



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 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 27

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Annual Meeting

Monday, January 28

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

12:00 pm- WASC Executive Meeting

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, January 29

9:00 am- Yoga

7:30 pm- TCDN Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 30

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- W@W Quizzo and Potluck

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, January 31

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 1

6:00 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, February 2

Sunday, February 3

4th 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

WPC Mission Statement

With grateful recognition that Jesus Christ is Lord of the church and of our lives, the mission of the people of Wallingford Presbyterian Church is to witness to Christ's presence and power.

We recognize that we have been transformed, yet are always being transformed into the likeness of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We witness through meaningful worship, Christian nurture, spiritual growth, caring service, fellowship, music, and mission in the broader community.

In faithful response to God's call, we remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit so that we continually are shaped as individuals and as the body of Christ.

.... God's growing people serving Christ in a changing world

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, as the great creation myth teaches, God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them. And Jesus calls us to be builders as well.

Jesus calls us to build our lives:

To restore broken places and continue to grow.

Jesus calls us to build our faith:

To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Jesus calls us to build our community:

To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Jesus calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of scripture:

To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

Let us build as Jesus calls us to.

OPENING HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

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

Thee We Adore, O Savior

arr. Kevin Uppercue

CALL TO CONFESSION

In contrast to God's clear word, our faults and failings may remain hidden from others and even from ourselves. Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts. Trusting that God's mercy is as wide as the firmament of heaven let us confess to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. (Silent Confession)

Forgive us, heal us,

And restore us to a right relationship with you and with one another; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us whole, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. Brothers and sisters, God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own love. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glorify 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

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, O God, may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

You, the Christ

Ian Callanan

Stranger standing at my door, you disturb me in the night:
 You have needs I can't ignore, you have eyes that speak your plight.
 Do I know you, nameless face, battered woman, detainee,
 Hungry youth or sickness case, jobless parent refugee.
 Do I know you, nameless face?

You are strange in speech and dress, you have children at your side.
 You are not like one of us – you have begged away your pride.
 If you passed across my screen I might switch you out of sight,
 Worlds away you might have been, yet you stand here in my night.
 Do I know you, nameless face?

I am fearful of your claim, yet I cannot turn away,
 Stranger with the foreign name, are you angel come to stay?
 You are messenger and guest, you the Christ I can't ignore,
 You my own compassion's test, stranger standing at my door.
 You're the Christ, I can't ignore.

-Words by Shirley Erena Murray

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

NT 61

SERMON

What to Give, 2.0

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 717

For the Life Which You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Each one of us is essential to the life and well-being of the whole body of Christ. So we come now to share our gifts and resources in order to care for one another and, without dissension, for the world Christ came to save.

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

arr. 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

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your love and peace in this world. Amen.

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 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
(Verses 1 and 2)

DARWALL'S 148TH

BENEDICTION

TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

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.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

CLOSING PRAYER AND GRACE

ADJOURNMENT AND FELLOWSHIP MEAL

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Sallie Anderson and Evan Ernest in loving memory of our mothers, Isabel Durkee Warner and Wynne Hillyer Ernest.

Thank you to Cyndi Lacroix and all who assisted with the worship service this morning, those volunteering to usher, and to those assisting with the meal following the annual meeting today.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation and Corporation will be held after the service today. Lunch will be served.

CRAFTY WOMEN are coming together Saturday, February 2 from 11am-1:30 to cut, sew and fill rice stuffed comfort bags for the Deacons to pass on to those in need. If you have a sewing machine, cutting mat, or just the desire to fill bags, come and find us in the reception room. Questions call Diane Corbett@6107246345

THE NEW DIRECTORY IS HERE! For those who had their pictures taken or submitted photos for the new church directory, the directories have arrived and your copy can be picked up in the back of the sanctuary after the service today from Tom Erickson. Directories will be made available to those who did not have photos taken at a later date.

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 next Sunday, 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.

WRITING OUT LOUD Looking for a new challenge in 2019? Join *Writing Out Loud* and discover the pleasure and challenge of writing in a group. No special skills necessary; just the willingness to try to express yourself in words and to listen to others. Join us on February 14, 10:30 - 12:30 (and every 2nd and 4th Thursday).

VBC TEAM FORMING! This year to prepare for VBC we are forming a VBC Planning Team who will meet for only 3 short meetings, but will help with the planning of this year's wonderful program, which will be Splash Mountain! We are in need of your creativity to make this year's camp the best yet. All who are interested, please come on Monday, Feb. 18th at 6:30pm to brainstorm some great potential ideas for this year! See you then!

LOOKING FORWARD:

Faith Exploration (Formerly Adult Forum)

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

February 10- Current Events discussion led by Frank Noyes

February 17: Questions Children ask about God: For parents, grandparents, and friends, led by Pastors Taylor and François

Wednesdays at Wallingford

January 30- 6:00 pm- Quizzo, team trivia!

February 6- 7:00 pm Pastor's Book Look: *Rest Assured: A Recovery Plan for Weary Souls* by Vicki Courtney, Led by Pastor Taylor

February 13- 7:00 pm WOW



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