



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 3

Fourth 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

Monday, February 4

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, February 5

9:00 am- Yoga

7:00 pm- Cub Scouts

Wednesday, February 6

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:30 pm- WCNS Open House

7:00 pm- W@W- Pastor's Book Look

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, February 7

5:15 pm- Youth Group to St. John's

6:00 pm- Yoga

6:30 pm- WCNS Open House

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 8

7:00 pm Sons of Norway

Saturday, February 9

9:00 am- Stephen Minister Training

Sunday, February 10

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor 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

“And because God's love is uncoercive and treasures our freedom - if above all he wants us to love him, then we must be left free not to love him - we are free to resist it, deny it, crucify it finally, which we do again and again. This is our terrible freedom, which love refuses to overpower so that, in this, the greatest of all powers, God's power, is itself powerless.”

— Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat

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

From the very beginning of our life journey, God calls us.

Calls us as individuals and calls us into community with one another.

God sets us apart with spiritual gifts, meaning and purpose. All for the common good.

But sometimes we are afraid of the call from God.

But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Even today, especially today, as we gather together.

OPENING HYMN 691

Lord, When I came into This Life
(Verses 1 and 4)

LAND OF REST

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

I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone

Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and cast out our fear.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. **We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end.**

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, and heal us, loving God,

Through Jesus the Christ, your love incarnate we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Therefore we do not fear but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

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 life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

NT 175

ANTHEM

A Communion Invitation

Joseph Martin

Gentle pilgrim, come and eat, all who hunger, all who need.

Bread is broken for the feast, come and all will be received.

Come ye traveler in the night, all who thirst for life divine.

Jesus bids you come and dine. Fill your cup with heaven's wine.

Bread of comfort, hope of glory, wine of promise, come fill our empty hearts.

Come ye weary to the Lord. Bread is served and wine is poured.

All your strength will be restored, one in Christ forevermore.

Bread of comfort, hope of glory, wine of promise, come fill our empty hearts.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

NT 61

SERMON

Thoughts on Love

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 693

Though I May Speak
(Verses 1 and 3)

GIFT OF LOVE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

A Morning Song

Paul Taylor

*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

INVITATION+

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

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

Please receive the cup as it comes to you, but hold the bread so that we may all partake together.

COMMUNION PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
(Verses 1 and 4)

GOD BE WITH YOU

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

To God All Praise and Glory

arr. Roger C. Wilson

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God.

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

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 Fellowship Hall 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 TODAY!! 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 today. 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!

BLANKETS ARE DEAR TO OUR HEARTS. The Mission project for the Blanket Fund to benefit Church World Service is this month. Church World Service distributes blankets both in the United States and abroad, to those in need. Sample blankets will be in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall during the month. A contribution of only \$10.00 can purchase a good wool or cotton blanket. Envelopes for contributions will be in the pew racks during the month of February. The envelope can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office anytime during the month. Checks should be made out to Wallingford Presbyterian Church and note on the memo line for Blanket Fund.

RED WAGON MINISTRIES We've expanded the Red Wagon Ministries by adding a second Wagon. There's one wagon at the parking lot entrance and another at the lower driveway entrance where the school kids come and go. The food and non-perishable items donated to these wagons are regularly delivered to either Chester Eastside, CityTeam or the Media Food Bank. Also if there is a request to the Deacons from someone in need, the Wagon is the first place we look to fulfill the request. Amazingly, it almost always has exactly what is needed. Please consider adding a few items like these to your grocery cart and bring them to church.

OFFICE REMINDER Just a reminder: All church related emails to the office should be sent to office@wallingfordpres.org, not Kate's personal email address. This way we can guarantee a line of communication and keep documentation in one place.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Faith Exploration (Formerly Adult Forum)



February 10- "Building Walls in America -- Not Just on the Border." Have we lost our ability to be open-minded? Suggested reading: *Mending Wall*, by Robert Frost. Led by Frank Noyes

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

February 24- Current Events discussion led by Frank Noyes

Wednesdays at Wallingford



February 6- 7:00 pm Pastor's Book Look: Feeling overburdened, over-committed and just plain exhausted? Join Pastor Taylor to discuss "Rest Assured: A Recovery Plan for Weary Souls" by Vicki Courtney. Talk about a way to find respite in our busyness and peace among the chaos. Led by Pastor Taylor

February 13- 7:00 pm WOW

February 20- Discussion of Prison Issues, presented by Rick Lowe

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