



AUGUST 30TH, 2026

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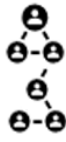
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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This Week

USHERS: Pat La Borie

Phil La Borie

LITURGIST: Jenny Montague

Next Week

USHERS: Thomas Hansen

Bowe Hansen

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COFFEE HOUR: Peacemaking &
Connections

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

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A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Earth's crammed with heaven, / and every common bush afire with God; / but only he who sees takes off his shoes — / the rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Aurora Leigh

Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.

— Exodus 3:5

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

— Psalm 105:4

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The bush is burning, and it is not being consumed.

The ground beneath our feet is already holy.

Come, all who are hurrying past. Come, all who are picking berries.

We come to stop, to see, and to take off our shoes.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

We gather to pay attention. Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you set the world afire with your presence, and we walk past it with our eyes on our own agenda. We confess that we have come to harvest what you gave us to behold — measuring, managing, hurrying — while the ground beneath our feet was burning all along. Slow us down. Unmask us. Teach us to turn aside, to notice, and to take off our shoes; through Jesus Christ, who is your presence with us. Amen.

Silence for personal reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: the God who spoke to Moses out of the bush does not wait for us to arrive with everything in good order. God meets us where we are standing, calls us by name, and promises, "I will be with you." In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, seen, and sent.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

***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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105:1–6

NRSV OT 556

¹O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. ²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. ⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, ⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus
ft. Pastor Taylor

traditional spiritual

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1–8a, 9-12

NRSV OT 50

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land... ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the

Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

SERMON

Blackberries at the Burning Bush

Rev. David Hanna

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #700

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I’M GONNA LIVE

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY



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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

God of the burning bush, you have set us in a place that was already holy before we arrived, and you have called us out of ordinary days into your service. Receive these gifts and receive us with them: use them to help this congregation keep burning bright with your love, and to send us out with our shoes off and our eyes open. In the name of the One who is and is to come, 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 #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*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 Mary Rose,
in celebration of her birthday.*

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

BELIZE PRESENTATION Join Pastor Taylor, Kelly Montague and Shane Sawyer, **11:15am today, Sunday, August 30**, as they present photos, a video and their impressions of the mission trip to Belize with Paoli Pres. Meet in the Reception Room.

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 on September 2 and September 8 (each at 7:30).** Please do your best to attend one of these live sessions.

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.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CHILDCARE Please note there is no Sunday School for children grades K-6, **Sunday, September 6**. Nursery (12 month - pre-K) will be open.

PRIME TIME Bill Moller, of the Tinicum Township Historical Society, will talk about the Lazaretto, the oldest surviving quarantine station in the Western Hemisphere, **Tuesday, September 8**. Built beginning in 1799 after a series of devastating yellow fever epidemics, it protected Philadelphia from imported epidemics from 1801-1895. **Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

W.O.W. (WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD) Meet, greet, eat and talk about ideas for discussion during the year, **7pm, Wednesday, September 9**. All women of our community of faith are welcome to participate in this ministry. Meets monthly.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL New and returning singers – come to the first rehearsal of the season, **7:30pm, Thursday, September 10**. No experience necessary.



ALL AGES BOWLING NIGHT Sprouts (children grades K-5) and adults (of all ages) – meet at Sproul Lanes (745 West Sproul Road, Springfield), **5-7pm, Friday, September 11**, for a free night of strikes, spares, pizza and soft drinks, Use the QR code to register.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Session of the Wallingford Presbyterian is calling for a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, September 13, at 11am** following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report from the Nominating Committee and elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

RALLY DAY Kick off an exciting year at WPC, **10am, Sunday, September 13**.

- Sunday School registration
- First Day of Sunday School
- Sunday School Teacher commissioning
- First Day of Breakfast Club
- Bibles for children and adults
- Blessing of the backpacks – bring the backpack you'll be taking to school
- Congregational meeting to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees
- Celebratory coffee hour
- Kid's parachute and bubble machine after worship
- Fill the Red Wagon

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, September 13**, for breakfast, games, a Bible lesson and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Begin studying the book of Genesis, **10am, Monday, September 14.** All are welcome – no Bible knowledge required. Meets weekly.

BookLook Discuss “Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor Frankel, **7:30pm, Wednesday, September 16.** “As new generations face new challenges and an ever more complex and uncertain world, Frankl’s classic work continues to inspire us all to find significance in the very act of living, in spite of all obstacles.” (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$8.



YOUTH GROUP ESCAPE ROOM Meet at Sproul Lanes (745 West Sproul Road, Springfield), **5:30-7pm, Friday, September 18,** and unlock the new Book of Secrets Escape Room as a team. Open to grades 6-12. Use the QR code to register.

GIVING AND SERVICE



CONTAINER WATERING Continues through mid-September.
Available weeks - Aug. 30 and Sep. 6.
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:

- Breakfast Cereals
- Jams/jellies
- Granola bars
- Soups- Condensed, Chunky, Chowder
- Crackers
- Canned meats/salmon
- Canned/Dried beans
- Canned vegetables/Tomatoes
- Dried pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Condiments/Salad dressing
- Pet food
- Paper bags

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 30	Wednesday, September 02
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm-ChurchLeader/Volunteer Training
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Thursday, September 03
11.15am- Belize Trip Presentation	Friday, September 04
Monday, August 31	Saturday, September 05
07.00pm- WPC Connections	Sunday, September 06
Tuesday, September 01	10.00am- Worship
01.00pm- Staff Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	

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