

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 22, 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.

<u>Visitors</u> 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 22

Fourth Sunday After Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor Taylor preaching

11:00 am- Rise Against Hunger

Monday, April 23

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

12:00 pm- Co-op Executive Meeting

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 am- Yoga

6:00 pm- MS Youth Group

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 26

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Boy Scout Troop 277

Friday, April 27

Saturday, April 28

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday After Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

Welcoming New Members Today

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



Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way. --St. Jerome

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

Come, walk in green pastures.

We follow the Shepherd.

Come, lie down in green pastures.

We trust the Shepherd.

Come, dine at the table of abundance.

We are fed by the Shepherd.

Come, dwell in God's house.

We live in the Shepherd's care.

Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise!

*Opening Hymn 35

Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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 Meditation Elizabeth Hill

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. So let us acknowledge our failure and disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Open our hearts as we open your Word today. Help these ancient words to be made new in our lives. We, your sheep, know the sound of your voice, help us to follow where you lead. Amen.

*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

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. The Good News of Jesus Christ is this: God forgives our failures and calls us back into the fold. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

Anthem You Are My Shepherd Zach Stachowski You are my shepherd, my rock and my refuge. You are my strength, my shield, my song. You give me rest; you give me comfort. Nothing more shall I want.

You spread a table before me as my foes look on. You soothe my head with oil. My cup is more than full

Goodness and love will always tend me, every day of my life. I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I shall live.

You guide me along straight pathways. You are trust to your name. Though I should walk in death's dark valley, your staff will comfort me.

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

Pastor Taylor

RESPONSE 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

All Nature Sings

arr. Alfred Fedak

*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

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL 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 PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST COLUMBA

BENEDICTION

Postlude

Fugue in D Major

Johann Pachelbel

The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God, given by Jean Parks in memory of her husband, Ralph.

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

^{*}Those who are able, please stand.

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS There are 6 dates throughout 2018 that are still available for sponsoring the flowers for Sunday's Service: April 29, August 12, October 14 & 28, November 18 and December 9. Stop by the church office and sign up or call Pat or Kate in the office. Suggested donation is \$50.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER, TODAY The Mission and Service Committee is again sponsoring 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

THE ADULT BIBLE CLASS IS GOING TO VIEW JESUS CHRIST SUPER STAR at the Swarthmore Players' Club at 2 PM on Sunday, April 29. They have a few extra tickets they would like to sell. The cost is \$17 (regular price - \$25). If you would like to purchase a ticket, see Pat Maze or Walt Kaminski.

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.

TRUSTEES MEETING This Tuesday night at 7:30 pm.

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 or Marjorie Waltman with your questions. Thank you.

Is spring Cleaning on Your to-do List? If so, items which you no longer need are perfect for the Strawberry Festival's Attic Treasures and Book rooms. Household objects, hardback and soft cover books may be dropped at church beginning May 20 and special arrangements can be made for large pieces. The festival is June 4 and we want the displays to be chock-full of interesting pieces and reads. For more information, please contact Leslie Krowchenko at (610) 357-6712 or leslie.krowchenko@comcast.net.

<u>DID YOU KNOW</u> what confirmation is in the Presbyterian church, specifically at WPC? It is a time for young people who have been baptized to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. These folks have studied with Pastors and Mentors for 7 months, explored and questioned their faith, and have decided to publicly declare their belief in God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, and join this particular community of believers.

STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor Rev. Taylor Mills, Associate Pastor Elizabeth Braden, Director of Music Pat Kelly & Kate Callahan, Church Administrator Judith Kenworthy, Clerk of Session Andy Yost, Treasurer

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