



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 10, 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 10

Fourth 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

2:00 pm- Cub Scouts

Monday, February 11

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm- FUSE @ SPC

7:30 pm- Connections

Tuesday, February 12

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- PrimeTime

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Justice

7:30 pm- Staff Meeting w NPPD

Wednesday, February 13

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday (Continued)

6:00 pm- Providence Garden Club

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:00 pm- WOW

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, February 14

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 15

Saturday, February 16

1:00 pm- Youth to Sky Zone

Sunday, February 17

Fifth 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

A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will in which the called person has to serve God in the way and in the places to which the Almighty God has called him or her. – St. Francis de Sales

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.
Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.
We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.
In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.
Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN 614

Great Are You, Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

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

Prayer

Mark Davis

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the temple, Isaiah heard these words: “Your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out.”
God’s grace toward us has not been in vain! This is the good news we have received: in Christ’s death and resurrection, we have been saved. 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

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, you have exalted your name and your word above everything. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your name above all things; in Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138

OT 577

ANTHEM

Blest Are They

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled. (refrain)

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! (refrain)

Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. (refrain)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

OT 635

SERMON

Faithfulness and Fruitfulness

Pastor Taylor

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Meditation on 'He Leadeth Me'

arr. Lani Smith

*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

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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.

*CLOSING HYMN 749

Come, Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

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

Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice

David Paxton

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Sandi Fleischer
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Thank you to Mike Meloy and all who assisted with the worship service this morning, those volunteering to usher, and to those assisting with fellowship time today.

PRIME TIME Gather at noon; speaker will begin at 12:30pm. Bring your own lunch. We will have beverages, snacks and desserts for everyone. All are welcome! Wear red for Valentine's Day. The Reverend Zuline Wilkinson, MSW, MDiv, and Executive Director of Chester Eastside, will share information about the newly focused mission and work of the organization since she assumed the leadership position in recent years. CEI is making a significant impact in the lives of children and adults in the city of Chester. Come and hear about the programs, impact measurements, volunteer and support opportunities.

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!

W@W PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENT As part of ongoing "conversations", the Peacemaking and Social Justice committee will host a Wednesdays@Wallingford event on February 20. The subject will be Criminal Justice Reform. The session will be led by Bobby Harris, who has first-hand experience of the incarceration system (he was sentenced to life without parole as a juvenile). He will talk about work being done in the Delaware Valley to reform the criminal justice system. Harris, who now serves as a community organizer and leader to bring change and hope, will share his personal story of imprisonment, the challenges he overcame and the work he is involved with to close jails, build communities and address the collateral consequences of incarceration. A light dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The presentation will start at 7:30. Questions - talk to Lin Floyd, Walt Kaminski or any member of the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.

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.

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.

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.

THE BOOKLOOK has chosen "Pachinko" by Mikn Jin Lee as the book for their next discussion on April 2. According to Amazon: "A *New York Times* Top Ten Book of the Year and National Book Award finalist, *Pachinko* is an 'extraordinary epic' of four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family as they fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan (*San Francisco Chronicle*)." Books can be ordered from Walt Kaminski. Cost is approximately \$9.

NAME CHANGES Our Sunday morning programs have changed their names to better reflect who we are. Faith Formation (formerly Sunday School) is an opportunity for our children to learn, ask questions and build a faith that will allow them to never stop learning or asking questions. Faith Exploration (formerly Adult Forum) mirrors the way the class has expanded its parameters. In addition to discussions on topical issues, offerings now include Q&A sessions, Nooma videos and creative outlets led by staff and congregation members. Check the bulletin and WPC Happenings every week to see each Sunday's topic de jour.

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 13- 7:00 pm WOW

February 20- 6:30 pm- Dinner and discussion of Prison Issues, presented by Rick Lowe

February 27- 6:30 pm- Dinner, Labyrinth, and Taizé service of wholeness and healing

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