



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
APRIL 15, 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 15

Third Sunday After Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Rev. Barrie Shepherd preaching

11:00 am- Confirmation Class

11:30 am- Barrie Shepherd Class

3:00 pm- Choir Concert

Monday, April 16

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Worship Council

7:30 pm- Education Council

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 am- Yoga

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, April 18

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Brownie Troop 504

Wednesday, Continued

6:00 pm- Youth Group

Thursday, April 19

7:30 pm- Boy Scout Troop 277

Friday, April 20

Office Closed

Saturday, April 21

2:30-4:30 pm - Shred & Fed

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday After Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor Taylor preaching

11:00 pm- Rise Against Hunger

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Divine Dilemma?

Well, yes,
I told them I was there
for the sake of everyone and everything.
But they kept insisting, “Excepting him, or her,
of course, and surely not for these or those.”
I displayed, portrayed, lived out for them
the breadth of your divine embrace
as being universal, reaching, touching each
and all, whenever, wherever and whatever.
But all they could add was, “Only if...”
“Hardly this...” and “What about...?”
In the end I did it anyway,
spoke, at the last, of your forgiveness
even for the ones who carried out
the spitting, flogging and those nails.
Do you believe they’ll ever work it out?
Or will we have to build a Hell
just to make them glad to be here?

J. Barrie Shepherd

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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 Psalmist writes, “Happy are those who delight in God’s teachings and meditate on them.”

We come to listen for God, to meditate on God’s word for us.

Welcome to the house of the Lord, find life here, find peace here.

Let us sing and pray together and grow closer to the heart of God.

Friends in Christ, Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN (SEE INSERT) Thanks for the Gift of Time Words by Rev. Barrie Shepherd

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

A Morning Contemplation

Stabley Vann

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of Christ's resurrection we see the shadows of our world and our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,

In Jesus Christ you lived for us but we have not lived for you.

You have forgiven us but we have not forgiven one another.

You have loved us but we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

(Silent reflection)

Forgive us God.

Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, Our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.

Thanks be to God

Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

*RESPONSE

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.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your word is our wisdom; it gives insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen! **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

ANTHEM Esto Les Digo Kinley Lange
Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen, se ponen en acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi padre que está en el cielo, se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos. (San Mateo 18:19-20)

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. (Matthew 18:19-20)

EPISTLE READING Romans 14: 10 - 13

SERMON My Way or the Highway Rev. Barrie Shepherd

RESPONSE 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

We have been made capable of being good stewards of what God has given us. Let us, with gratitude in our hearts, give from what has been given to us, by grace.

OFFERTORY Interlude Paul A. Tate

*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

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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.

*CLOSING HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Christ the Lord Has Risen Tom Birchwood

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by the Smith Family in honor of the 100th birthday of Howard Smith.

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

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES BACK THE REV. DR. J. BARRIE SHEPHERD, writer, teacher, poet and minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Rev. Shepherd served the Wallingford congregation as Parish Associate after retiring in March 2000 as senior minister of historic First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. Prior to that, Rev. Shepherd served for 16 years as senior minister of the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church. Dr. Shepherd also served as campus pastor and minister to Westminster Church at the College of Wooster, chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut, and campus minister at The University of Connecticut (Storrs, Connecticut). He has preached and lectured at Harvard (where he served two terms on the Overseers' Committee To Visit The Memorial Church and delivered a William Belden Noble Lecture in 1995), Yale (where he delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures for 2002), Princeton, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke and other universities and colleges and many of the major seminaries as, well as in distinguished pulpits across the USA and in the United Kingdom, Europe and Africa. Among his many lectureships he lists service on the faculty of the College of Preachers of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

The Shepherds now reside in Scarborough, Maine, where Barrie spends his time guest preaching, teaching, writing and playing the euphonium in various local musical ensembles.

TODAY, JOIN BARRIE SHEPHERD for a post-worship discussion called "The Gospel As Poetry - a look at Christ's message from a different perspective, with readings from selected poems."

CHOIR CONCERT Please join us TODAY 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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS There are 7 dates throughout 2018 that are still available for sponsoring the flowers for Sunday's Service: April 29, August 12, October 14 & 28, November 11 & 18 and December 9. Stop by the church office and sign up or call Pat or Kate in the office. Suggested donation is \$50.

2ND SHRED AND FED EVENT - NEXT SATURDAY, April 21st, from 2 to 4 pm, we will have a shredding truck in the upper parking lot. You can bring all the paper files you need shredded and have them shredded while you watch or drop them off and leave them for the shredders. The only cost to you is to bring non-perishable food items (or donate by cash or check an amount of your own choosing). Volunteers will be needed to direct traffic, collect the food and assist with unloading your shredding when needed. Last year we shredded more than 3 tons of paper, collected over 800 pound of food items, and collected over \$700. **Save your shredding and save the date.**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER, NEXT SUNDAY The Mission and Service Committee will again sponsor a meal pack out event for Rise Against Hunger. This is a great, fun event for ages six and up! **We still need about 40 volunteers for the pack out.** Sign up sheets are in fellowship hall. 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 be also needed for the load out and clean up. Families are welcome. Child care will be provided for younger children. Thanks in advance for volunteering. Have questions? Contact David Rudd at 484-479-3672, 717-644-5450, or rudd@lvc.edu

BLOODMOBILE Save a life, or two or three! The bloodmobile will once again be coming to WPC on Wednesday, May 9 from 2:00-7:00PM. This time we're doing sign ups online, which you can do by following the instructions below.

1. Go to www.redcrossblood.org
2. Click blue box in upper right: "Make a Blood Donation Appointment"
3. Enter Sponsor Code "WPC" and click "find"
4. Click blue entry on right: "Click here to schedule an appointment to donate"
5. Enter Donor Login info if you already have a Donor Login or click on Register Now under New User. It's very easy to register.

Your login will be taken directly to the appointment page to set up a time.

Need help booking your appointment or want someone to do it for you, please call John Stauffer at 610-565-5094, or David Rudd at 717-644-5450. Thank you for your support.

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.](#)

GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY On May 13th, Mother's Day, we will celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. The women of the church will be leading worship. We would also like to "showcase" some of the gifts of women over the last 50 years that have contributed to the energetic, hospitable, inclusive community of faith Wallingford is today. If you are willing to share your gifts or stories, or participate in the service please get in touch with Cyndi Lacroix at 724-991-9631 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

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