



Rally Day



SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RALLY DAY

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.

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 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!

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LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

*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

Not seven times, but seventy-seven times. — Matthew 18:22

The Lord has therefore bound his church together with a knot that he foresaw would be the strongest means of keeping unity, while he entrusted to men the teaching of salvation and everlasting life in order that through their hands it might be communicated to the rest.
— John Calvin, Institutes 4.3.1

GATHERING

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UNCONDITIONALLY WELCOMED

*OPENING HYMN #192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

PRAYER FOR HEARTS RECONCILED

*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, BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS &
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER COMMISSIONING

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 grades K-6 are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. The Nursery is open to children between 12 months and pre-K for the duration of worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School please accompany them so that we may register your family.

MUSICAL MEDITATION All Creatures of Our God and King arr. C. Berry

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:1–10 NRSV NT 163

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21–35

NRSV NT 20

²¹Then Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

SERMON

Can You Empty an Ocean with a Teaspoon?

Rev. David Hanna

ANTHEM

In Christ We Live

J. L. Bell

(refrain) In Christ we live and in Christ we die and in Christ we rise up again. Let heaven be glad and let earth rejoice and sing "Alleluia, amen!" This is God's house, holy ground for God's people, hallowed by singing and silence and prayer; blessed by the presence and pow'r of the Spirit, founded on faith in the Savior we share. (refrain) This is the place where the Church as Christ's body meets as a fam'ly where all have their place: stalwart and stranger, speaker and seeker each need the other and all need God's grace. (refrain) This is

the time when desires and intentions find interaction with God's holy word: trouble and treasure, business and pleasure, all are redeemed and restored by the Lord. (refrain) This is the purpose of God in creation: all shall be changed for the Gospel is true - sickness to health, apathy to believing, doubt to commitment and old into new. (refrain)

Mission and Ministry

OFFERTORY

I Come to the Garden Alone

arr. Dale Wood



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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 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 #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

QUORUM

ELECTION OF RULING ELDERS

ELECTION OF DEACONS

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Polly and Ken Ezzell,
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

WPC Officer Bios Class of 2028

Session

Two-Year Terms

Bruce Clark

Bruce and his wife, Sprog (Gail), became members of WPC in 2021 through transfer of membership from Media Presbyterian Church, where they had been active members since shortly after moving to Middletown in 1980, when Bruce was hired as Township Manager (now retired). He grew up in a small neighborhood Lutheran church in Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he was confirmed. They were married at Sprog's Presbyterian church in Moon Township, Pennsylvania and attended several Presbyterian churches in the early years of their marriage before settling in Middletown.

Attending Sunday services at WPC several times pre-Covid impressed them by the warmth and caring exhibited by congregation members who greeted them, as well as the pastoral staff. These feelings were reinforced by the Sunday services and devotionals created and streamed weekly on YouTube during the Covid shutdown, which affirmed to them that this was an active and involved congregation and a perfect place to continue to grow in faith and service. Bruce is now completing his fourth year of service as a Trustee at WPC and previously served as a Deacon and Elder at Media Pres. He believes all members are called to use their time and talents to further the mission of the church as God has directed and looks forward to continuing to serve in the coming years.

Bruce and Sprog have three children, Eric (Munich, Germany), Brian (Reading), and Alison (Lionville). When not otherwise occupied, Bruce enjoys outdoor activities (biking, skiing, golf, yardwork), travel, cooking, attending live music performances, photography and hanging out with two (very) active grandchildren.

Rosanna Denney

Rosanna, a lifelong Presbyterian, was raised at Darby Presbyterian ("the church I grew up in, but sadly is no longer in use"). Her first introduction to WPC was through the co-op and she and her late husband, George, joined in 1978. She loved the church services, children's Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and, as their daughters grew, the opportunities for service through the middle school and high school programs. "It has been my church home for these many years!"

Rosanna has served numerous roles at WPC. She was a Deacon both before and during the pandemic and has been active with the Red Wagon, Vacation Bible Camp, Strawberry Festival and Christmas pageant. A long time W.O.W. member, she recalls the days of circles "where we all did various jobs." In this sanctuary, their children were baptized, they held weddings, an Ordination service and, in 2024, a celebration of George's beautiful life.

A retired middle school teacher who taught for more than 30 years (“I loved my job, so I never felt like I was working!”), Rosanna has always liked to read, walk, work in the garden and take the train to visit children and grandchildren. An avid seamstress, she is currently making quilts for her grandsons, both of whom are graduating from high school this year. Rosanna is the mother of four (Michelle and Frank Grunseich, Natalie, Elaina and Brian Burns and Sharon) and grandmother of four (Abigail, Carter, Danny and Eva).

Jenny Miller (second term)

While Jenny’s mother and her family are good Presbyterians, her father kept them very busy on weekends and they only attended church sporadically. When she and her husband Rick’s three children (Grant, Ellie and Brett) were young, the couple wanted to find a church family in which to raise them. When they came to WPC, Suzan Hawkinson was the pastor and she kindly and patiently helped Jenny learn about the church, services and Presbyterians without making her feel like “an ignorant outsider.” They joined on the same day the children were baptized.

Jenny has served the church in many ways as a member of Session; the Worship, Personnel, Nominating and Memorial councils/committees and special committees (including to redecorate the downstairs education hall and Reception Room). An attorney, Jenny is currently serving as the Personnel Chair and worked on updating and adopting employee handbooks (for church staff and WCNS) and a policy manual for church officers and volunteers. She has been working with Trustees on contract issues with vendors and building/use guidelines. Jenny has prepared and served communion, ushered, been a liturgist, currently organizes liturgist sign-ups and decorated the church for holidays. When their kids were young, the couple volunteered for Sprouts, Youth Group, Vacation Bible Camp and Summer Sunday School; the whole family has helped with the Strawberry Festival and for many years changed the hymn numbers.

For Jenny, WPC provides a strong feeling of community and peace. Words that come to her mind about her fellow journeymen in faith include acceptance, patience, kindness, collaboration, fun, thought-provoking, musical, understanding, helpful, inclusive, caring and engaged. She is looking forward to continuing her service on Session!

Helen Picher

Helen, who was raised at Lima Methodist Church, had early exposure to WPC as a student in the nursery school in the early 1960s. When she and her husband, Ver, were seeking a church, they wanted a community of faith, in the reformed tradition, to raise their children, Davis and Caroline, joining WPC in 1996. “We continue to be blessed to be part of this community.”

Helen’s nomination as an Elder, marking her third term on Session, will add to her list of church activities, including co-chair of the Stewardship Council, Pastor Nominating Committee which called Pastor David and the strawberry portion of its namesake festival. She previously served as a Deacon, including one year as Moderator, and for more than five years as co-chair of the Strawberry Festival.

Retired from career in philanthropy, Helen lends her professional talents to the Foundation for Delaware County as a member of several of its committees. She considers herself a “reasonably good organizer” and enjoys knitting, quilting, gardening (treasurer of the Providence Garden Club) and the Phillies. She is also an Election Judge for Nether Providence Township.

Erin Vaccone

Erin is a long-time Presbyterian, going to Red Clay Pres (Delaware) during the school year, where she was confirmed, and Wells Memorial Pres (Avalon) in the summers. She and her husband, Joe, attended WPC and were involved in the life of the church for several years before officially joining in 2024.

What continues to draw her is the genuine sense of belonging and family within the congregation and she especially values the strong intergenerational relationships and the way members of all ages support and care for one another. As the mother of young daughters Aspen and Winter, both of whom were baptized at WPC, she is grateful to be part of a church where their family can build lasting friendships and the girls can grow in their faith, develop meaningful relationships and learn Christian values.

Erin is a busy member, serving on the Education and Worship councils and as one of the teachers in the older elementary Sunday School class. She was on the Mission Study Team and Pastor Nominating Committee which called Pastor David, noting all the experiences “strengthen my connection to WPC and deepen my appreciation for our congregation and its future.” She also finds community outreach very meaningful and appreciated participating in WPC’s Day of Service and other efforts that support local individuals and families.

A registered Nurse (BSN) and current stay-at-home mother, Erin enjoys working with children and families, volunteering, community service and helping with church activities. She also values opportunities to use her healthcare knowledge to educate and serve others.

Nelson Warley

Nelson previously attended East Falls Presbyterian and Arch Street Methodist churches, both in Philadelphia. When he and his wife, Heather, were searching for a church, they sought a community and place that inspired worship for their family, composed at the time of six-year-old Anna and four-year-old Ellis (now 18 and 16, respectively). The couple “unofficially” became members in 2014, making it official ten years later.

The family is all-in at WPC. Nelson and Ellis are proud members of the audio-visual team and Nelson is the Easter Bunny apprentice for the Easter Egg-stravaganza. Heather is a liturgist and Anna was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee which called Pastor David. He has also been involved in the WPC Day of Service and related activities.

A marketing professional, Nelson currently leads marketing and communications for Cradles to Crayons, a nonprofit to end clothing insecurity. His interests include physical labor (with the talent of “delegating the hard work to my children”) and hiking with the family.

Deacons

Two-Year Terms

Sharon Babcock

Sharon, a member of the Chancel Choir, is a life-long choral musician. She and her husband, Charles, were members of Presbyterian churches in Grosse Point, Michigan; Bryn Mawr (Bryn Mawr Pres) and Wilmington (Westminster Pres, where she was the alto soloist/section leader), before joining WPC in 2023. They were drawn by the wonderful sermons, choir and fellowship.

In addition to her participation in the choir, where she has performed as a soloist and summer musician, Sharon has served as a liturgist and confirmation mentor.

A retired high school choral teacher, Sharon continues to enjoy all things musical, including singing, playing the piano and choral conducting by leading the Riddle Village Singers. She also devotes time to weaving, knitting, reading and mahjong.

The couple has two adult children (Susan and Stephen) and two grandsons (Witt and Luke).

Christine Fox

Christine, who joined WPC in 1982 when her sons Brian, Nicholas and Jason were young, enjoyed the connections with other families. Those connections have endured “long after the small children have grown.”

As a mother, Chris was involved in church activities that interested the boys – teaching Sunday School for several years, instructing at Vacation Bible Camp and participating in mission trips. She also served several terms as a Deacon and Elder and is a member of W.O.W. Chris retired two years ago after a career as a mental health therapist. In her free time, she enjoys reading, gardening and time spent with friends and her five grandchildren (Mackenzie, Miles, Emmett, Kellan and Hadley).

Carol Freidinger

Carol and her husband, Roger, are celebrating eight years of membership at WPC after moving to the area nine years ago. They found a home in the worship, ministry, mission and people of WPC. Previously she was active in Heidelberg UCC (Hatfield), their church of 42 years, through Deacons, teaching, study and missions (particularly food cupboard and mission trips). She recently served for six years as a Deacon, is an assistant Sunday School teacher, serves on the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, is a Stephen Minister and studies with Monday morning Bible Study.

Carol continues to be thankful for the WPC staff, worship, Monday Bible Study, coffee hours, W.O.W. and opportunities for outreach through Deacon Helpers, Peacemaking and Social Justice, Red Wagon, Giving Tree/Angel Tree and Rise Against Hunger. She is thankful for what has been at WPC and looks forward to their next chapter for its future.

Suzanne Guillé

Suzanne, who wanted her daughter Annabelle to have a strong foundation in faith, explored several churches in the area before joining WPC in 2025. The church stood out because of its welcoming atmosphere and strong leadership and she really appreciates the children's programs and sense of community they provide.

Suzanne's career is in sales management. She enjoys yoga and gardening, adding "I'd love to learn ballroom dancing!"

Chris Jacobsen (second term)

Chris grew up and was married at WPC, becoming a member by letter of transfer in 1980 prior to the birth of her first child. Like their mother, her three children were baptized and attended Sunday School there, as well.

Chris previously served as a Deacon for five years (and as secretary for several of those years). She is completing a three-year term (playing secretary again) and is reupping for another two-year term. She has also been an Elder and Laity Speaker, participated in numerous Bible studies and served as co-leader or leader of a number of adult spiritual growth groups; *Disciple* and *Space For God* were two favorites. Chris also taught Vacation Bible School for several years.

She is honored to have another opportunity to serve WPC in its important mission of outreach, through the position of Deacon.

Don Killian (second term)

Don was raised in Lancaster in a family of three children who were taught every Sunday was a day of worship with family and friends. They attended church and Sunday school, had lunch and packed in the car for a trip to Grandpa and Grandma's house. On the way, the family played "horse" or "cow," saying the name of either animal when you saw it. "What fun we had."

After attending West Chester State College in the 1970s for music, Don decided to call the Philadelphia area his home. While visiting his parents, he met his Presbyterian partner, Walter Dunham. After years of spending their lives together, the couple married in a Lutheran church in Havertown in 2016.

A friend and organist/director of music at St. John's Lutheran Church (Center Square) asked Don to help him as a singer and for 26 years, he became a Lutheran. Between COVID and Walter's health beginning to decline, he wished to attend a church nearer to home. Since Don was already acquainted with WPC through singing in concerts, it was a good choice. He was drawn and kept by Christ's message of love, the warm congregation and active community missions. He transferred his letter and was "off and running." He is a member of the Chancel and Bell choirs, manages supplies for the kitchen and enjoys working the Strawberry Festival. Don's hobbies include gardening, music and arts and crafts. He is thankful for being invited to continue his term as a Deacon. The community of Christian fellowship at WPC is wonderful and he looks forward to working with everyone to further his Christian life.

Trustees

One and Two-Year Terms

Craig Bellum (one-year term)

Craig, who with his wife Caroline joined Wallingford Pres in 2024, previously attended Trinity Episcopal Church (Swarthmore) and Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Nuremberg Pennsylvania), where he served as a lector as a teen. He appreciates the inclusive nature of WPC's congregation, the welcoming nature of its members and friends and the sermons and their messages.

An architect, Craig has recently become interested in gardening. The couple are the parents of James and Ethan and he enjoys participating in the boys' activities and "cheering them on." Craig is also slated to become WPC's new Scouting America Chartered Organization Representative, succeeding Teresa Ahern-Sawyer.

Jeff Elmhurst

Jeff, who was raised in the Presbyterian church, has been shaped by a variety of traditions, attending Spirit of Life Unitarian Universalist (where he was board president), Christ Presbyterian and Watermark (non-denominational) churches while living in Florida. During his years in Indiana, he was youth group leader for a Presbyterian church and program director for Camp Crosley Church Camp.

When he, his wife, Sheila and their children moved to Wallingford, his sister, Katie Switala, recommended WPC, where she and her family had been members for many years. The couple not only joined in 2023, but the church was also their landlord, as they lived in the B manse (where the Switalas previously resided) for three years.

A franchise business consultant for Minuteman Press, Jeff's interests and hobbies include sailing, photography and random adventures with their family – adult children Ryan and twins Chloe and Cohen; teen Aubrey and tween Charlotte.

Cary McHugh (second term)

Cary was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition in churches in Indiana and Pennsylvania. He was gradually introduced to WPC through the Kinder family, noting the church's Katrina Mission trip was "the true welcoming point as an un-official member of the congregation." He was initially drawn by the kindness of the church to accept him at the time and continues to be moved by WPC's congregation, friendship and sincerity as a whole.

Currently a small business owner, Cary's early career was in corporate management and training. After several years of corporate life and long commutes, his livelihood suddenly changed. The church gave him an opportunity to work as the Sexton during a time of transition while he and his wife, Sarah, adopted their daughters Camryn, Chelsey and Paisley. He will be serving as a Trustee for a second consecutive term and has contributed to the Strawberry Festival for many years.

Cary considers himself “on a quest to learn each day” and welcomes ideas and perspectives on a variety of topics. He enjoys working on immediate and long-term problem solving and finds immersing/educating himself in new material and translating that into positive physical results to be the most rewarding outcome.

Mike Meloy (second term)

Mike, whose previous affiliations include Presbyterian churches in Springfield, Reedsville (Pennsylvania), Newark (Delaware), Burlington (Massachusetts) and Collingswood (New Jersey), joined WPC in 1995. He and his wife, Lise, were drawn by the people, the music program and the adult education opportunities. He has been active in church life as an Elder, Trustee, Chancel Choir member and through serving on various committees including Personnel, Organ, Music Director Search and Music and Worship.

Since retiring from full-time practice as an environmental lawyer in 2023, Mike has remained active in the field doing pro bono work (including work for rural municipalities involving utility-scale solar projects and data centers) and as a member of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. He has numerous interests, such as music (long-time member of Choral Arts Philadelphia, President of the Board of Choral Arts Philadelphia and member of the Board of The Crossing), history (member of the Board of the Presbyterian Historical Society), hunting, fishing, building projects, sports (Philadelphia sports teams and Penn State football) and spending time at the family homestead in Path Valley, Pennsylvania.

The couple has three adult children (Meghan, Grace and Abigail) and three grandchildren (Norah, Brian and Felix).

Rick Miller

Rick and his wife, Jenny, were looking for a community church to raise their then-young children Grant, Ellie and Brett in the Christian faith when they joined WPC in 2005. He noted they were warmly welcomed and developed great friendships in fellowship with its members. Rick has been active with WPC in the last two decades. He has served on Session, been a member of the Education Council and Pastor Nominating Committee, taught Summer Sunday School, assisted with Vacation Bible Camp and volunteered with the Strawberry Festival.

An attorney and adjunct professor at Villanova University’s College of Professional Studies, Rick’s interests include history, reading, coin collecting and sports.

Tom Nielsen

Tom was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition at St. Francis Church (Springfield) and St. Joseph Church (Aston), where he was an altar server and participated in the choir and youth music program. He and his wife, Alyssa, began attending WPC in early 2024 and became members on April 14 of that year, the day their daughter, Eleanora, was baptized. Tom appreciates the church's amazing and diverse community which has been so welcoming and inclusive "since the day we walked in." He views WPC as a church with a solid base for the future, which is what he and his family were seeking.

A data manager for Johnstone Supply, an HVAC wholesale distribution company in Downingtown, Tom devotes his out-of-work time to music (playing bass, guitar and drums), film and video (with experience working on various video editing software, video production and sound design), cooking, IT writing and reading. He put those skills to good use last year, assisting with stage set-up and soundboard operations for VBC.

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) A (C) D (G) A (D) E (G) A



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our

(C) D (G) A (D) E (C) D (D) E



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diancy; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) C#m7 (Em7) F#m7 (C) D (D) E (Bm7) C#m7



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) F#m7 (F) G (Dsus)(D) Esus E (F) G (Dsus)(D) Esus E



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) A (D) E (Em) F#m (C) D (G) A (Am7) Bm7 (C) D (D7) E (C) D



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION Register your children before worship in the Narthex (even if they attended last year), **9:45am, today, 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 **today, 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 **today**, we will gather as 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 will present the slate of officers.

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 today, 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 today, Sunday, September 13**, for breakfast, games, a Bible lesson and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12.

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 13**. What and why do we believe about nutrition labeling vs information obtained from a variety of news sources. **Continues September 20**.

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.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Celebrate WPC’s 135th anniversary, **10am, Sunday, September 20!** Pastor Taylor preaching.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BREAKFAST CLUB OFFERING Fish banks will be in the Sunday School and Breakfast Club rooms for children/tweens/teens to bring an offering **beginning Sunday, September 20.** For the fall, the money will benefit Giving Tree/Angel Tree (Christmas support for Chester Eastside/City Team/local families and children of incarcerated parents).

COFFEE HOUR FOR CATHY KILPATRICK Wish her well in her move to be with family in Washington state, **11am, Sunday, September 20.**

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**.

WHAT DID THAT JUST SAY? A CRASH COURSE IN BIBLE READING Have you ever tried to read the Bible and felt like it was so confusing you just closed it and moved on with your day? We've all been there. Discover some key concepts, **11:15am, Sunday, September 27**, to help you unlock Scripture and glean from its pages the insights we are all seeking. We will walk the journey and find lenses through which to view difficult passages that will help shed light on some of the most confusing texts, allowing us to experience God's Word with new eyes together! **Continues Sunday, October 4**.

LAMB ROAST Feast on lamb cooked in an outside fire pit, **4:30pm, Saturday, October 3**. Please bring an appetizer (last names A-F), salad (G-L), side (M-R) or dessert (S-Z). Pita, tzatziki and beverages provided. Not a lamb eater – enjoy chicken fingers. Bring a chair.

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 13 – Rally Day	Wednesday, September 16
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.30pm- BookLook
10.00am- Breakfast Club	Thursday, September 17
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Congregational Meeting	Friday, September 18
11.00am- Coffee Hour	05.30pm- Youth Group
Monday, September 14	Saturday, September 19
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	Sunday, September 20
07.30pm-Session	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, September 15	10.00am- Worship
10.00am- Staff Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm-Deacons	11.15am- Chat with Clergy

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