

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2026

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DEDICATION 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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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHER: Pat LaBorie
Phil LaBorie
LITURGIST: Jenny Montague
COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

Next Week

USHER: Dottie Celebre
Jeff Celebre
LITURGIST: Earl Varney
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

Burying and planting look identical from the outside. The difference is hope. – from the sermon

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. – 1 Corinthians 3:6

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Everything we hold was first given.
We bring it back with open hands.
God planted love here before any of us arrived.
We are rooted in a love we did not grow.
Fear hides. Love plants.
We worship the God who gives the growth!

*OPENING HYMN #612 We Praise You, O God KREMSER

*GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you handed us more than we could earn: time, money, talents, each other, your love. We admit we've buried some of it. We played it safe when you asked us to plant. We called it caution. It was fear. Forgive us. Show us who you really are, so we can open our hands and plant for people we'll never meet. In Jesus' name. 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 GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: the master's word to the faithful is not a ledger. It is an invitation: "Enter into the joy." In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we are free to plant faith, hope, and love.
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 Matthew 25:14–30 NRSV NT 28

14For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property
to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to
his ability. Then he went away. 16At once the one who had received the five talents went off
and traded with them and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the
two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off
and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the
five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to
me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in
charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22And the one with the two talents
also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made
two more talents.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and
gathering where you did not scatter, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then
you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have
received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one
with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As
for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'

ANTHEM Where Your Treasure Is Marty Haugen

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall
be. What do you gain from all your worry, What you should eat or what to wear? There is no
peace in stress or hurry. Do you not know that you are held within God's care? Look at the
ravens high above you. They do not work their whole life through. And yet God feeds them

and protects them. So how much more will God protect and care for you? Behold the lilies in their splendor. In grace and beauty are they dressed, And yet so soon their bloom is faded. So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? Do not fear, little flock, for God delights to give you the blessed reign of God. Give your possessions to the needy; gain a treasure that will not fade. Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

SERMON Planted, Not Buried Rev. David Hanna

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing arr. E. Butler

Scan the QR code to give via credit card on the Church Center app

*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.

* LITANY OF DEDICATION: 2027 PLEDGES AND COMMITMENTS

God of every generation, before this congregation had a name, you planted love on Brookhaven Road.

We are rooted in a love we did not grow.

A few families in a living room. A handful of names on a charter. Pastors who preached through lean years, buried saints, baptized babies, and planted when no one could see the shade.

We give thanks for those who planted and did not quit.

You handed each of us enough to be faithful with: time, money, a gift, a voice, a heart, a Sunday morning.

It did not start with us. It all came from you.

We confess that fear has sometimes sent us looking for a hole in the ground.

Today we choose to plant.

We dedicate these pledges for 2027: the cards in these offering plates, and those made online and by mail.

Receive them, O God, as acts of hope.

We dedicate these commitments: the hours we will give, the doors we will hold open, the neighbors we will feed.

Receive them, O God, as acts of love.

And we dedicate the intentions still forming in our hearts: the gift we have been afraid to offer, the invitation we meant to extend, the hope for this church we have not yet said out loud.
Receive them, O God, and give them roots.

Let the shade fall farther than we can see: on the teenager who learns she matters here, the widower who hears a knock at the door, the stranger watching from three towns away.
Let our gifts become shade for people we may never meet.

Make us good and trustworthy with what you have placed in our hands,
so that we may hear you say, "Well done. Enter into the joy." Rooted by love, we serve in love. Receive our pledges, our commitments, our intentions, and our lives, and use them to grow your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKS AND CONCERN 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 #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

* 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 the Montagues, celebrating the birthdays of Jenny and Kevin.

About Today's Music: Planting Songs

Opening Hymn #612 – "We Praise You, O God." Julia Cady Cory wrote this text in 1902 for a Thanksgiving service in New York, setting it to the Dutch tune KREMSER, first published in 1626. Every verse begins with praise for what God has already done. We open by naming the Giver before we bring the gifts.

Anthem – "Where Your Treasure Is." Marty Haugen's setting of Jesus' words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," turns the question of the sermon into song: what we do with what we hold reveals what we love.

Closing Hymn #716 – "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending." Robert L. Edwards wrote this text in 1961 for a Hymn Society search for new stewardship hymns; it is set to BEACH SPRING, a shape-note tune from The Sacred Harp (1844) named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia. The hymnal lists Matthew 25:14–30 among its scriptures. "Skills and time," "born with talents," "treasure, too, you have entrusted," and finally "open wide our hands in sharing… serving you by loving all": the hymn walks straight out of the parable and sends us to do what the litany just prayed.

We Praise You, O God 612

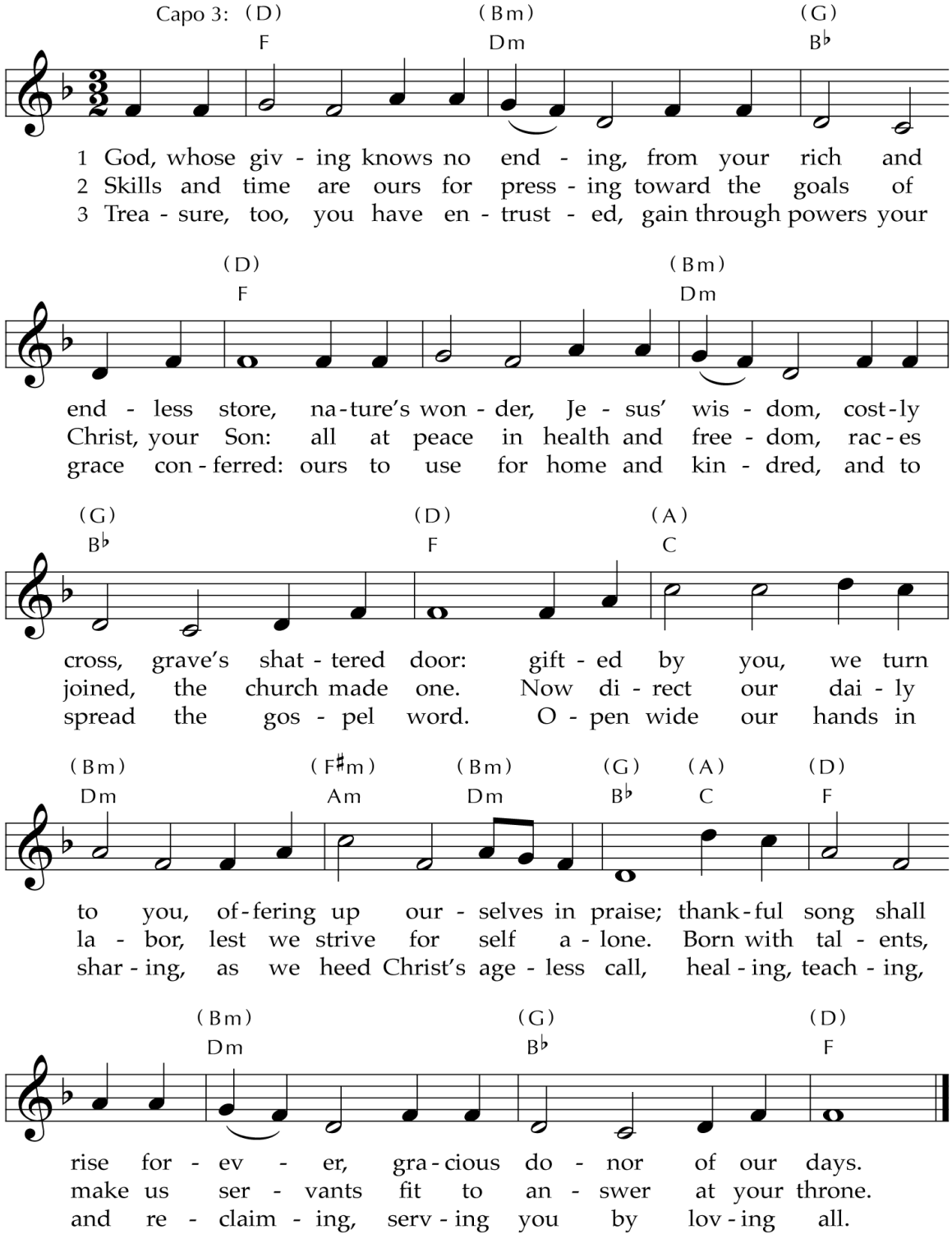


The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
MUSIC: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck,* 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
12.11.12.11
(this tune in a lower key, 336)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp,* 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
Text © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING
8.7.8.7.D

THIS WEEK AT WPC ….

DEDICATION SUNDAY Dedicate the 2027 pledges as part of the service, **10am today, Sunday, November 15.**

SPROUTS COOKIE SALE Cookies decorated by the Sprouts will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour, **11am today, Sunday, November 15**. Proceeds benefit Giving Tree (Christmas gifts for children of Chester Eastside, CityTeam and local families).

BOOKLOOK Discuss The River of Doubt by Candice Millard, "at once an incredible adventure narrative and a penetrating biographical portrait – the bestselling author of River of the Gods brings us the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of one of the most dangerous rivers on earth." (Amazon), **7:30pm, Wednesday, November 18**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately $6.

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.

TEACH US WISDOM Composed by singer/songwriter and recording artist Ken Medema and WPC member Cathy Chamblee, a theory lecturer and tutor for the Music Department at the University of Pennsylvania, "Teach Us Wisdom" will be performed by the Chancel Choir, **10am, Sunday, November 22**. The team has collaborated on more than 20 choral works, with texts about justice and care of the environment among their favorites to set to music.

YOUTH GROUP DEEP DIVE BIBLE STUDY AND STUMP PASTOR TAYLOR Join for a "Friendsgiving" pizza lunch and Bible study, **11:15am-12:30pm, Sunday, November 22**. Meet in the Youth Room. Open to grades 6-12.

SOCIAL JUSTICE VS DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE Mark Kuperberg, PhD, Professor of Economics at Swarthmore College, will explore the differences between social justice (the fair and equitable treatment, status and distribution of resources, opportunities and privileges within a society) and distributive justice (the socially just allocation of goods, resources and opportunities within a society), **6:45pm, Wednesday, December 2**. As he describes his talk – "While there is disagreement as to what are the best policies for Peacemaking, there is agreement on what the term means. Social Justice, however, has at least two distinct meanings and they can in practice be antagonistic to one another. This talk explores this issue." Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee. Dessert and coffee/tea– 6:45pm; presentation – 7:15pm.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH Enjoy Part I and "Hallelujah Chorus" with a chamber orchestra and choir of local singers, **7:30pm, Friday, December 4**. Part of Concerts for a Cause – the suggested donation of $15 and canned goods will benefit Chester Eastside. To sing with the choir – use the QR code to register.

FALL CLEANUP We need as many hands on deck as possible to help tidy up our grounds, **9am-noon, Saturday, December 5**. The main task will be raking leaves – please bring your own tools (rakes, leaf blowers, tarps and gloves).

NEW MEMBER CLASS Curious what it would mean to call WPC home? Join Pastor David for a conversation about our story, Presbyterian basics, what membership means and your questions, **11:20am-12:30pm, Sunday, December 6**. Bring your refreshments; leave your obligations. Those who choose to join will be welcomed Sunday, December 13. To RSVP – call the church office (610-566-1644) or sign up in Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE An event for all ages, **4:30-6pm, Sunday, December 6**. Start the season with crafts, carols and a cup of (age-appropriate) cheer.

- Kids – make Advent/Christmas decorations, listen to a holiday story and munch on snacks
- Adults – chat with friends while enjoying a glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage and tasty bites; catch the Eagles/Cardinals game on the big screen TV
- Everyone – end the evening singing holiday songs and carols

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE APPETIZERS Have a family favorite appetizer, snack or beverage of choice you'd like to share? Bring it for the nosh table.

GIVING AND SERVICE ….

SOCKTOBER AND CLOTHING DRIVE THANK YOU Many thanks to the WPC community for contributing 756 pairs of men's, women's and kids' socks – the most ever donated during Socktober! In addition, our pop-up clothing drive yielded 20 bags of fall/winter items. Thank you for your generosity. The Education Council and Mission and Service Committee.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through week seven, we have received 68 pledges totaling $370,794. Our income from pledges and plate contributions has been relatively flat for the last five years. In part, we have been able to balance the budget because we were not at full staff last year and part of this year and have used investment income. Now, thankfully, we are at full staff! If our income does not increase, we will have a deficit of about $50,000 next year, without increasing any of our costs. Please consider what our church means to you and what you can do to help us continue and expand our little piece of God's kingdom. For those who are able, a 5% increase in your giving would help tremendously. Register your pledge using the pledge card or use the QR code to pledge on the Church Center app.

WPC Day of Service Donations The WPC Day of Service (Monday, January 18), an inter-generational opportunity to benefit others, will involve donating items Chester Eastside, CityTeam, Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County and the Nether Providence Police/Garden City Fire Company/South Media Fire Company. **For November, we are asking for full-size tubes of toothpaste and individually-wrapped toothbrushes.** Place in bin outside the church office. **Continues through Sunday, November 29.**

Giving Tree Take a tag from the tree in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall beginning **today**, **Sunday, November 15**. Supports Chester Eastside, City Team and local families. Watch for more details.

Turkey Donations Have a turkey you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Mark the bird "Deacons" and place in the church freezer from **Sunday, November 15 to Tuesday, November 24**.



Christ Market Purchase meaningful alternatives to traditional gifts that raise awareness of the needs of others and funds to support those needs beginning **11am, Sunday, November 29**. Choose among local, national and international organizations or give a lump sum to be distributed among all the groups. Mission and Service will match all gifts to a total of $5,000. Shop in person after worship or drop forms in the church office. **Continues Sundays through December 20.**

Chester Eastside Thanksgiving Chester Eastside has Thanksgiving on its mind – the agency will be preparing 300 boxes with all the fixins'
Here's what they need:

-Turkey gravy
-Canned sweet potatoes
-Boxed mac & cheese
-Canned green beans
-Cornbread mix
-Instant mashed potatoes
-Stuffing mix
-Canned corn
-Cranberry sauce

Donations may be made through Wednesday, November 18.

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

-Cereals
-Fruit bars/granola bars
-Crackers
-Canned salmon
-Canned vegetables
-Dry spaghetti
-Salad dressing
-Pet food
-Jams/jellies
-Soups, Chowder/Chunky/Broth
-Canned meats
-Canned beans
-Tomatoes
-Condiments
-Personal care/household items
-Paper bags

PASTOR DAVID'S INSTALLATION ....

Today, Sunday, November 15
A day to celebrate WPC's past and present, not just one pastor.

3:45-4:45pm – Greet Former Pastors
Welcome back pastors who have previously served WPC. A slideshow of pastors through the years and historical exhibits will be on display.
Former Pastors expected to attend:

* Rev. David Drain
* Rev. Suzan Hawkinson
* Rev. François Lacroix
* Rev. Jeff Conway
* Rev. Rob Ross

Held in Fellowship Hall
Light refreshments will be served

5:00pm – Installation Service
Led by the Presbytery of Philadelphia's Administrative Commission. Rev. Mark Hanna, David's brother, will preach and his father, Rev. Jim Hanna, will give the Charge to the Pastor.

Installation Service Childcare
Sunday, November 15
4:45-6:30pm
Watch "Cars," eat pizza and make crafts to take home
Open to ages 4-11
Held in the Youth Room
Use the QR to register

Please note – no childcare will be offered during the Greet Former Pastors reception

Christmas Poinsettias

A distinctive way to decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season



In honor or memory of a loved one or as a free will gift

6-inch pots with 5-7 blooms

Color options – red or white

Cost – $9 per pot

Place this form with payment in the offering plate, return to the office or drop in the church mailbox

Order Deadline – Monday, December 7

Name_____

Phone_____ Email_____

# of Red Poinsettias _____ x $9 # White Poinsettias _____ x $9

Free Will Gift _____ Total $_____

Dedication: In Honor/In Memory of (circle one) _____

_____

Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line – Christmas Poinsettias



2026 Giving Tree

gift cards and toys for families of
Chester Eastside, City Team and
within the Wallingford Swarthmore
School District

Chester Eastside, City Team and WSSD families

$25 Walmart and Target cards or toys

Look for the Giving Trees in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Tags available Sundays before and after worship

Nov. 15, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29

Return unwrapped gifts and gift cards on or by Dec. 6

The Deacons thank you for
your continued generosity and support

Sharon Babcock Deb Dunbar Carol Freidinger Lindsay Gursky

Chris Jacobsen Don Killian Frank Noyes

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 15	**Thursday, November 19**
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	**Friday, November 20**
03.45pm- Greet Former Pastors	**Saturday, November 21**
05.00pm- Installation Service	**Sunday, November 22**
Monday, November 16	09.00am- Bell Choir
10.00am- Adult Bible Study	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, November 17	10.00am- Worship
10.00am- Staff Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Deacons	11.15am- Youth Group
Wednesday, November 18	
07.30pm- BookLook	

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