the candidate selected by the PNC to be our next Head of Staff will be preaching at WPC. After the service, members of WPC will vote to extend the call. More details to follow.

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.

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 Fellowship Hall

JEWELRY

Necklaces, bracelets, pins, accessories

Leave in the Church Office or the Choir Room

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

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 or the Choir Room

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



SUMMER COFFEE HOUR Like to help host coffee hour? Summer is the perfect time and serving goodies is a great way to meet people. Home baked goods are optional (there is always an assortment of cookies in the closet) and instructions are posted in the kitchen. If it's your first time, we'll pair you with a "Coffee Hour Pro" who knows all the ropes. Use the QR code for more info and to sign up for a Sunday from **July 5-August 30**.



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.



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**.

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

Cares and Concerns

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:	
Deb Dunbar	
Walt Dunham	Rhoda Morgan
Victims of war all around the world	
All those affected by climate disasters	
All affected by gun violence	
Ryan Kerr (USAF) and active duty, reserves, and veterans of our armed forces	
Our Mission Workers: <div style="text-align: center;"> Rev. Jeni Pedzinski, Mission Engagement Director for International Ministries John Stauffer for The America Team for Displaced Eritreans </div>	

Prayer concerns are listed in the bulletin for four consecutive weeks.

If you wish to have your concern listed, please fill out a prayer card or contact the office.

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 31 09.00am- Bell Choir 09.20am- Wallingford Winds 09.40am- Chancel Choir 10.00am- Worship 11.00am- Coffee Hour 11.30am- New Member Class Monday, June 1 05.00pm- Strawberry Festival	Tuesday, June 2 Wednesday, June 3 Thursday, June 4 Friday, June 5 Saturday, June 6 Sunday, June 7 10.00am- Worship 11.00am- Coffee Hour
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