



SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026

15TH 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 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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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Thomas Hansen

Bowe Hansen

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COFFEE HOUR: Peacemaking &

Connections

Next Week

USHERS: Chris Dearnaley

Frank Noyes

LITURGIST: Don Holloway

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

*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

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. — Matthew 18:20

The church is not the building you enter. It is a body you join. — attributed to the Reformed tradition

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

Where two or three are gathered in Christ's name —

Christ is here, among us.

Not in theory. Not at a distance. Here.

Christ is here, among us.

We come with our joys and our unfinished conversations,

with our thanksgiving and our need for one another.

Then let us worship the God who refuses to be met alone.

Come, let us worship together.

*OPENING HYMN #509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your Son told us to go, and speak, and listen.

We confess we have done almost everything else. When we are wronged, we go to everyone but the one who wronged us. When we are approached, we defend instead of listen. We bind on earth what you would gladly loose. Forgive us, and free us: give us courage to go, humility to hear, and faith that you stand in the middle of us when we do. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ closes the distance between us and God, and between us and one another. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to love one another.

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 are invited to stay with us in worship as there is no Sunday School this week. The Nursery is open downstairs to children 12 months to pre-K for the duration of worship.

MUSICAL MEDITATION Shall we Gather At the River arr. B. Logan

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:15–20 NRSV NT 20

ANTHEM	Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah ft. Nathan & Tyler Gibson	arr. J.A. Shafferman
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SERMON Church is a Contact Sport Rev. David Hanna

MISSION AND MINISTRY

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**

Generous God, we bring what we have — money, time, attention, and the willingness to show up. Use these gifts to feed, to shelter, and to heal, and use us to carry your love out of here and into our week. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*HYMN #529	Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether	UNION SEMINARY
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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 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

*CLOSING HYMN #761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

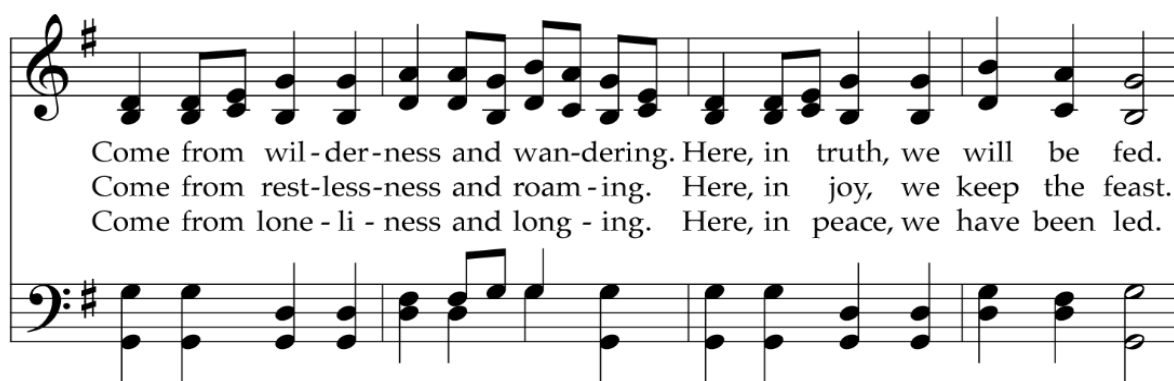
Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Dave and Shirley Rudd,
in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.*

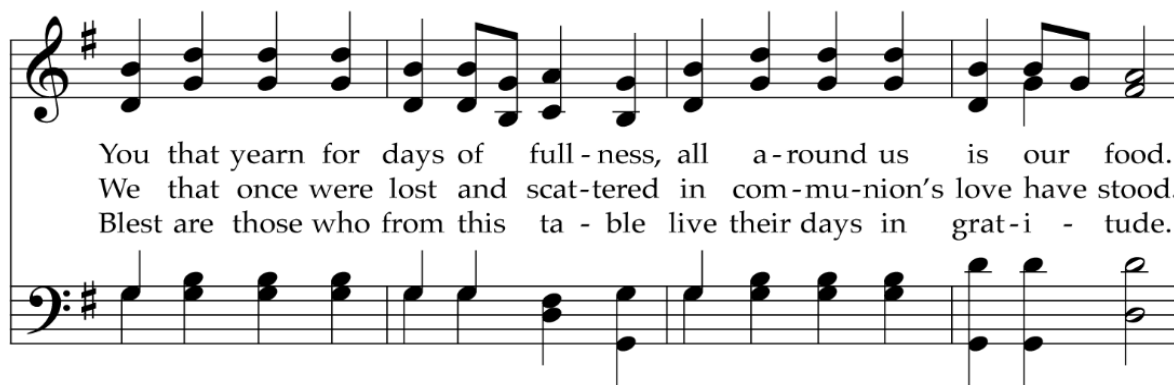
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

TEXT: Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957

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UNION SEMINARY

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Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

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

INFORMED DECISION MAKING As an intro to this month's Peacemaking and Social Justice program, check out the posters in Fellowship Hall focused on informed decision making **during Coffee Hour, September 6**. What and why do we believe about nutrition labeling vs information obtained from a variety of news sources. **Continues September 13 and 20**.

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**.

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. **A live training session (approximately 30 minutes) is being held on September 8 at 7:30**.

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.



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.

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION Register your children before worship in the Narthex (even if they attended last year), **9:45am, Sunday, September 13**. The classes are Nursery (12 months – pre-K), Early Elementary (grades K-2) and Older Elementary (grades 3-6).

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.

Electing Church Officers Following worship **Sunday, September 13**, we will gather as a congregation and corporation to elect those who will lead us as ruling elders, deacons and trustees in the Class of 2028.

With gratitude for their willingness to serve, the Nominating Committee presents:

For Ruling Elder

Bruce Clark	Rosanna Denney	Jenny Miller (<i>second term</i>)
Helen Picher	Erin Vaccone	Nelson Warley

For Deacon

Sharon Babcock	Christine Fox	Carol Freidinger
Suzanne Guille	Chris Jacobsen (<i>second term</i>)	Don Killian (<i>second term</i>)

For Trustee

Craig Bellum	Jeff Elmhurst	Cary McHugh (<i>second term</i>)
Mike Meloy (<i>second term</i>)	Rick Miller	Tom Nielsen

All have consented to serve if elected. Nominations from the floor will be received at the meeting. Please hold these friends in prayer and plan to stay for this brief and important act of the congregation's life. **Installation and commissioning will take place in worship on September 20.**

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

COFFEE, COOKIES AND CLERGY Ever wondered what the pastors actually do all week? Curious about something you heard in a sermon? Wrestling with a question about faith you've been carrying quietly for years? Pick up your snacks, then join Pastor David and Pastor Taylor, **11:15am, Sunday, September 20**, for an unhurried, open-ended conversation. Wherever you are on the journey, there's a chair with your name on it. Meet in the Library.

INFORMED DECISION MAKING Maureen Williams, digital reference librarian at Neumann University, will focus on ways to determine the accuracy of things we read and hear, **Wednesday, September 23**. She has taught information and digital literacy classes for more than ten years and taken a keen interest in incorporating media literacy and critical analysis of social media and algorithms into the curriculum. The program, sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, will begin with **dessert at 6:45pm, followed by the talk at 7:15pm**.

GIVING AND SERVICE

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

Chester Eastside is requesting:

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| -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 (corn, carrots, peas, green beans, collard greens) | |
| -Sides (rice, mac and cheese, stuffing, mashed potatoes) | |
| -Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, egg noodles) | |

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 06	Thursday, September 10
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, September 11
Monday, September 07 – Labor Day	05.00pm- Sprouts
Church Office Closed	Saturday, September 12
Tuesday, September 08	Sunday, September 13 – Rally Day
10.00am- Staff Meeting	09.30am- Chancel Choir
12.00pm- Prime Time	10.00am- Breakfast Club
07.30pm-ChurchLeader/Volunteer Training	10.00am- Worship
Wednesday, September 09	11.00am- Congregational Meeting
01.30pm- Stephen Ministry	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.00pm- WOW	

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