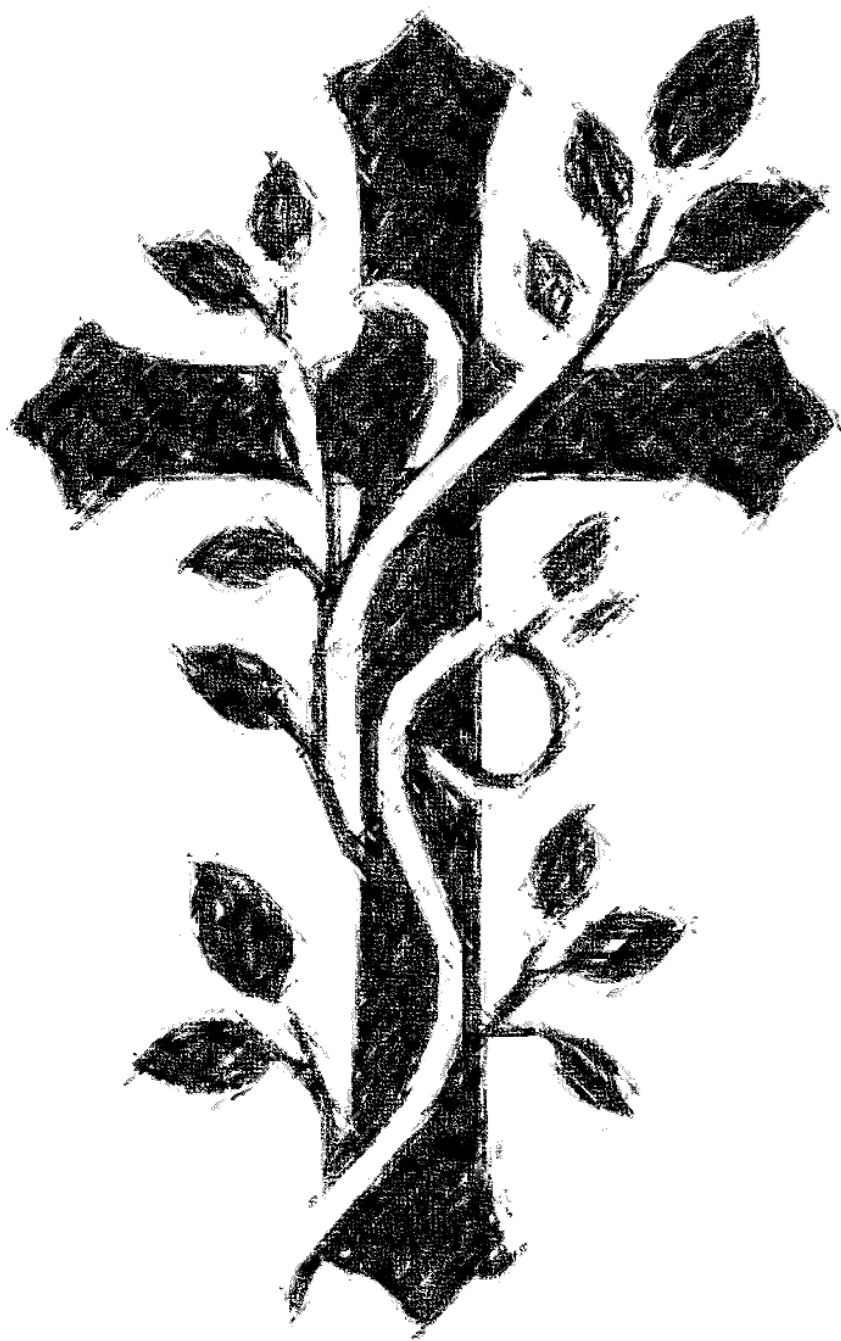




OCTOBER 18TH, 2026
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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This Week

USHERS: Mary Rose

Mary Lou Day

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

Next Week

USHERS: Jim Oetinger

Nancy Oetinger

LITURGIST: Mimi Haggerty

COFFEE HOUR: Peacemaking &
Connections

*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

It is seldom that any heart can be dispossessed of an old affection, but by the instantaneous occupation of a new one... The only way to dislodge an occupant from the heart is to gain admission for another occupant. – Thomas Chalmers

Religion says: 'I obey, therefore I am accepted.' The Gospel says: 'I am accepted through Christ, therefore I do.' When you realize how deeply you are loved, your motivation shifts from obligation to sheer devotion. – Tim Keller

The root power of sin is severed by the power of a superior pleasure. The bondage to sin is broken by a stronger attraction — a more compelling joy. – John Piper

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come taste the love of God, which is better than life.

We trade our empty pursuits for the joy of Christ.

Let our hearts be captured by His grace today.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, we admit we fall back into old patterns of returning to cheap thrills, comfortable sins, and nursing grudges just because it's what we know. We think these things will make us happy, but they don't. Forgive us our sins, and have mercy on us for treating you like a chore list instead of someone to love and be loved by.

Silence for personal reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: In Christ, God has separated us from our sins as far as the east is from the west! 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

Philippians 3:4b-11

NRSV NT 198

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

SERMON

And the Things of Earth Will Grow Strangely Dim

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

MUSICAL MEDITATION

For The Beauty of the Earth
Bell Choir

arr. K. McChesney

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Bring to God the Harvest

by B. and S. Poorman

Bring to God the harvest as you kneel before him. Blessed is the time of thanksgiving and praise. Bring to God a heart filled with dedication and the will to serve him all your days. Bring to God the talent that you have been given. Offer it to him as your life unfolds. Sow the very best seed that you find within you and it will give back more than you can hold. All the world is one big field where we toil in diff'rent ways. And the harvest that we yield we will give with grateful praise. Joyful hearts will overflow and his goodness we will see. As we toil and as we grow, blessing come abundantly. Bring to God the harvest as you kneel before him. Blessed is the time of thanksgiving and praise. Bring to God a heart filled with dedication and the will to serve him all your days. Bring to God the harvest, bring to God the talent. Bring to God your heart, your life, your all!



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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

Gracious God, we offer these gifts and our very lives to you, in response to a love that is infinitely better than anything this world offers. Take our restored hearts and use them for your kingdom, fueled forever by the joy of belonging to you. Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

PRESENTATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

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.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*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 Ed and Pam Mattote,
in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.*

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It contains four measures of music: a half note chord (F#4, C#5), a whole note chord (F#4, C#5), a half note chord (F#4, C#5), and a whole note chord (F#4, C#5). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains four measures of music: a half note chord (F#2, C#3), a whole note chord (F#2, C#3), a half note chord (F#2, C#3), and a whole note chord (F#2, C#3). The lyrics 'all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my' are written below the staves.

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

The second system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains four measures of music: a half note chord (F#4, C#5), a whole note chord (F#4, C#5), a half note chord (F#4, C#5), and a whole note chord (F#4, C#5). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains four measures of music: a half note chord (F#2, C#3), a whole note chord (F#2, C#3), a half note chord (F#2, C#3), and a whole note chord (F#2, C#3). The lyrics 'song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.' are written below the staves.

THIS WEEK AT WPC



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.



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 (733.2767).

AN EVENING OF MUSIC The Haverford School Notables, Baldwin School B-Flats and Ordrup 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!

LOOKING AHEAD

REFORMATION SUNDAY Wear your plaid shirts and skirts, **10 am, Sunday, October 25.**

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



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.

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.**



CHRISTMAN PAGEANT REGISTRATION OPENS Registration opens **Sunday, November 1** for the Christmas pageant, when kids wear costumes/perform/sing songs to tell the story of Jesus' birth. Practices are 11:15am-noon, Sundays (Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13) and the pageant will be presented during the Sunday, December 20 service. Use the QR code to register.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY A time to rejoice in all who have faithfully served the Lord, **10am, Sunday, November 1.**

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am, Sunday, November 1,** for songs, games and refreshments. Open to children four and older.

GIVING AND SERVICE



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through week three, we have received 44 pledges totaling \$224,844. 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 to pledge on the Church Center app.

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.**

POP-UP CLOTHING DRIVE Drop fall/winter-weight clean clothing, including winter jackets, for men and women (no children's) for Savage Sisters Delco, **Sunday, November 1.** Fold the clothing in bags (rather than hanging) and leave in the Reception Room.

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

- Hot cereal (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat)
- Peanut butter (large jars preferred)
- Canned meat/seafood (corned beef/hash, beef stew, sardines, salmon, -Spam)
- Beef jerky
- Taco kits/taco shells
- Couscous/quinoa/rice (jasmine, basmati)
- Pasta sides
- Condiments (mayonnaise, ketchup)
- Cooking staples (cooking oil, honey)
- Beverages (juice boxes, 32 oz. shelf stable whole dairy milk)
- Snacks (protein bars, dried fruit)
- Baby items (baby food, diapers size 1-6, pullups size 5T-6T, wipes)
- Toothpaste/bar soap/tampons
- Laundry pods
- Cat food (dry)
- Egg cartons
- 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 18	Wednesday, October 21
09.00am- Bell Choir	02.00pm- Blood Drive
09.30am- Chancel Choir	Thursday, October 22
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Danish Exchange Concert
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, October 23
Monday, October 19	Saturday, October 24
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	Sunday, October 25
Tuesday, October 20	09.30am- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Staff Meeting	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Deacons	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	02.00pm- Youth Group
	03.00pm- Trunk or Treat

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