

CELEBRATING 135 YEARS!



SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026

17TH 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

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This Week

USHERS: Jenny Scheaffer

Steve Sheaffer

LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

Next Week

USHERS: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Jenny Miller

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

Earthly bread feeds the mortal frame, but the heavenly Bread feeds the immortal spirit. It is the only food that can completely satisfy the infinite hunger of a human heart made for eternity. — François Fénelon

Jesus does not merely point the way to spiritual nourishment; He is the feast. To feed on Him is to let His life, His love, and His sacrifice become the very fiber of our inner being. — John Wesley

As bread is the staff of life for the body, so Christ is the very subsistence, strength, and sustenance of the believing soul. Without Him, we spiritually starve, no matter how full our worldly circumstances may be. — John Calvin

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is good!

All the time!

All the time,

God is good!

We come with hungry hearts,

Let us feed on the Bread of Life!

We come to be satisfied!

Let us eat of the Manna from Heaven!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #81

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, we have failed you time and time again, even when we knew better. We have thought only of ourselves, hurt others feelings, spoken harshly, and judged others. We have walked past the needy, refused to share what we have, and hoarded it as if we were kings. We have thought too highly of ourselves, but refused to give others even the benefit of the doubt. We are broken, O Lord and only You can change us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sinners in need of your forgiveness.

Silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ Jesus, the one who lived a perfect life, and never wronged anyone, decided to take on the punishment that you deserved, and went to a cross so that you wouldn't have to. Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, indeed intercedes for us, and has cleansed us from all unrighteousness.

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 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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:9-15

NRSV OT 63

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

ANTHEM

Welcome

L. Selman and M. Miller

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in, to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace, singing welcome, welcome to this place, you're invited to come and know God's grace, all are welcome, the love of God to share, 'cause all of us are welcome here, all are welcome in this place. Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast, where pride and power

kneel to serve the lonely and the least, and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, singing welcome, welcome to this place, you're invited to come and know God's grace, all are welcome, the love of God to share, 'cause all of us are welcome here, all are welcome in this place. Let's dream together of the day when earth and heav'n are one, a city build of love and light, the new Jerusalem where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice! singing welcome, welcome to this place, you're invited to come and know God's grace, all are welcome, the love of God to share, 'cause all of us are welcome here, all are welcome in this place.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:28-40, 48-51

NRSV NT 98

²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, ³⁸for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

SERMON

135 Years of Manna

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Steal Away to Jesus

spiritual arr. C. Taylor

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF ELECTED TRUSTEES, RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

COMMISSIONING QUESTIONS TO THE TRUSTEES

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Les Vendangeuses

F. Couperin



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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

Mighty God, we are so humbled by how you care for us so bountifully. Today we offer back some of what we have, knowing that it was yours all along. Bless our church, community, and world with these gifts, so that the light of your love might shine out through us! In Jesus' name, 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 #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

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

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

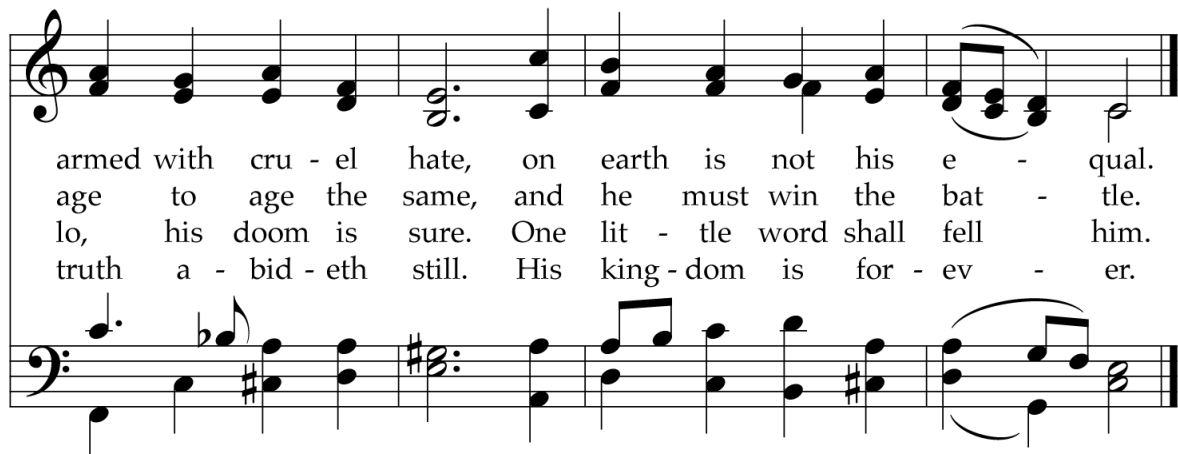
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.



THIS WEEK AT WPC

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**.

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

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**.



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

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.**

NINTH ANNUAL SOCKTOBER Donate new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks **beginning Thursday, October 1**. Look for Sock Drive containers in the Narthex and near the main office. Adult socks benefit Savage Sisters Delco; kids' socks benefit Chester Eastside. Continues through Sunday, November 1.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL Join the ringers for the first rehearsal of the season, **6:30pm, Thursday, October 1**. No experience necessary!

WALLINGFORD WINDS REHEARSAL Brass and wind players – join for the first rehearsal of the season, **7:15pm, Thursday, October 1**. No experience necessary!

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.



DELCO 10 MILER The race, from Rose Tree Park to Subaru Park, raises funds for non-profits and community programs based in the county. It requires road closures along the route (including Providence Road) beginning **7:30am, Sunday, October 4**. Use the QR code for info on affected streets.

CHAPEL CHOIR Kids – meet in the choir room to practice the song, **9am, Sunday, October 4**, then sing it during the 10am service. Open to children age four and older.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Celebrate our oneness in Christ with our siblings throughout the world, **10am, Sunday, October 4**. Pastor David preaching.

DONATE TREATS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT Leave individually-wrapped candy, non-sugary snacks (fruit roll-ups, gummies, raisins, popcorn), stickers or other non-edible treats in the tubs in the narthex/Fellowship Hall **beginning Sunday, October 4**. Continues through Sunday, October 18.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor in the choir room for songs, games and refreshments, **11-11:15am, Sunday, October 4**. Open to kids four and older.

GIVING AND SERVICE



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Be on the lookout for our 2027 Annual Giving Campaign letter and pledge card. Pledges represent approximately two-thirds of our annual budget and ensure the church's foundation is solid and ready for growth.

Your generosity makes an impact: consistent giving is a tangible way to welcome Pastor David – it says “we are with you on the new journey.” Register your pledge using the pledge card or use the QR code.

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 20	Wednesday, September 23
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.45pm- Informed Decision Making
10.00am- Worship	Thursday, September 24
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, September 25
11.15am- Chat with Clergy	Saturday, September 26
Monday, September 21	Sunday, September 27
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Mission & Service	10.00am- Worship
Tuesday, September 22	11.00am- Coffee Hour
10.00am- Staff Meeting	11.15am- Bible Basics
07.00pm- Trustees	
07.30pm- Chancel Choir	

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