



OCTOBER 4TH, 2026
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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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·Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Mary Rose

Karen Barnes

LITURGIST: Helen Picher

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

Next Week

USHERS: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Don Killian

COFFEE HOUR: Worship 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

All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. -Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Book of Order 2025–2027, W-3.0409

Infants and children are baptized by the church and nurtured in the faith so that they can participate with the church in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Out of this belief congregations continue Christ's extension of open arms to children and welcome those growing in the faith. -Melva Wilson Costen, "The Lord's Feast," Presbyterians Today

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

Before we knew how to pray, God heard our cries.

Before we knew the way, God opened a path.

Before we could explain the mystery, Christ welcomed us.

We come to receive a gift, not to prove we deserve it.

With children and elders, with neighbors near and far:

We gather at Christ's invitation. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

*GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have opened the door, yet we keep making lists of who belongs. You have given us enough to share, yet we fear there will not be enough for us. You call us to truth, but we repeat what harms our neighbors. You give the gift of rest, but we measure worth by work. You welcome children, but we prize quiet more than curiosity. Forgive us. Free us from the need to earn your love and from the habit of making others earn ours. Teach us to live as people who have already been set free. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL KYRIE #579

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, God meets us with mercy, releases us from sin, and opens a new way of life. We are forgiven, not because we have made ourselves worthy, but because God is gracious.

Thanks be to God! Freed by grace, we are free to love.

*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 and join us for communion. After the Chapel Choir sings, following communion, grades K-6 may leave for Sunday School classes. 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.

FROM YOUNG DISCIPLES TO CHRIST'S TABLE

Church family, let's remind our children that they belong with us:

We're glad you're here. We are learning with you.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Children are welcome at Christ's table. We receive God's love while we are still learning what it means. It is not a reward earned by the righteous, but a gift given to those in need of grace. Today we receive Communion by intinction: receive a piece of bread, dip its edge into the cup, and eat it. Come forward with your child and guide them as needed. If your family is not yet ready for your child to receive Communion, they may take a cross sticker from the friendship pew pad and place it on their chest, so we know to give them a blessing instead. Following Jesus' example of blessing children, the pastor will trace a cross on your child's forehead and say, "God loves you, and blesses you." [It also may be spoken without touch.] If your child is ready for Communion, take a red heart sticker and place it on their chest, so we know to serve them.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to God.

God, we give you our love.

Let us thank God together.

Thank you, God, for your love.

CHORAL SANCTUS #552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... Help us care. Help us share. ...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we commune by intinction. Come forward to receive a piece of bread. Dip the edge of the bread into the cup, then eat it. Families may come together, and grown-ups may help children. If you would like a blessing instead, please tell the pastor. You may receive a blessing with a gentle cross on your forehead or with words only. If you prefer to stay in your seat, you are welcome to pray with us. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you. Individual cups of juice are also available.

ANTHEM

Ave Verum

E. Elgar

Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

(English: Jesus, word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born, on the cross Thy sacred body for us with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side, feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Jesu, Son of Mary.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

NRSV OT 66

¹Then God spoke all these words,²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.⁷"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.⁸"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.¹³"You shall not murder.¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.¹⁵"You shall not steal.¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

SERMON

We're Gonna Need a Bigger Table

Rev. David Hanna

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Come, Come Unto Me

Ken Dosso

Come, come unto Me, all you who are weary, all who are weak, tired and lonely. Come, come unto Me. Strong arms will enfold you and lift you up. Oh, come unto Me. Come, come unto Me. Bring Me all your burdens. Show Me your wounds, and I'll soothe them. Oh, come, come unto Me. Come now and drink, now of my goodness, and rest your soul. Oh, come unto Me. All are invited; there's none who aren't welcome to know of my comfort and peace. My arms are opened, and My voice is calling to come, simply trust and believe. Oh, Come, come unto Me. Live with Me forever. All those who seek Me will find Me! Oh, come, come unto Me. Strong arms will enfold you, and lift you up. Oh, come unto Me. I'll lift you up. Oh, come unto Me!



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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, receive these gifts and the lives behind them. Turn our gratitude into groceries, our concern into companionship, and our welcome into places where people can truly belong. Free us from guarding what you have given us to share. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Tell the truth in a world of easy rumors.

Protect your neighbor in a world of sharp elbows.

Make room for rest in a world that never stops.

Listen to a child. Share your bread.

Look for the person our circle has not yet included.

The table does not end at the sanctuary door.

*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 Judy and Bob Kenworthy,
in honor of World Wide Communion.*

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.



THIS WEEK AT WPC

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.

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.

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, October 4**, 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!



SPROUTS CAMPFIRE NIGHT AND S'MORES Enjoy a pizza party and fun outdoor games, then close with praise songs around the campfire while you roast marshmallows and make s'mores, **5-7pm, Friday, October 9**. Open to kids grades K-5. Use the QR code to register.

LOOKING AHEAD

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, October 11**, for breakfast, games, a Bible lesson and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12. Meet in the Youth Room.



CHURCH LEADER/VOLUNTEER TRAINING Attend the mandatory policy manual training covering (among other things) discrimination, harassment and sexual misconduct to protect our church, staff and everyone in our church, **7:30pm, Tuesday, October 13**. Use the QR code to access the Zoom link.



TRUNK OR TREAT Bring the kids – the upper parking lot will be filled with cars/trucks/SUVs decked out for Halloween with treats galore, **3-4pm, Sunday, October 25**. Plan to host a trunk – sign up to host a trunk in Fellowship Hall, use the Church Center app or the QR code.

GIVING AND SERVICE



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through week one, we have received 20 pledges totaling \$85,760. 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, Church Center app or use the QR code.

NINTH ANNUAL SOCKTOBER Donate new, wrapped (original packaging) men's, women's and children's socks. 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.**

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. **Continues through Sunday, October 18.**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Sign up for the Red Cross Blood Drive, **2-7pm, Wednesday, October 21**. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation (donate two units of red blood cells during one donation). To schedule an appointment – use the QR code or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

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

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| -Hot cereal (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat) | -Peanut butter (large jars preferred) |
| -Canned meat/seafood | -Beef jerky |
| -Taco kits/taco shells | -Couscous/quinoa/rice(jasmine, basmati) |
| -Pasta sides | -Condiments (mayonnaise, ketchup) |
| -Cooking staples (cooking oil, honey) | -Snacks (protein bars, dried fruit) |
| -Toothpaste/bar soap/tampons | -Laundry pods |
| -Cat food (dry) | -Egg cartons |
| -Beverages (juice boxes, 32 oz. shelf stable whole dairy milk) | |
| -Baby items (baby food, diapers size 1-6, pullups size 5T-6T, wipes) | |
| -Paper bags (especially with handles) | |

The food pantries are grateful for all your support, but please check dates when donating items. They cannot distribute expired food.

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
 2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 All who trust in God be - long
 4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
 as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend;
 at this ban - quet with this throng. Al - le - lu - ia!
 here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
 come from north, west, south, and east;
 Share the mys - tic ho - ly food; Al - le - lu - ia!
 here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
 cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!
 taste and see: the Lord is good.
 All who share God's feast are blessed.

Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 4	Wednesday, October 7
09.00am- Chapel Choir	Thursday, October 8
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Kid's Café	Friday, October 9
11.15am- Wallingford Winds	05.00pm- Sprouts
11.15am- Bible Basics	Saturday, October 10
Monday, October 5	Sunday, October 11
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	09.00am- Wallingford Winds
07.00pm- WPC Connections	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, October 6	10.00am- Worship
10.00am- Staff Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm-Peacemaking & Social Justice	11.30am- Ed Council

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