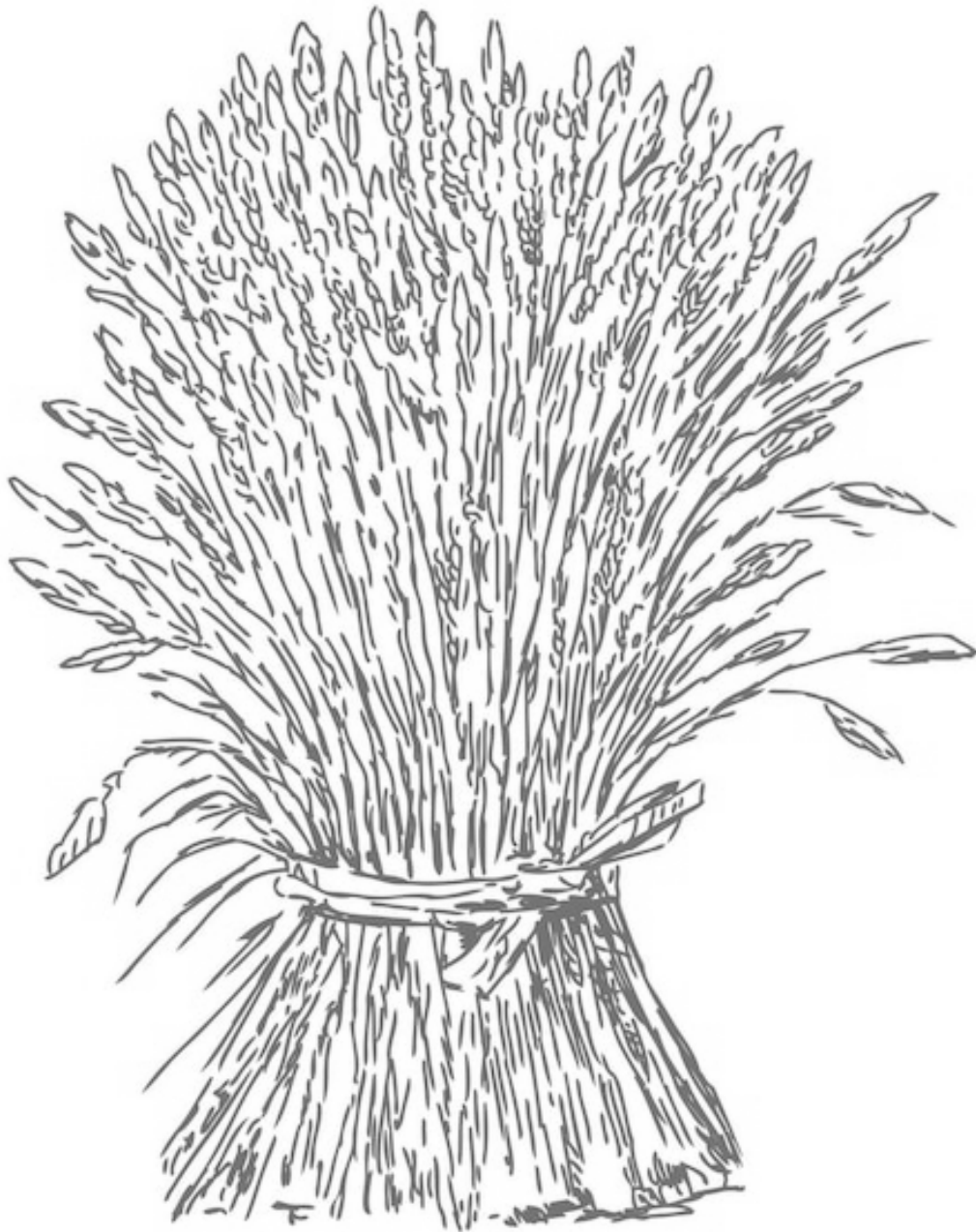




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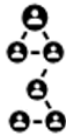
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



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.



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: Helen Picher

Mary Rose

LITURGIST: Sharon Babcock

Next Week

USHERS: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Lee Hagon

*Those who are able, please stand. *A community where all who seek God are Welcome...*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. — Hebrews 10:24

This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more. — Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let every seeking soul rejoice.

God's house is a house of prayer for all peoples.

Come, let us worship the God who welcomes all.

*OPENING HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you gather us, yet we hold back. You call us to grow in love, yet we resist one another's burdens. You send us to serve, yet we guard our comfort. Forgive us, and make us ready to receive and share your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Receive the promise of grace: The door of God's mercy is already open. Before we turned toward God, God turned toward us in love. Before we found our way home, Christ came to meet us. No failure is too deep for grace; no fear is stronger than God's faithful love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Thanks be to God. 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 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.

ANTHEM

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

arr. M. Neary

Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life. Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

NRSV OT 686

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7–12, 19

NRSV NT 241

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

SERMON

Holding the Door Open

Rev. David Hanna

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Anne Maire Davie



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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, you have gathered us by your love and welcomed us into the faith community. Receive these gifts—use them to open doors, kindle hope, feed the hungry, and comfort the grieving, making your grace known here and throughout the world. Make us, too, an offering: a people ready to grow in love and go in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 #372

O for a World

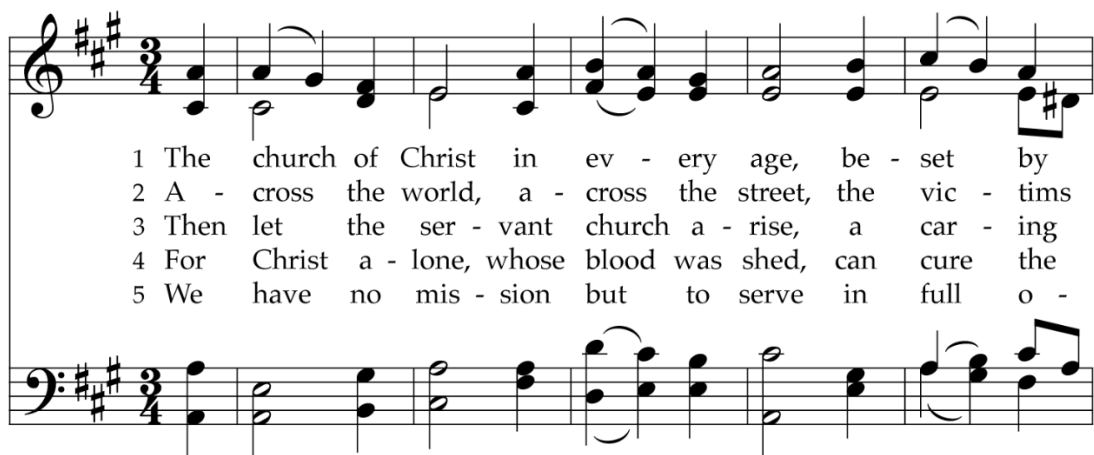
AZMON

*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 Ken Ezzell,
in celebration of Polly's birthday.*

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

O for a World

372

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
 where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
 Text © 1990 Medical Mission Sisters

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LOOKING AHEAD

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.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

SUMMER CHOIR Meet in the choir room to rehearse an easy anthem, then perform it for worship, **9:30am today, 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 today, 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 today, 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.

JOE BENVENUTO MEMORIAL SERVICE A memorial service for Joe Benvenuto will be held **11am, Saturday, August 22**, at WPC. Visitation will begin at 10am and a catered luncheon will follow the service.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PROCEEDS The Strawberry Festival realized a net profit of \$7884 which was donated to the following organizations:

- Chester Eastside – \$5913
- Scouting America Troop 277 – \$473
- Scouting America Troop 2019 – \$473
- Scouting America Pack 228 – \$237
- Strawberry Festival 2027 – \$788

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and attended the event
Start thinking now about Monday, June 7, 2027!

VASES Have any small vases you could give to the Deacons? They need them to deliver the Chancel flowers each Sunday to members and friends. Leave them in the kitchen. Have you received flowers? If possible, please consider returning the vase to the kitchen.



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.

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.

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:

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| -Cereals (name or store brand) | -Jams/jellies (berry) |
| -Granola bars (with and without nuts) | -Crackers |
| -Canned meats | -Canned beans/Dried beans |
| -Dried pasta | -Spaghetti sauce |
| -Condiments/Salad dressing | |
| -Canned vegetables/tomatoes (crushed, diced, paste) | |
| -Soups (low salt preferred), Condensed, Chunky, Chowder, Broth | |
| -Pet food (cat/dog; wet/dry) | |
| -Paper bags (especially with handles) | |

FALL CALENDAR

Dates are filling up fast!

Mark these on your calendar:

Sunday, September 13	-Rally Day
Saturday, October 3	-Lamb Roast
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 (5-7pm, 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

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 16	Wednesday, August 19
09.30am- Pick-Up Choir	Thursday, August 20
10.00am- Worship	Friday, August 21
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Saturday, August 22
11.15am- Bell Introduction Workshop	11.00am- Joe Benvenuto Memorial Service
11.30am- Teacher Policy Training	Sunday, August 23
Monday, August 17	10.00am- Worship
10.00am- Staff Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 18	11.30am-ChurchLeader/Volunteer Training

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