



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY
JANUARY 6, 2019

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, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:30 am- Adult Forum

Monday, January 7

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, January 8

9:30 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- Prime Time

7:00 pm- Cub Scouts

Wednesday, January 9

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

Thursday, January 10

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, January 11

7:00 pm- Sons of Norway

Saturday, January 12

Sunday, January 13

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Adult Forum

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him: give my heart.”

-In The Bleak Midwinter by Christina Georgina Rossetti

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.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God’s praise among the nations.

OPENING HYMN 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

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

And There Was a Star

arr. David Paxton

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world who grants forgiveness and healing for our sins. Thanks be to God!

*SUNG 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.

*RESPONSE

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-9

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ANTHEM

When A Star is Shining Over Eastern Hills

Kathy Powell

When a star is shining over eastern hills,
When the air is silent, and clamor stills,
When the night is waiting and the old hopes rise,
Then the time has ripened and the hearts grows wise.

Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,
Where a voice forgotten cries 'Prepare the way!'
Where an earthly power makes the heart turn cold,
There the gifts are offered – incense, myrrh, and gold.

Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night;
Guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;
Show us in a manger our redemption's sign;
Bring us to a morning where the promise shines.
-Poetry of Sylvia Dunstan

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

NT 2

SERMON

The Push and Pull of Christ

Pastor Taylor

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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

Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, our Savior. Overjoyed in the presence of radiant light they offered him precious gifts. We too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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

BENEDICTION

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

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

And also with you.

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

POSTLUDE

Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern

arr. Johann Pachelbel

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Pat Tillson in honor of her sister, Jeanne Courtney.

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

ADULT FORUM NOOMA is a series of short films promoting spiritual reflections on individual life experiences. The name NOOMA comes from a [phonetic](#) spelling of the Greek word πνεύμα ([pneuma](#)), meaning "wind", "spirit", or "breath". The video series consists of 24 videos featuring Christian teacher and pastor [Rob Bell](#). This week we will watch the short video, "Rhythm" and reflect on God's presence in our world and in our lives.

PRIME TIME Interested in aging in place and how seniors can help seniors? On Tuesday, December 8, Cindy Leftkowitz and Irene Landes from Seniors Helping Seniors will discuss the aging process, typical health related issues of aging, how to make your home environment safe for aging in place and answer your questions.

WEDNESDAYS AT WALLINGFORD: PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE On Wednesday, January 16 from 7 - 8:30 pm, Peacemaking and Social Justice will be hosting a discussion on the intersectionality of different social justice issues. The course materials were written by Susan Landau, who taught our Difficult Conversations classes. On the surface, there might seem to be no commonality between issues faced by residents of Wallingford, Chester, Eritrea (former home of Alawa), Palestine, and other parts of the world, but is that true if you look deep beneath the surface? Are there common issues that most of us face? For the past several years, the congregation has been engaging in discussions of different areas: gun violence, racism and immigration. Could they all have a common cause? If there are common issues, is there anything to be done? Come and join the discussion.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE WOW RETREAT – SPA DAY - Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Experience a SPA (Spirits Playing Among Us) Day at the IHM Conference and Retreat Center in Bryn Mawr. Enjoy hospitality, delicious food, relaxation and fun with a spiritual twist, while sharing time together and growing as friends in faith. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and study materials. Meet at the church at 8 a.m. to carpool. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your Bible. Registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall and outside the Church Office. Registrations are due this Friday, January 11. Please call the Church Office with any questions.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Adult Forum

January 13- Weird Bible Stories: From talking donkeys to a coat of many colors, come for the weird and wild! Led by Pastor Taylor

January 20- The State of the Church: Pre- Annual Meeting led by Pastor Francois

February 3- Q Forum- Bring any and all questions you have about the LGBTQIA community. Led by Kate Callahan

Wednesdays at Wallingford

January 9- Women of Wallingford

January 16- Peacemaking and Social Justice sponsors a class on interconnectivity

January 23- Sharing our Stories: A night of Testimony and Tea

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