

OCTOBER 25TH, 2026

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REFORMATION 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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This 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

Wisdom is not a quantity of knowledge. It is a quality of attention. – from the sermon
A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all. – Martin Luther, The Freedom of a Christian (1520)

Gathering

Musical Meditation — A Mighty Fortress — M. Luther, arr. M. Limbaugh

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

*Call to Worship

Lord, you are our home in every age.
In a changing world, you are our solid ground.
Teach us to count our days,
that we may gain a wise heart.
We worship you, the God who knows us by name.

*Opening Hymn #624 — I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art — TOULON
verses 1, 2 and 5

*Gathering Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of all generations, we have known much about people and seen them little. We have let the online feeds name our neighbors before we learned their names. We have sorted one another into categories and called it wisdom. Forgive us. Teach us to count our days, and give us wise hearts. Turn our eyes toward the faces you already love, and put our hands where yours are reaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: We are God's children—not when we agree or win, but now. God looks at us intently, takes our hand, and raises us up to walk in together. 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 Psalm 90:1–6, 12–17 NRSV OT 547

[1]Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. [2]Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. [3]You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." [4]For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. [5]You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; [6]in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

[12]So teach us to count our days, That we may gain a wise heart. [13]Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! [14]Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. [15]Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. [16]Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. [17]Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

ANTHEM Praise His Holy Name Keith Hampton

Sing 'till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name! Must Jesus bear the cross alone and the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Holy Jesus, praise His name! Praise Him!

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 3:1–10 NRSV NT 120

[1]One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. [2]And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. [3]When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms.

[4]Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." [5]And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. [6]But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." [7]And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. [8]Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. [9]All the people saw him walking and praising God, [10]and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

SERMON — The News, the Noise, and the Good News — Rev. David Hanna

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #687 — Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1-3 and 5) — ST. ANNE

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY — Amazing Grace — arr. M. Hayes

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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

God of steadfast love, fill us with your mercy. Through these gifts, feed the hungry, welcome the overlooked, and help those waiting at the gate. Make our giving your gift through us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS 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 #353 — My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less — SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given by Kay and Andy Yost,
to the Glory of God.

About Today's Music: Singing the Reformation

Reformation Sunday remembers October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses in Wittenberg. One of the Reformers' first gifts to the church was congregational song in the people's own language. Today's music traces that story from Wittenberg to Strasbourg and Geneva, to Scotland and England, and finally to us.

Musical Meditation – **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."** Luther wrote both words and tune (EIN' FESTE BURG) around 1529 as a paraphrase of Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength." Often called the battle hymn of the Reformation, it was sung by congregations who had never before been invited to sing in worship at all. Luther's "flood of mortal ills prevailing" is Moses' flood in Psalm 90 and the tsunami of this morning's sermon.
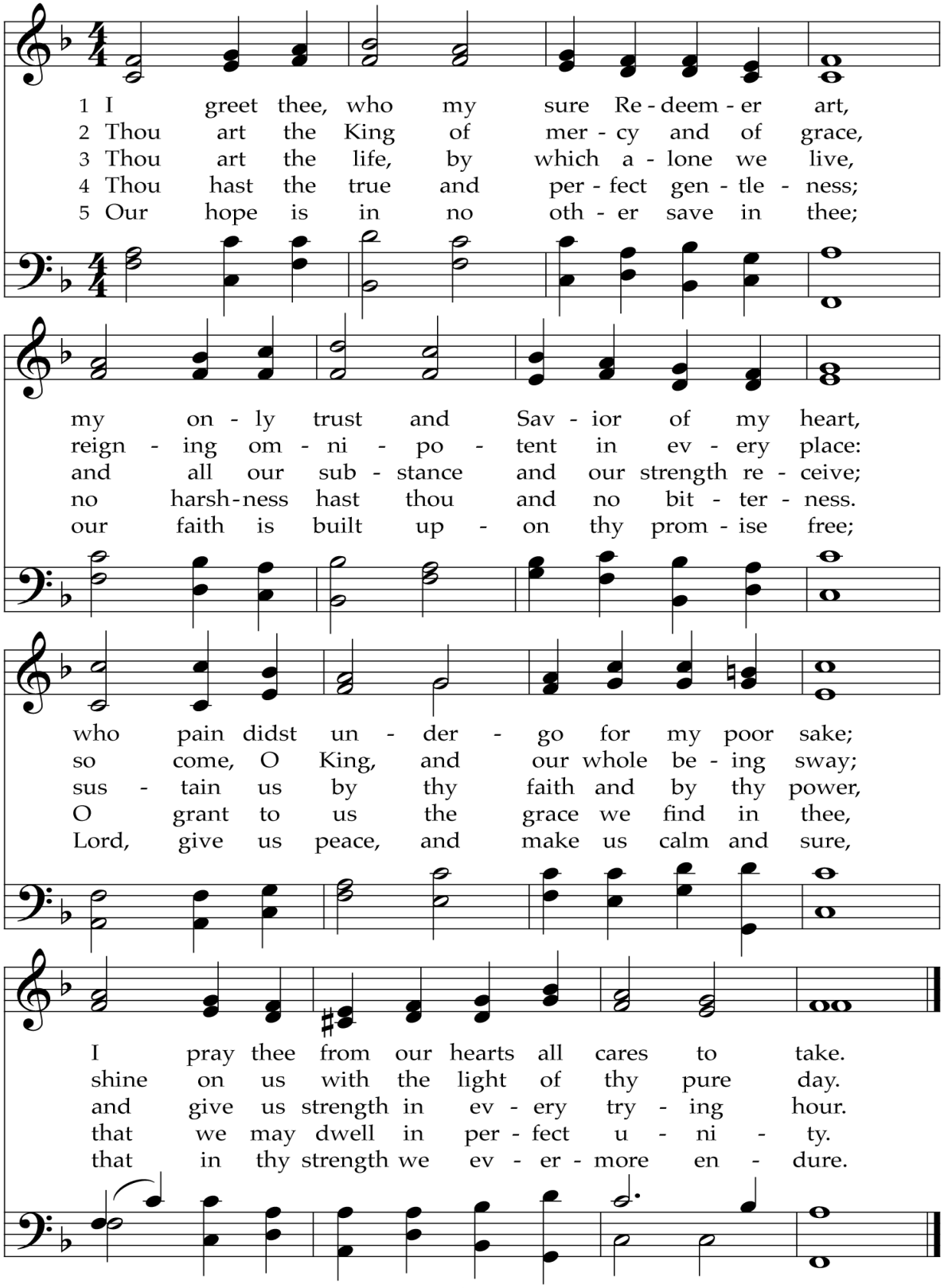
Opening Hymn #624 – **"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art."** The text first appeared in the Strasbourg Psalter of 1545 and has long been attributed to John Calvin himself, who served the French-speaking refugee congregation in Strasbourg before returning to Geneva. The tune TOULON is adapted from GENEVAN 124 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. When John Knox pastored the English exiles in Geneva, they sang these Genevan tunes and carried them home to Scotland, where they shaped the Scottish Psalter of 1564. This is as close to a Presbyterian family hymn as we have.

Kyrie #579 – **"Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison)."** The words are among the oldest sung prayers of the church, and this setting comes from the Russian Orthodox tradition. Luther kept the Kyrie in his German Mass of 1526, and Calvin's Strasbourg service of 1540 opened worship with a confession of sin followed by words of pardon – the same movement we follow this morning from confession, through the Kyrie, to the Assurance of God's Forgiveness.

Hymn of Response #687 – **"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past."** Calvin and Knox insisted that congregations sing the psalms, and for two centuries Reformed churches sang little else. Isaac Watts, an English Independent in that tradition, loosened the rule in 1719 with The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament, paraphrasing the psalms so that Christians could sing them in the light of Christ. "Our God, Our Help" is his Psalm 90 – the psalm Mimi reads this morning – and William Croft's tune ST. ANNE (1708) has carried it since 1861. "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away" is Watts's answer to the flood.

Closing Hymn #353 – **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less."** Edward Mote, a London cabinetmaker who later became a Baptist pastor in Horsham, wrote the text in 1834; William Bradbury added the tune SOLID ROCK in 1863. The hymn is the Reformation's great conviction set to music: we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone, not by our own goodness – "I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name." After a morning of waves and floods, "all other ground is sinking sand" is the right place to end.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624
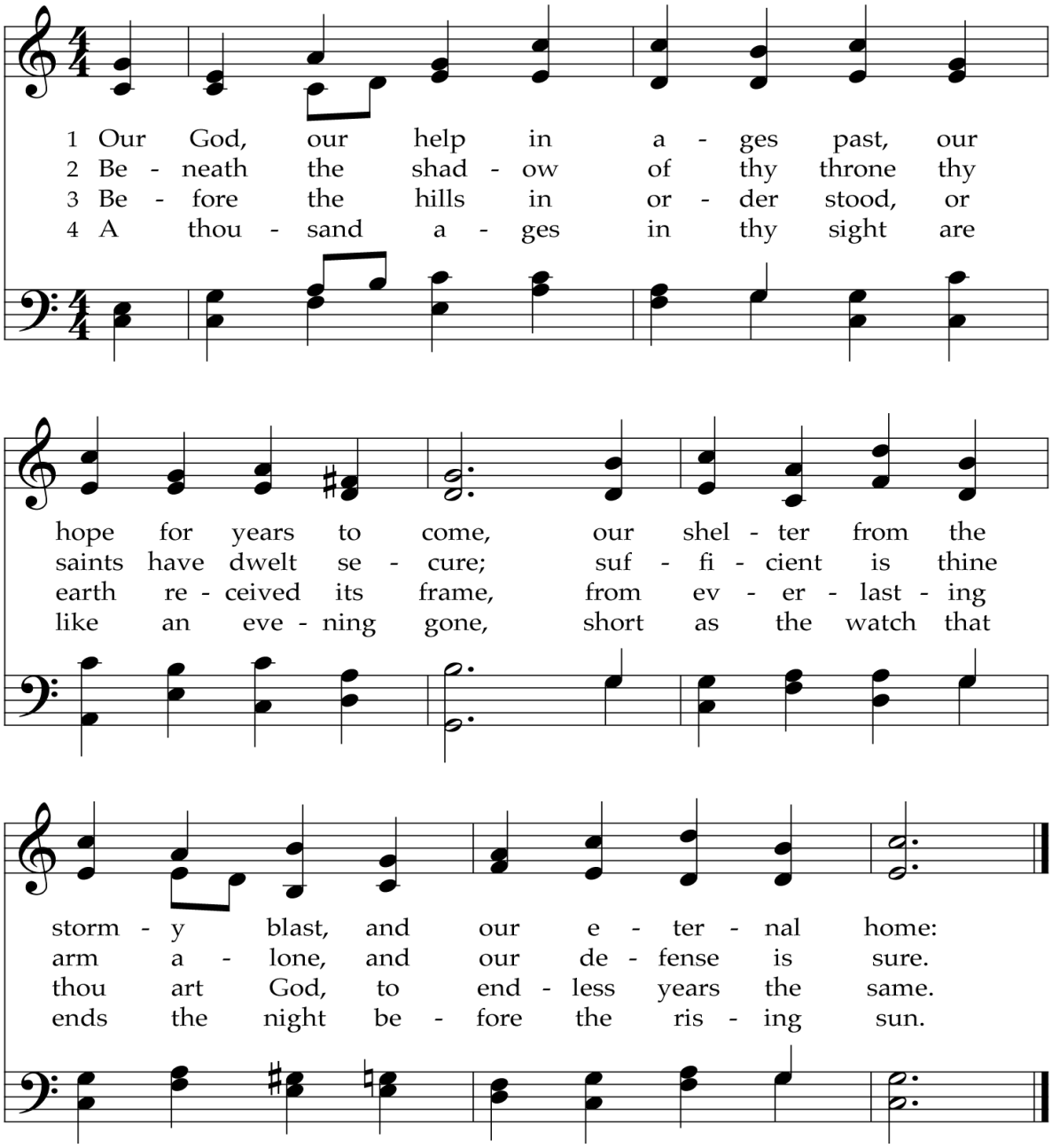


The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

TEXT: *Psalms*, Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

TOULON
10.10.10.10

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
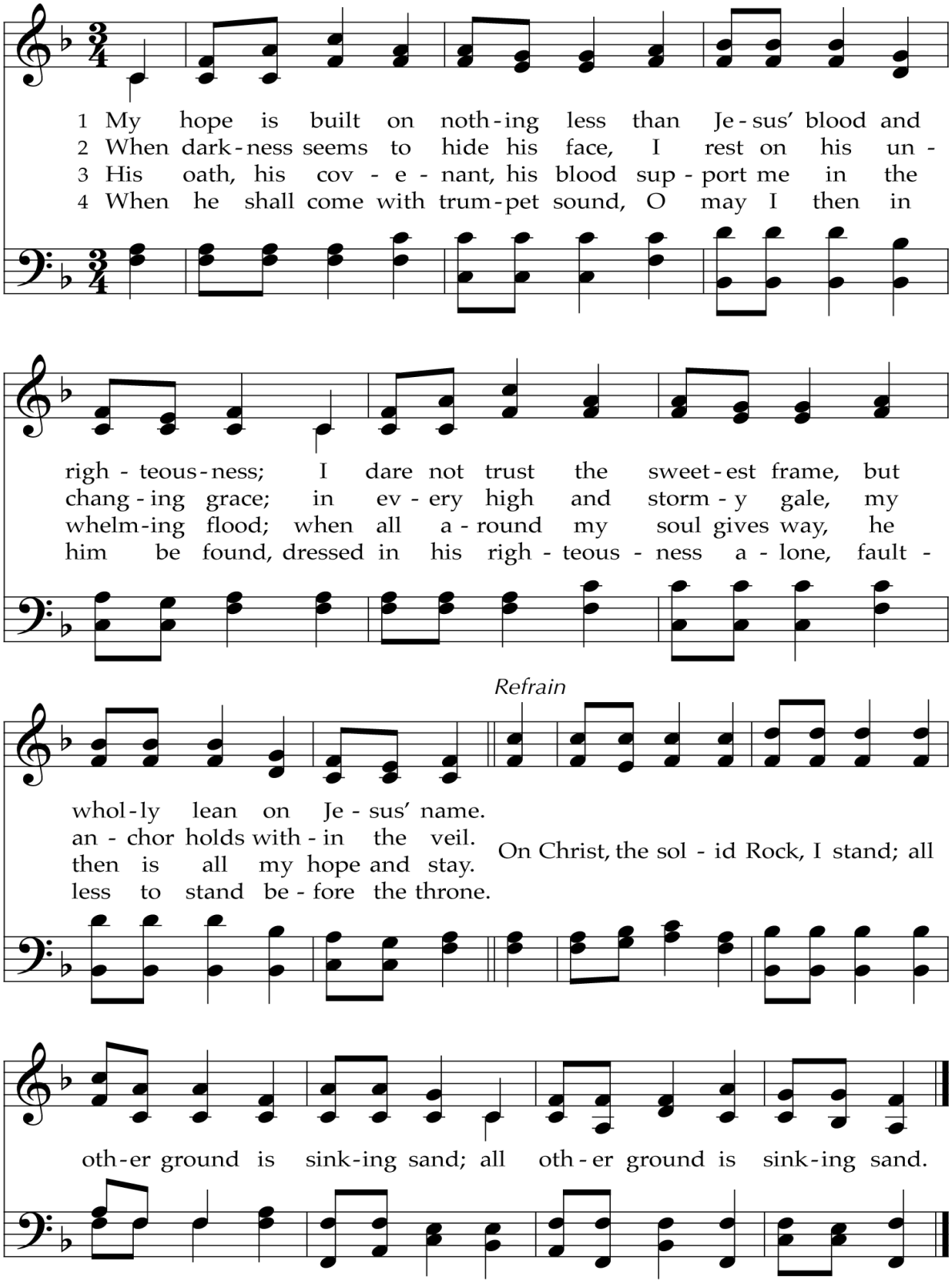
6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

ST. ANNE
CM

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

TEXT: Edward Mote, c. 1834, alt.
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863, alt.

SOLID ROCK
LM with refrain

THIS WEEK AT WPC ….

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

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

LOOKING AHEAD ….

REGISTER FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Registration is open 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. **Deadline – Sunday, November 22.** 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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Join with Scouting America Troops 277 and 2019 and Cub Pack 228 to help package 10,000 meals to ship to those in need throughout the world, **1pm, Sunday, November 8**. Rise Against Hunger is dedicated to helping people around the world achieve food stability. Co-sponsored by the Mission and Service Committee and WPC Scouts. Sign up using the poster in Fellowship Hall.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMOTIONAL REGULATION Mary Rourke, Ph.D. and Jessica Nelson, Psy.D. of Dragonfly Psychological Associates (Media) will offer guidelines for parents, grandparents and all caregivers on managing common behavioral challenges in early childhood and supporting your child's emotion regulation skills, **7:30pm, Monday, November 9**. The presentation, for parents of Wallingford Co-Op Nursery School, is open to all members and friends of the congregation. Held in Fellowship Hall.

GIVING AND SERVICE ....

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through week five, we have received 53 pledges totaling $271,864. 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**.

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.

YOUTH WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Worship is the beating heart of our congregational life together and we want to involve the youth in a more active role. Having them more engaged in worship would be a blessing to all of us. Opportunities include Light the Christ candle, Liturgist, Usher, Stagehand and Help with Time with Young Disciples/Sunday School. Use the QR code for more info and to register.

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

-Hot cereal
-Canned meat/seafood
-Taco kits/taco shells
-Pasta sides
-Cooking staples
-Snacks
-Toothpaste/bar soap/tampons
-Cat food
-Paper bags
-Peanut butter
-Beef jerky
-Couscous/quinoa/rice
-Condiments
-Beverages
-Baby items
-Laundry pods
-Egg cartons

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

Cares and Concerns

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:	
Morgan Zeszut	
Deb Dunbar	Rhoda Morgan
Victims of war all around the world	
All those affected by climate disasters	
All affected by gun violence	
Ryan Kerr (USAF), Kyle Warner (PAARNG), and active duty, reserves, and veterans of our armed forces	
Our Mission Workers: Rev. Jeni Pedzinski, Mission Engagement Director for International Ministries John Stauffer for The America Team for Displaced Eritreans	

Prayer concerns are listed in the bulletin for four consecutive weeks.
If you wish to have your concern listed, contact the church office or fill out a prayer card (located in the friendship pew pads).

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 25	**Wednesday, October 28**
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.45pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice
10.00am- Worship	**Thursday, October 29**
11.00am- Coffee Hour	06.30pm- Bell Choir
02.00pm- Youth Group	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
03.00pm- Trunk or Treat	**Friday, October 30**
Monday, October 26	**Saturday, October 31**
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	**Sunday, November 1**
Tuesday, October 27	09.30am- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Staff Meeting	10.00am- Worship
07.00pm- Trustees	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.00am- Kids Café