



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 17, 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 17

Sixth 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

12:30 pm- Nominating Committee

Monday, February 18

Presidents Day- Office Closed

No electricity during the day

6:00 pm- FUSE

6:30 pm- VBC Planning

7:30 pm- Worship Council

7:30 pm- Education Council

Tuesday, February 19

7:30 pm- Deacons

7:30 pm- Stewardship Council

Wednesday, February 20

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday Continued

6:30 pm- W@W- Prison Reform

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, February 21

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Boy Scouts

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 22

Saturday, February 23

6:00 pm- Youth and YA Bowling

6:00 pm- Adult Social- Bowling

Sunday, February 24

Seventh 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

1:00 pm- Choir Practice @ SPC

2:00 pm- Cub Scouts

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“In a world where the dead have returned to life, the word ‘trouble’ loses much of its meaning.”
— Dennis Hopper

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The prophet Jeremiah writes, blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending its roots by the stream.

Through Christ and the waters of baptism we are freed and grounded in love.

Our roots go deep, we are ever green.

Even in a drought we are not anxious, but through love we bear fruit, full and beautiful.

When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God, we are like a tree planted by living water.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN 669

Let's Sing unto the Lord

CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR

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

Jesus is My Life

Todd Kendall

CALL TO CONFESSION

The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the conditions of mind and heart affect actions. Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also heal us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the love and mission of Jesus Christ.

Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded.

Comfortable with the way things are, we have become complacent, even at times complicit with injustice and prejudice.

(Silent reflection)

Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word.

Our faith is not in vain. Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.

*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

O God whose Word is like water to the root of the tree, let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish – bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

OT 489, NT 176

ANTHEM

Blest Are They

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! (refrain)

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled. (refrain)

Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

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

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

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

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17-26

NT 64

SERMON

Welcoming Resurrection Death

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 236

The Strife Is O'er
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

VICTORY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

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

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus name. Amen.

SHARING 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 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

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

Trompette Brillante

Vivaldi/Williams

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Diane Nixon in loving memory of David Nixon.

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

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.

ADULT SOCIAL - BOWLING AT SPROUL LANES. Meet at the lanes at 6 pm on February 23rd. Bring a snack to share. We will be bowling near the youth and young adults, so there will be a chance for intergenerational sharing.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP will meet downstairs in the MMO room on Saturday March 2nd at 10am for open playtime. Playgroup is a great time to allow your children to play with others while socializing and meeting other parents. This is a free event that is best for children 5 and under. Siblings are welcome!

BLOODMOBILE Wednesday, March 20th, 2:00-7:00 pm. You can sign up online by going to <https://www.redcrossblood.org> and entering Sponsor Code WPC. Need help booking your appointment or want someone to do it for you? Please call David Rudd at 717-644-5450. Copies of the more detailed instructions are available in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER March 31! We have jobs for all from age 6 to 96! We will need:

- Load-in Crew from 7:30 am to bring in the equipment and supplies.
- Lunch Crew from about 11 am to about 12:30 pm to serve the pizza and salad lunch for volunteers.
- Packing Crew from about 12:30pm to 3:00 pm to fill, weigh, seal, and pack 12,528 meals.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Families are welcome! Child care will be provided for younger children.

THE BOOKLOOK has chosen "Pachinko" by Mink 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

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

February 24- "John the Baptist and his ministry of baptism," led by Frank Noyes

March 3- Nooma class, led by Pastor Taylor

Wednesdays at Wallingford

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

March 6- 7:30 pm- Ash Wednesday service

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