



AUGUST 9TH, 2026
11TH 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

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This Week

USHERS: Nancy Oettinger

Jim Oettinger

Next Week

USHERS: Helen Picher

Mary Rose

LITURGIST: Sharon Babcock

*Those who are able, please stand.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

— Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

-based on John 14

Christ says: I will make my home with you.

Lord Jesus; our hearts are open.

The Spirit will teach you and remind you.

Come, Holy Spirit; our minds are ready.

Christ says: My peace I give to you — not as the world gives.

Come, Peace of God; our fear is set aside.

Let us worship God, who dwells among us!

*OPENING HYMN #228

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you come to make your home with us, and we keep the door closed. You give us your peace, and we hold on to our fear. Forgive us, we pray. Quiet our troubled hearts, teach us again what we have forgotten, and make us at home in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." No matter what you carry through these doors today, grace meets you right where you are. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved beyond measure.

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.

ANTHEM

The Brother James' Air (The Lord's My Shepherd)
ft. Cathy Chamblee and Lee Hagon, piano duet

arr. L. Shackley

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

NRSV NT 109

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

NRSV NT 136

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

SERMON

God Moments

Roger Demos

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. B. Logan



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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, as every good gift comes from your hand, receive what we offer — our money, our hours, our hopes, ourselves. Weave them into the life of this body. Send these gifts where love is needed, where the hurting wait, and where the gospel longs to walk out the door. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Edith Powell.

Spirit of the Living God 288



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

FALL CALENDAR

Dates are filling up fast!

Mark these on your calendar:

Sunday, September 13	-Rally Day
Sunday, October 4	-World Communion
Wednesday, October 21	-Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, October 25	-Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 25	-Trunk or Treat
Sunday, November 1	-All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 8	-Rise Against Hunger
Sunday, November 15	-Dedication Sunday
Sunday, November 22	-Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, November 29	-First Sunday of Advent
Friday, December 4	-Handel's Messiah
Saturday, December 5	-Fall Cleanup
Sunday, December 6	-Advent Open House
Sunday, December 20	-Christmas Pageant
Thursday, December 24	-Christmas Eve, 4 pm and 8pm services
Friday, December 25	-Christmas Day

Prime Time (second Tuesday of the month)

begins Tuesday, Sept. 8

WOW (second Wednesday of the month)

begins Wednesday, Sept. 9

Sprouts (5-7 p.m., second Friday of the month)

begins Friday, Sept. 11

Kids Café (first Sunday of the month)

begins Sunday, Oct. 4

Youth Group (meets monthly – dates TBA)

Activities including Escape Room, Deep Dive Bible Study + Dinner,
Christmas Party and more!

Confirmation (beginning in October – dates TBA)

All youth grades 9-12 are welcome to join

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.

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.

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 Continues through mid-September. Available weeks - Aug. 30, Sep. 6 and Sep 13.
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. LifeWerks is requesting:

- Cereals (name or store brand) Corn flakes, Cheerios (regular, honey nut), Rice Krispies, raisin bran, shredded wheat, Captain Crunch, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Frosted Flakes, Fruit Loops, Trix, Reese's Puffs
- Jams/jellies (berry)
- Granola bars (with and without nuts)
- Soups (low salt preferred), Condensed (tomato, vegetarian vegetable), Chunky (chicken with noodles, chicken and sausage gumbo, beef with vegetables, Italian wedding, split pea), Chowder (chicken, corn, New England clam), Broth (beef, chicken)
- Crackers (graham, Ritz, saltines, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins)
- Canned meats (beef stew, chili without beans), Canned salmon
- Canned beans (kidney, pinto, baked), Dried beans (kidney, navy, split pea)
- Canned vegetables (carrots, collards, mixed, spinach, beets), Tomatoes (crushed, diced, paste)
- Dried pasta (spaghetti, egg noodles, white rice)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Condiments (BBQ sauce, ketchup, brown and yellow mustard, mayonnaise), Salad dressing (balsamic, blue cheese, Caesar, French, honey mustard, Italian, ranch, Thousand Island)
- Pet food (cat/dog; wet/dry)
- Paper bags (especially with handles)

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 09	Wednesday, August 12
10.00am- Worship	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Thursday, August 13
Monday, August 10	Friday, August 14
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Saturday, August 15
07.30pm- Session	Sunday, August 16
Tuesday, August 11	09.30am- Pick-Up Choir
10.00am- Stewardship Council	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.15am- Bell Introduction Workshop
	11.30am- Teacher Policy Training

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