



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
APRIL 8, 2018

# 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 with us, and hope that you'll feel right at home. Please join us after worship for fellowship and light refreshments in our Fellowship Hall.

Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged to participate in any of our programs, activities and ministry opportunities.

A Nursery is available downstairs for preschool children.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

If you need a little help hearing, portable listening devices are available.

Restrooms are located in the Narthex and throughout the church building.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for nursing mothers is located off the Narthex.

Activity books for children are available in the Narthex.

*Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!*

## **Sunday, April 8**

Second Sunday After Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

2:00 pm- Tiger Pack

Pastor Taylor preaching

## **Monday, April 9**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

## **Tuesday, April 10**

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- PrimeTime

6:00 pm- MS Youth Group

6:30 pm- Co-op Ice Cream Social

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Wednesday, April 11**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Daisy Troop 504

6:00 pm- HS Youth Group

6:30 pm- Co-op Ice Cream Social

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

## **Thursday, April 12**

9:30 am- Yoga

7:00 pm- Girl Scout Troop 5281

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Boy Scout Troop 277

## **Friday, April 13**

7:00 pm- Sons of Norway

## **Saturday, April 14**

9:30 am- Choir Practice

## **Sunday, April 15**

Third Sunday After Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

11:00 am- Confirmation Class

11:15 am- Adult Forum

3:00 pm- Choir Concert

Rev Barrie Shepherd Preaching

*A community where all who seek God are welcome...*



**A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION**

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart. And try to love the questions themselves.*  
-- Rainer Maria Rilke

### WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND MONTHLY BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Happy Birthday to you; We give thanks for your life;*  
*We give thanks for your presence here; We give thanks to God for you.*

### TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The darkness is gone!  
**Bright light floods into this new day of hope.**  
Those who went to the tomb received good news.  
**Christ was not there!**  
Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!  
**Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!**

### \*OPENING HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them. After the message, Sunday School age children will be excused with their teachers. Visiting parents with children are welcome to escort their children along with the teachers to the Sunday School classes or the church nursery. On the first & third Sundays of the month, MS/HS Students are invited to sit together near the front of the sanctuary during the service.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Chorale Prelude

arr. Michael Ryan

## CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

\*RESPONSE 581

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133

### ANTHEM

A Communion Invitation

Joseph Martin

Gentle pilgrim, come and eat, all who hunger, all who need.  
Bread is broken for the feast, come and all will be received.  
Come ye traveler in the night, all who thirst for life divine.  
Jesus bids you come and dine. Fill your cup with heaven's wine.  
Bread of comfort, hope of glory, wine of promise, come fill our empty hearts.

Come ye weary to the Lord. Bread is served and wine is poured.  
All your strength will be restored, one in Christ forevermore.  
Bread of comfort, hope of glory, wine of promise, come fill our empty hearts.

### GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

### SERMON

Pastor Taylor

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sharing in Mission and Ministry  
Chester Eastside  
Rise Against Hunger

Bob Kenworthy  
David Rudd

### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Variations on “Divine Mysteries”

June Nixon

\*DOXOLOGY

*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, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.**

COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 496 Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

Arfon

INVITATION

*(The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Christ Jesus. W-2.4011.a Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER 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 the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP’S CREEK

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God, given by Dave and Deb McCullough in honor of Dave's mother Merle McCullough.*

*Thank you to Harold Floyd and all who assisted with the worship service this morning, those volunteering to usher, and to those assisting with fellowship time today.*

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**WEDDING SHOWER!** Our very own Rev. Taylor Mills is getting married to Rev. Doug Cornelius on May 12th! Please join us today after the service to celebrate their upcoming marriage with cake and a time of fellowship. No gift is necessary, and everyone is invited to celebrate this happy occasion!

**CHOIR CONCERT** Please join us Sunday April 15 at 3:00 PM in the WPC Sanctuary for a special choral concert. The choirs of WPC and Swarthmore Presbyterian Church will present a joint concert on the theme "Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs"; music will include *Chichester Psalms* by Leonard Bernstein, a Spanish anthem, an African song, and an anthem called *Cadenza* which was written to a poem by Barrie Shepherd, who will join us to read his poem at the concert. All are welcome, please join us for what is sure to be a special afternoon of music.

**NEW SMALL GROUP** There is a new small group forming for church members who routinely dine alone. The group plans to meet monthly for a potluck dinner. Please contact Jen Nicholas at 610-565-6876 for more information.

**GARDENERS AND PLANT LOVERS** It's not too early to begin planning for June 4! As you clean out your gardens, please set aside plants to donate for the plant sale. House plants are also welcome! We would like to expand our booth to include garden tools, clay pots, baskets, and decorative indoor and outdoor pots. Your donations greatly help the success of our booth. Once again, we will be ordering annuals, herbs, tomato plants and pepper plants from Miller's Greenhouse. Please contact Dottie Celebre of Marjorie Waltman with your questions. Thank you.

**SHRED AND FED** Save the date and save your old papers and records. Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, rain or shine, come feed the shredder and help stock the local food banks. The Mission and Service Committee sponsors this shredding event, which is free if you bring non-perishable food items. (We accept cash donations for the food banks as well). Last year, we collected more than 800 pounds of food and over \$600 in cash donations. Just save your papers and bring them to the WPC Parking lot and we will do the rest.

**ADULT FORUM** Every Sunday in April, there will be an opportunity following worship for spiritual nourishment and growth through discussions, presentations or other activities. This week (April 8), Adult Forum will meet to take a closer look at the significant events described in the Gospels for Holy Week, even *before* the Last Supper, which are sometimes overlooked. In his Palm Sunday sermon, Pastor François described the political/cultural statement Jesus was making in his entrance into Jerusalem. Jesus spent the week emphasizing the revolutionary nature of what was coming through actions (e.g., overturning money changers' tables), parables, confrontations with Pharisees, and mysterious descriptions of the future, setting the stage in his final days, for the Passion and Resurrection. Next week, **Barrie Shepherd** is preaching, and will also lead a post-worship discussion called "The Gospel As Poetry - a look at Christ's message from a different perspective, with readings from selected poems." . Finally, on April 29, we will have another Adult Forum topic to discuss. You are invited to share in one, two or all of these events – and bring a friend!

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** Sunday, April 22, the Mission and Service Committee will again sponsor a meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger. Great fun for ages 6 to 96. We will need volunteers for load in at 7:30 am, lunch crew volunteers, and volunteers for the pack out. The salad and pizza lunch for volunteers will begin at about 12 noon, with the pack out following immediately. We are generally finished by 3 pm at the latest. Volunteers will also be needed for the load out and clean up. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Families are welcome, and childcare will be provided for children under age 6. Thanks in advance for volunteering and considering this mission opportunity. Have questions? Contact David Rudd at 484-479-3672, 717-644-5450, or [rudd@lvc.edu](mailto:rudd@lvc.edu)

**THE NEXT BOOKLOOK** will take place on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 PM. We are reading Ed Asner's *The Grouchy Historian ...* The book is a humorous, satirical, and extensive examination of the real story of the creation of the Constitution and the nature of the men who met in Philadelphia in the spring and summer of 1787 to amend the Articles of Confederation... and ended up creating our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It is an issue-by-issue review of the alternative interpretations of the Constitution that fill our current political press. Book costs approximately \$11.

**YOU'RE INVITED: TAYLOR AND DOUG'S WEDDING CEREMONY!** Pastor Taylor is getting married on May 12th, and extends an invitation to the congregation to come to the wedding ceremony! The service will take place at Woodside Presbyterian Church at 3:30pm on Saturday, May 12th. The address for the church is: [1667 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA.](#)

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor  
Rev. Taylor Mills, Associate Pastor  
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