



OCTOBER 11TH, 2026
20TH 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: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Don Killian

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

Next Week

USHERS: Mary Rose

Mary Lou Day

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

*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

Willpower may get us through a crisis or help us break a bad habit, but it cannot change the human heart. When we try to force ourselves to be good, we are like a person trying to lift themselves up by their own bootstraps. It is an exercise in futility. True change is an inside job, and only God can work from the inside. – Richard Foster

Spiritual disciplines are not a way to earn God's favor or prove our righteousness. They are simply the smart, practical things we do to place our minds and bodies before God so He can transform us. – Dallas Willard

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL MEDITATION

A Welcome Voice
Wallingford Winds

Hartsough, arr. McKinney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We come to worship the Lord,

We come to bless His name and shout His praise! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if we were our own master, and fail to recognize you as King over our lives. We seek to please ourselves instead of You, instead of our neighbor. We are greedy for more, when you've already given us more than we deserve. We are petty, stubborn, and self-absorbed. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we would be able to lay down our pride, take up our cross, and follow you.

KYRIE #579

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON (ORTHODOX)

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

NRSV OT 719

⁵Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

ANTHEM

Christ is the Vine

Marilyn and James Biery

Christ is the vine, we are the branches; growing in unity with each new strand. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand. The vine which God is tending is bursting with new life, its reach is never ending, while pruned with sharpest knife. It stretches to the sunshine with yearning born of need, and bears good fruit for new wine, love born from tiny seed. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand. The vine was born in darkness and from the earth it grew; a rose pure in its starkness, caressed by Spirit dew. As Moses once saw branches with holy brightness glow, we see our spreading branches through all creation grow. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand. And we who twine together are rooted in the Vine; with love in Christ we gather, to share the bread and wine.

In Christ we are abiding, we grow within God's care and spread this joyful tiding ev'rywhere. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-11

NRSV NT 109

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

SERMON Unclenched Fists: Swapping Willpower for the Holy Spirit Rev. Taylor Cornelius

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

LEMMELE

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Fugue in C

J. Pachelbel



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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 thank you for all the ways you bless us daily. We are so grateful for this opportunity to extend your gifts to others, so that your love may be shared with our community and the world. Bless these offerings, and may we ourselves be a holy offering unto You, O God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKS AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...For You are the vine, **we are the branches!**...

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 #837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

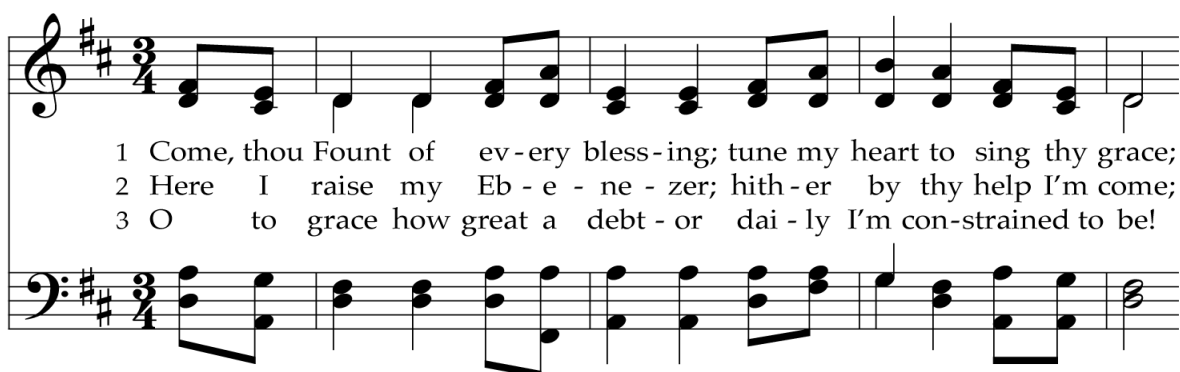
SHOWALTER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Bill Mongon,
in loving memory of Kathleen Mongon.*

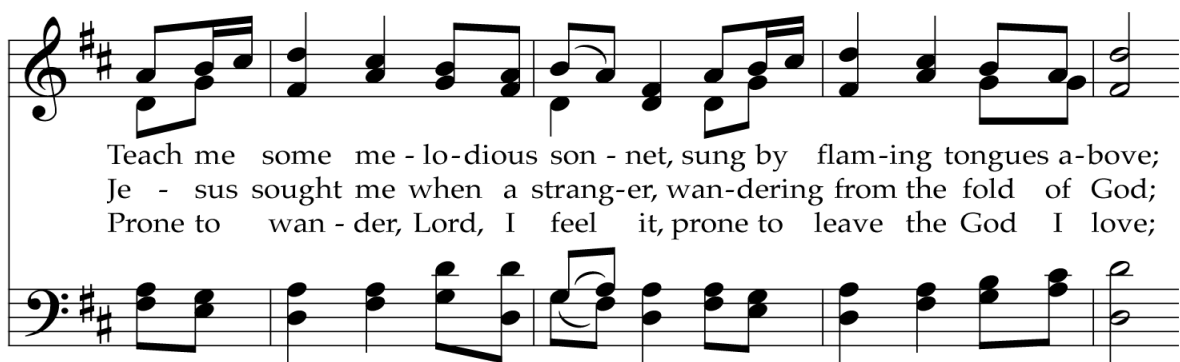
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



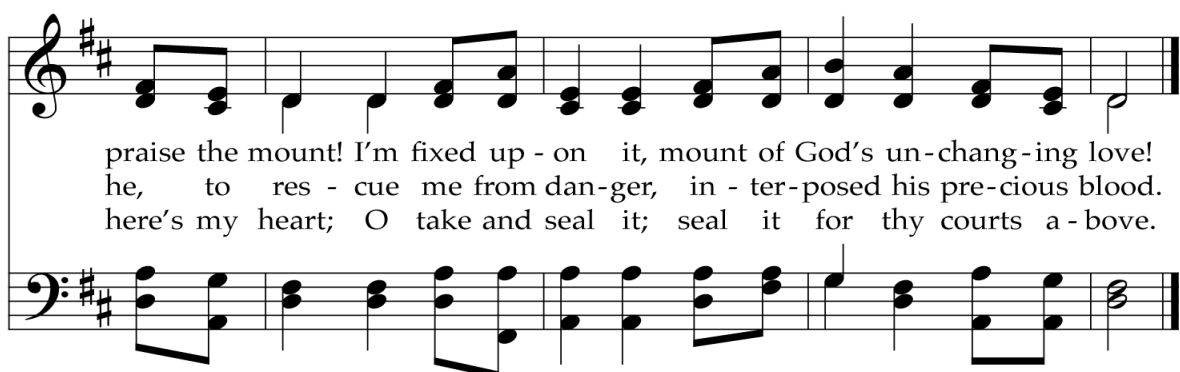
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Key of F - 1975 Baptist Hymnal #198

Helen H. Lemmel 1922

♩ = 110

1. O soul are you wea-ry and trou - bled? No light in the dark-ness you
2. Thro' death in - to life ev - er last - ing He passed, and we fol - low him
3. His word shall not fail you he prom - ised; Be lieve him, and all will be

see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, And life more a -
there; O-ver us sin no more hath do - min - ion, For more than con -
well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His per - fect sal -

- bun-dant and free!
- q' - rors we are!
- va - tion to tell!
Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look

full in his won-der-ful face, And the things of earth will grow strange - ly

dim In the light of his glo-ry and grace.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

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

PRIME TIME Cryptocurrency is often in the news, but what do most people know about it? Watch and discuss two videos by Michigan State University Associate Professor Dr. Rabindra Ratan that will ease you into these four fundamental concepts, explaining what they mean, how they are related to each other and why they are important, **Tuesday, October 13. Lunch begins at noon; the program, 12:30pm.**



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.

WOW Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, October 14**, and a lesson on cups led by Barb Demos. Please bring a cup with you to discuss why you chose it.

LOOKING AHEAD



VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGES **Monday, October 19** is the deadline for Pennsylvania residents to register or change their voter registration information, such as address or party affiliation, for the November 3 election. Use the QR code for more info.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC The Haverford School Notables, Baldwin School B-Flats and Ordorp Gymnasium Be-Sharps (all the way from Denmark) will present a program featuring a wide variety of a cappella music and choir with rock band, **7:30pm, Thursday, October 22.** Come for an uplifting night of classical, pop, rock and everything in between!



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 or use the QR code to sign up on the Church Center app.

YOUTH GROUP AT TRUNK OR TREAT Come in costume to decorate the youth trunk and give out candy, **2-4pm, Sunday, October 25.**

LOOK AT US: DIGNITY, MISINFORMATION AND THE BUBBLES THAT DIVIDE US Building on his October 25 sermon and Acts 3, Pastor David will explore how we can check the information we share, look beyond labels and honor our neighbors' God-given dignity when the news strains our

relationships, **Wednesday, October 28.** The format will be a short lecture with guided whole-room discussion and private reflection, or participants are welcome simply to listen. The topic is the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee theme for the year. **Dessert and beverages, 6:45pm; presentation – 7:15pm.**

GIVING AND SERVICE



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through week three, we have received 36 pledges totaling \$145,644. 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.

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 11	Wednesday, October 14
09.00am- Wallingford Winds	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.00pm- WOW
10.00am- Worship	Thursday, October 15
11.00am- Coffee Hour	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.30am- Ed Council	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, October 12	Friday, October 16
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	Saturday, October 17
07.30pm- Session	Sunday, October 18
Tuesday, October 13	09.00am- Bell Choir
10.00am- Staff Meeting	09.30am- Chancel Choir
12.00pm-Prime Time	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm-ChurchLeader/Volunteer Training	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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