

JUNE 7TH, 2026  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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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## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

USHERS: Polly Sacco Ezzell

Ken Ezzell

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

### **Next Week**

USHERS: Bowe Hansen

Thomas Hansen

LITURGIST: Roger Demos

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

\*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

Any man can sing in the day... But it is a divine art to sing when the night is dark and bleak. Songs in the night come only from God; they are not the music of earth, but the melodies of heaven. – Charles Spurgeon

Praise is the breakthrough strategy of heaven. It shifts our gaze from the walls that confine us to the God who frees us. A singing heart cannot remain a captive heart. - A.W. Tozer

Praise is not a luxury for the mountain peaks of life; it is a necessity for the valleys. When we sing in the dark, we are declaring that God is greater than our chains, and that his grace is stronger than our prisons. – John Piper

### 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

Even at midnight, God is working.

**Even in the deepest shadows, God is near.**

Let us lift our voices and sing praises to the Lord.

**For God breaks our chains and fills our darkness with light!**

**Come, let us worship God together!**

### \*OPENING HYMN #157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that when darkness falls or trials come, we easily lose our song. We let fear silence our praise and worry dictate our minds. Forgive us for forgetting that you are sovereign even in the night. Break the chains of our doubt, loosen our spirits, and give us the courage to sing of your goodness even before the dawn arrives. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: God's grace is not locked away from sinners, but instead, in Jesus Christ, we are entirely forgiven and set free! **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 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.*

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:19b-34

NRSV NT 136

<sup>19</sup>They seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

<sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

How Great Thou Art  
ft. Lisa Higgins, alto flute

arr. C. Tolomeo

### SERMON

Songs in the Dark: Part II

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

### HYMN OF RESPONSE #463

How Firm a Foundation (v. 1-3)

FOUNDATION

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

### OFFERTORY

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven



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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

**Holy God, take these gifts and use them to shake the foundations of despair and open doors of grace for all your people, in Jesus' name we pray, 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

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 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 #463

How Firm a Foundation (v. 4-5)

FOUNDATION

\*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 Mary Lou Day,  
In loving memory of Jim Day.*

# 157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
 F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The  
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's  
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)  
 Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I  
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
 F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and  
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
 Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 came with me and the dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die.  
 I am the dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

*Refrain*

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)  
 Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

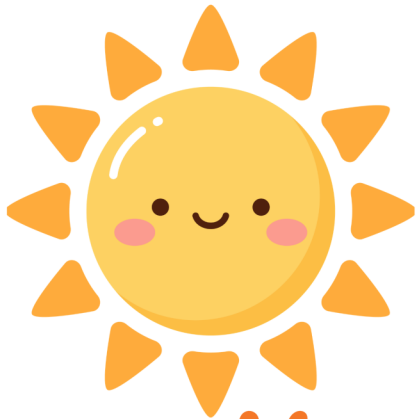
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

**JULY 13 - 17**

**6pm- 7:30pm**



**KIDS**

*Vacation Bible*

**CAMP**

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**AGES**

**4 - 11**



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## THIS WEEK AT WPC ....

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL THANK YOU** The Strawberry Festival Coordinators would like to extend a huge thank you to our many members and friends who presented their best selves for the day and beyond! Special thanks to Choice Party Linens, Colonial Village Meat Market, Dietz & Watson, Gentile's Produce Market, Jack and Jill Ice Cream, Jim's Ice, Meisha Party Rentals, The Pretzel Factory, Swarthmore Pizza, Wawa and our Scouts, Cub Pack 228 and Troops 277 and 2019.

**Church Office Volunteers** Volunteers are needed for the church office during Nathan's vacation, Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26. The office will be open daily 10am-2pm and shifts are 10am-noon and noon-2pm. Email Nathan at [office@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:office@wallingfordpres.org) to volunteer.

## 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. More details to follow.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Session has called a special congregational meeting at the conclusion of the worship service, **Sunday, June 21**, for the purpose of voting to extend a call to the candidate selected by the Pastor Nominating Committee to be WPC's next Head of Staff. Please plan to attend!

**VBC REGISTRATION** 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.

## 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. **Available dates - June 21, July 19, August 2, 23 and 30**. Use the QR code to volunteer.

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

- Cereal/oatmeal/Cream of Wheat
- Pancake mix/pancake syrup
- Peanut butter/grape jelly
- Apple sauce
- Canned soup
- Ramen noodles/cup of noodles
- Canned chicken/salmon/tuna
- Knorr side dishes
- Canned fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit cocktail)
- Canned vegetables (peas, green beans, carrots, corn, collard greens)
- Sides (mac and cheese, stuffing, mashed potatoes, rice)
- Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, egg noodles)

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, June 7</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 10</b>
10.00am- Worship	<b>Thursday, June 11</b>
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, June 12</b>
<b>Monday, June 8</b>	<b>Saturday, June 13</b>
10.00am- Staff Meeting	<b>Sunday, June 14</b>
07.30pm- Session	10.00am- Worship
<b>Tuesday, June 9</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Communications Meeting	

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