



*Pastor David
and Brenda!*

AUGUST 2ND, 2026
10TH 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

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- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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USHERS: Chris Dearnaley

Jenny Montague

LITURGIST: Lisé Meloy

Next Week

USHERS: Nancy Oettinger

Jim Oettinger

*Those who are able, please stand.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

God gives us what we would have asked for if we knew everything He knows. – Tim Keller

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. – Corrie ten Boom

We are secure, not because we hold tightly to Jesus, but because He holds tightly to us.
– Tim Keller

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. — Lamentations 3:22–23

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

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

God's faithfulness extends to all generations.

In seasons of transition and seasons of rest, God has held us in loving hands.

God's mercies are new every morning!

Come, let us gather with joyful hearts to worship the Lord together.

Let us sing, pray, and give thanks for God's unwavering love!

*OPENING HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Faithful God, you have guided our footsteps and sustained our church through every season. Yet, we confess that we often worry about the future and forget your past goodness. We let fear overshadow faith and rely on our own strength rather than resting in your promises. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our trust, heal our divisions, and give us joyful hearts as we step forward in mission together. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God's mercy is fresh every morning. Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. In Jesus Christ, we 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.

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

Lamentations 3:21-26

NRSV OT 766

²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus
ft. Lisé Meloy, Flute

arr. B. Olstad

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5

NRSV NT 155

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:7-11

NRSV NT 6

⁷"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? ¹¹If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION



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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

Generous God, accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude for your relentless faithfulness. Multiply them to feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and share your love with a world in need. Dedicate our lives anew to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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

MUSICAL BLESSING

Shalom

arr. D. Forrest

When I feel lost and so afraid and shadows have hid the sun away. When my heart is heavy and it's hard to pray, I remember what my mother used to say. Shalom, shalom, peace be with you wherever you go. Shalom, shalom, let this melody begin to bring you home. In desperation, when you're losing sight, you've cried out with everything inside. There is still a shepherd, even when you hide, who will pick you up and hold you till you find. Shalom, shalom, peace be with you wherever you go. Shalom, shalom, let this melody begin to bring you home.

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CLOSING HYMN #853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God from everyone at WPC,
welcoming David and Brenda to our family.*

Dear Wallingford family of faith,

By the time this letter reaches you, Brenda and I may already be unpacking boxes next door, wandering your hallways trying to remember which door leads where, or standing beside you in worship — so consider this less a letter from afar and more a warm hello from just around the corner.

I'm David Hanna, and it is a joy to be here as your pastor and head of staff. Brenda and I have arrived with open hands, a good deal of curiosity, and roughly the right number of moving boxes (we might be missing one or two). After twenty wonderful years serving one congregation, we know how tender and holy it is to begin again, and we do not take lightly the trust you're placing in us. We're convinced the best things about a church are usually the ones you can't put in a brochure — and we can't wait to discover them with you.

We're already amazed by your story — a church born in William Eves's living room in 1885, chartered by thirty-two hopeful souls who had no idea what they were starting, and a congregation that still keeps a little red wagon in the narthex as a sign of a people who lean outward toward their neighbors. Now we'd love to hear the rest, in your own words.

So please don't wait for a formal introduction: say hello, tell me your name (and forgive me when I need to hear it twice). These first weeks won't be about big plans, but about listening, questions, and showing up — at coffee time, meetings, activities and wherever two or three of you happen to be gathered. And I'm glad I'm not doing any of this alone: I'm genuinely looking forward to serving shoulder-to-shoulder with Pastor Taylor and the whole staff, a gifted team who already love and know this congregation far better than I do. Good ministry is never a solo act; it's a chorus.

A little about what makes me: I love getting to know people, laughter in worship, and a church where nobody has to pretend to have it all together. When life is hard — and it will be, for all of us, sooner or later — I want to be the kind of pastor who shows up, sits down, and stays. Everything I hope to be among you fits in a few small words: everyone belongs, everyone serves — a people shaped by love and sent to love. Together, may we gather in grace, grow in God's love, and go in service to the world.

So this is simply a first hello, and a promise: we've come to love you, to laugh and grieve and grow alongside you, and to delight in the good things God has already planted here. We're glad to be here — and we cannot wait to find out which of you brings the best cookies to coffee time.

With love and great anticipation,

David and Brenda Hanna

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

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.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

WELCOME PASTOR DAVID Rev. David Hanna will begin as WPC's new Pastor/Head of Staff effective Saturday, August 1. He and Brenda will attend worship today, Sunday, August 2 and his first day in the pulpit will be Sunday, August 16.

WELCOME COFFEE HOUR Come to Fellowship Hall after the service, **11am today, Sunday, August 2**, to personally greet Pastor David and Brenda and celebrate our new beginnings together.

BOOKLOOK Discuss "Great Circle" by Maggie Shipstead, "the unforgettable story of a daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in life, at any cost: an "epic trip – through Prohibition and World War II, from Montana to London to present-day Hollywood – and you'll relish every minute" (People), **7:30pm, Wednesday, August 5**.

YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP Pastor Taylor is co-leading a trip to Belize City with Paoli Pres, **Wednesday, August 5 – Wednesday, August 12**. Kelly Montague and Shane Sawyer are representing WPC. Please be in prayer for them during their journey.

NAME TAGS Having trouble remembering the names of those sitting near you in church? Name tags can help! Visit one of the name tag stations (in the narthex and Fellowship Hall) for a temporary, self-adhesive tag or a holder for a more permanent one you can bring to church each week. If you previously had a permanent name tag, check the file box in the narthex. If you would like one, contact Mary Lou Day.



WPC DIRECTORY Are you in the WPC Church Center Directory? Does your picture need to be updated? Download the Church Center app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Use the QR code for instructions.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

HANDBELL WORKSHOP Explore the handbells with Lee in a casual workshop about how to hold, play and do some fun techniques, **11:15am, Sunday, August 16**. If you are interested in the instrument or what it means to be part of the chapel ringers (10-14 year olds) or bell choir (14 and older) and might want to join this fall, please stop by! Meet in the Choir Room.

CHRISTIAN ED TRAINING Review the new Policy Manual regarding the spiritual nurture of the children/youth and families in our congregation and the way to create safe spaces and relationships for that development, **11:30am, Sunday, August 16**. Open to all who interact with children and youth. Meet in the Reception Room.



FUSE SUMMER PICNIC Join FUSE for a family-friendly event, bringing together friends and neighbors from all corners of our community for an evening of food, games and fellowship, **5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, August 18**. Please bring your own chair – FUSE will provide tents, water and a complimentary meal. Held at Chester Park (corner Edgemont and Elkington avenues). Use the QR code to register.

CHURCH LEADER/VOLUNTEER TRAINING In order to protect our church, our staff, and everyone in our church community, WPC has adopted a Policy Manual that covers (among other things) discrimination, harassment and sexual misconduct. There is mandatory training for all church leaders including elders, deacons, trustees, members of councils, and leaders of committees. Christian Ed/youth leaders and volunteers will have separate training. **Live training sessions (approximately 30 minutes) are being held August 23 (at 11:30 - after coffee hour) and on September 2 and September 8 (each at 7:30)**. Please do your best to attend one of these live sessions.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION Skip the lines on Rally Day (Sunday, September 13) by registering your children now for Sunday School. Pre-registering helps our teams prepare their class curricula and rosters to start the year. Use the QR code to register.

GIVING AND SERVICE



SUMMER COFFEE HOUR Like to help host coffee hour? 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.



CONTAINER WATERING Pick a week between now 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.

WPC DAY OF SERVICE MINI SUMMER DRIVE It's never too early to start giving! Following last year's successful first run, the Abilities Initiative Committee is asking for non-perishable donations for next year's Day of Service (Monday, January 18). Suggested items for the summer include men's and women's disposable razors and deodorant; combs, brushes and hair ties; and back to school supplies like notebooks, pens, pencils and crayons. Find the donation bin in the hallway outside the church office, or just bring in your loose change to add to the Least Coin Jar in the narthex. Continues through Sunday, August 30.

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

- Canned meat/seafood (corned beef, sardines, salmon, tuna in oil)
- Beef jerky
- Canned vegetables (collard greens, mixed greens)
- Couscous/rice (jasmine, basmati)
- Condiments (mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, relish, pickles, olives)
- Cooking staples (cooking oil, honey)
- Beverages (small bottles of juice, juice boxes, 32 oz. shelf stable whole dairy milk/oat milk)
- Snacks (crackers, protein bars, granola bars, dried fruits, fruit snacks)
- Baby items (baby food in pouches or jars, diapers size 4-6, pull-ups size 3T-7T)
- Personal care items (toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, panty liners)
- Household essentials (toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry pods)
- Pet supplies (wet dog food, wet/dry cat food)
- Egg cartons
- Paper bags (especially with handles)

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 02	Wednesday, August 05
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- BookLook
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Thursday, August 06
Monday, August 03	Friday, August 07
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Saturday, August 08
07.00pm- WPC Connections	Sunday, August 09
Tuesday, August 04	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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