



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY  
JANUARY 13, 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 13**

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration

2:00 pm- Special Session Meeting

## **Monday, January 14**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Tuesday, January 15**

9:00 am- Yoga

7:30 pm- Deacons

## **Wednesday, January 16**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

5:00 pm- Cub Scouts 228

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:00 pm- W@W Interconnectivity

## **Thursday, January 17**

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

## **Friday, January 18**

12:00 pm- Cub Scouts 228

## **Saturday, January 19**

## **Sunday, January 20**

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration

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



**A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION**

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Many times in the Old Testament, God refers to human beings as His beloved. But when God called Jesus His beloved, Jesus did something truly remarkable: He believed Him. And He lived every moment of His life fully convinced of His identity.” — Jonathan Martin

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, we remember that from the very beginning the voice of God resounded upon the water.

**That the Spirit of the Lord hovers over our lives.**

Today, we remember that the Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

**And that through him we are God’s beloved.**

Let us worship God in joy and holy splendor.

#### OPENING HYMN 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

#### 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, Faith Formation age children will be excused with their teachers. Visiting parents with children are welcome to escort their children along with the teachers to the Faith Formation 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

Stillness

Colin Mawby

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.**

*(Silent Confession)* We are sorry and we want to change.

**Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve. Reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved in the Lord, God forgives our sin; know that we are pardoned and let us be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

\*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

OT 672

ANTHEM

I Come to You, O God

Carol Browning

Be still and know that I am God.

In the secret places of the spirit, I come to you, O God. In the silent spaces of the morning, I come to you, O God. Giver of joy, beyond imagination, beat of my heart's beat, ever shining vision; I come to you, O God.

God in firmness when all around me is changing,

God in strength when I'm weary and in need. I come to you, God, in innocence and trusting, in simple hope of following your lead.

God in stillness, ever resting in your shadow, God in glory, everlasting as the light.

I come to you, God, in solitude and silence, in simple hope of keeping you in sight.

God in friendship, by my side in sigh and sorrow, God in joy, in contentment and in praise.

I come to you, God, in answer to your calling, in simple hope of sleeping in your grace.

-Text by Matthew Willet, based on a poem by Henry Hodgkin and Psalm 46:10

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

NT 60

SERMON

You Can't Mean Me

Pastor François

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

Kwinn Tucker  
CITYTEAM CHESTER

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

A Prayer for Peace

Michael Higgins

\*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

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace.

**May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

BENEDICTION

Festive Postlude

Noel Rawsthorne

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

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

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God.*

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

**CITYTEAM CHESTER** helps over 700 parents each year in the Greater Delaware Valley Area. Cityteam serves three meals a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, never closing. Last year they served over 89,000 meals to families and individuals in need. The needs of people struggling with poverty, homelessness, and addiction are complex, but Cityteam Chester is passionate about helping individuals and families. Their programs offer a variety of resources to meet the immediate needs and to provide real help and hope. These programs include hot meals, shelter, life transformation programs, clothing, hygiene items, learning and career help, discovery Bible studies, and so much more.

Kwinn Tucker left her home town of Arkansas 16 years ago to begin a one year internship with Cityteam Ministries and she never left. Kwinn has been the Executive Director of Cityteam Chester for 6 years now and her mission is to create a safe place for people, where they're honored and treated with dignity and respect.

**FAITH EXPLORATION** Join Pastor Taylor to talk about some of the craziest stories in the Bible. Talking donkeys, a coat of many colors, bear attacks on mouthy kids? Come learn more today at 11:30 am in the reception room.

**W@W: PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE** This 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.

**THE FINAL TOTAL FOR CHRISTMARKET 2018 IS \$12,817.** This outstanding number is a result of \$7,817 in ChristMarket shoppers' "purchases." The first \$5,000 are matched dollar for dollar from the Mission and Service benevolence budget. The total of \$12,817 is an increase of 27% from last year with purchases up 55%. On behalf of the 15 organizations who will benefit directly from your generosity, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Thanks also to those who led, organized, and operated ChristMarket 2018 over the four week run.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the Congregation and Corporation will be held after the service on January 27th. Lunch will be served. All reports are due to the office by January 22nd. Questions? Contact Kate at [office@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:office@wallingfordpres.org) .

**Q(UEER) FORUM** As LGBTQIA individuals have gained more visibility in our society, the need to understand difference and ask questions has grown. In response to the many questions that our queer friends face, Bryn Mawr College, Kate's alma mater, created Q (Queer) Forum as part of first year orientation. In that tradition, and knowing that many people have questions they don't know how to ask, Kate will be running a WPC Q Forum during the adult Faith Exploration hour on February 3rd. Bring all your questions. She has answered everything from "why do people use 'queer' now when it used to be derogatory?" to "do I need to invite my son's husband to this bridal shower?" to more specific questions about intimacy and faith. No question is too weird or silly, and all will be answered honestly and without judgement.

## **LOOKING FORWARD:**

### **Faith Exploration (Formerly 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 16- Peacemaking and Social Justice sponsors a class on interconnectivity

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

January 30- Quizzo, team trivia!

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