Welcome to
WILSON MEMORIAL UNION CHURCH

Wilson Memorial is a vibrant, interdenominational, community-focused church.
We aspire to be the Light on the Hill, reflecting God's love and sharing the message of Christ.



October 25, 2026

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October 25, 2026 Please rise as you are able in body or in spirit **10:00am**

Bold print indicates unison read

PRELUDE *Various Melodies* Ricky Francese

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Carolyn Musacchio

We light this candle for Jesus Christ, the light no darkness can put out. Even when we feel far from God, or in over our heads, this light reminds us that God is near.

HYMN *Here I Am To Worship*

V1: Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: And here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

V2: King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly, You came to the Earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor. **Refrain.**

Bridge: I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross **Refrain**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Angela Della Ventura

CALL TO WORSHIP Carolyn Musacchio

God is not far off.

God is near, closer than we know.

There is no place we can hide where God cannot see us.

And no depth so deep that God cannot reach us.

So come as you are, with the truth of your life.

We come to hear God's word, and to live it faithfully.

Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER Carolyn Musacchio

Good and gracious God, you fill heaven and earth, and still you are close enough to hear our quietest prayer. Speak to us this morning. Help us to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Give us ears for your truth, even when it is not what we hoped to hear, and the courage to live it. Amen.

HYMN #21 *This Is My Father's World*

V1: This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas—his hand the wonders wrought.

V2: This is our Father's world: O let us not forget
that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet.
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair—
All earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.

V3: This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Nancy Scott

(All who wish are invited to take part verbally in our prayer of reconciliation.)
Good and gracious God, like Jonah we run from what you ask of us. We prefer comfortable words to honest ones. We blame others for storms we helped create, and we forget your name when life is going well. Forgive us. Give us the courage to own what we have done, and the faith to trust you when we are in over our heads. Amen. (A time of silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Nancy Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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 the glory forever. Amen

ANTHEM *O God, You Search Me*

V1: O', God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

V2: You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

V3: Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:23-28a (NRSVUE) Liturgist, Carolyn Musacchio

Am I a God nearby, says the Lord, and not a God far off?
Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord.
Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

SERMON Surrounded by the Deep Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil
Including a reading of Jonah 2: 1-10

INVITATION TO OUR TIME OF OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavn'ly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN #717 *Go Now In Peace*

V1: Go now in peace; though friends must part,
Your presence lives in every heart.
Your gifts to us no words can tell:
Go now in peace, in Christ go well.

V2: Go now in hope, and hopeful stay,
Though shadowed valleys hide your way;
Through good and evil, joy and pain,
With God, in Spirit, you remain.

V3: Go now in faith, through time and chance,
Until we join the wedding dance
As partners of the Three-in-One,
Where all is ended and begun.

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil

POSTLUDE Ricky Francese

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilson warmly welcomes Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil

Oct. 31: Enchanted Forest • 11am-1pm on the Kindness Trail
*Be a Host at the Enchanted Forest. WE NEED YOU!!
Set up, dress up, hand out treats and provide activities. See Nancy to sign up.
Candy donations are also being accepted in the narthex.

Nov. 8: St. Mary-Stony Hill and Wilson Memorial Churches invite you to an interfaith service of prayer, Scripture and sacred song as we celebrate our Unity and give Gratitude to God in this season of Thanksgiving.
Sunday, November 8th at 4pm at Wilson Memorial Church.

UPCOMING:
Nov. 1: All Saints Day and Communion
Nov. 5: Wow meeting 12:30
Nov. 8: Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 17: Courageous Conversations 6pm
Nov. 22: Thanksgiving breakfast during coffee hour

We would like to form a **Bell Choir** for a December 13th performance. Rehearsals begin after church on November 8. Please let Carolyn Musacchio know if you'd like to take part. carolynmusacchio@gmail.com or 908-239-7251

STAR FISH NEEDS:
Soup, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, reuseable shopping bags

PRAYER REQUEST:
Kerri Herlich • Lisa Wilson • Lonnie Miller • Lorraine Lotowycz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEEDS YOU!
We are looking for more volunteers to help keep our Children's Church program going! Please prayerfully consider sharing a little of your time to help nurture the faith of our youngest church members.
Your time and talents are a blessing! See Bella

TODAY: BLOOD DRIVE AT THE WATCHUNG EXEMPT HALL 8AM-2PM

How to Support the Work of Wilson Memorial Church

IN SERVICE: Place your offerings in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

BY MAIL: 7 Valley Road Watchung, NJ 07069

ONLINE: Secure giving portal by clicking the "Giving" link on our website; www.wilsonmemorialchurch.org

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WILSONCHURCH to (908) 460-8818 and follow the setup prompts for your first time. Once set up, you can simply text the gift amount to the above number.

VENMO: We now offer a new Venmo option. Scan the QR code provided.



How to reach Pastor Rev. Ryan Irmer:
call the office for assistance at (908)755-5020.
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