



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 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, March 10

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration

Monday, March 11

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- Prime Time

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Justice

Wednesday, March 13

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- Youth Group

6:00 pm- Cubs 228

7:00 pm- WOW

Wednesday (continued)

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, March 14

9:00 am- Yoga

12:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, March 15

7:30 pm- Rose Valley Variety Show

@ the Old Mill

Saturday, March 16

Stephen Ministry Training All Day

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday in Lent

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

“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store.” – N.T. Wright

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.

For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

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

Lamb of God

arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is always faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust you.

We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own.

We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.

In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.

Silent Confession

Hear us, we pray.

Forgive us we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture declares, the Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe this good news. God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE 76

Do Not Be Afraid
(Verse 2)

ISAIAH 43

*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

Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13

OT 180

NT 160

ANTHEM

Cantad Al Señor
O Sing to the Lord
Bell Choir

arr. Susan Geschke

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

NT 61

SERMON

A Word About Lent

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

INFANTS AND TODDLERS start nursery and Faith Formation at 10:00 am. Those with children aged three and under are welcome to take them directly to the nursery or classroom before the service starts.

BOOKING SPACE VIA LOFTYSPOT Need to book some space at the church? Check out LoftySpot.com to use the reception room, fellowship hall, library, or kitchen. For a direct link to WPC on LoftySpot, go to bit.ly/BookWPC

JOIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY GROUP Lenten Journey, our new Facebook group, will post a different prompt– a question, thought, quote, video or musical selection – for you to ponder every day. In response, we invite you to post a reaction that captures its meaning for you. Traveling the 47 days together will offer an opportunity to learn more about ourselves and grow with one another. We hope you will come along as part of our inaugural journey. To join, visit the church’s Facebook page, or go to <http://bit.ly/wpcLent2019> .

ROSE VALLEY FOLK VARIETY SHOW WPC Connections is sponsoring an Adult Social at the Rose Valley Variety Show on Friday, March 15. Come out and watch a number of our congregation members and others perform, all while eating snacks, drinking beer, wine or soda and enjoying other snacks, all for the outrageous price of \$5 per person, payable at the door. Anyone wanting to attend should plan to arrive at 7:30 pm and bring a snack to share. The show starts at 8. Questions - talk to Walt Kaminski.

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.

CHOIR CONCERT The choirs of Wallingford Presbyterian and Swarthmore Presbyterian Churches, led by Music Directors Liz Braden (WPC) and Meghan Ness (SPC), will present a joint concert on Sunday March 24 at 3:00 PM in the Wallingford Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. The program, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is: Choral Musings on Psalm 23”, will feature three different settings of Psalm 23, including a world premiere by Marcus DeLoach. The concert will also include The Hope of Loving by Jake Runestad for choir and piano, a second world premiere called Counting Stars by composer Ted Babcock, and two works by former Springfield resident Sharon Marion Hershey which were commissioned by Wallingford Presbyterian Church several years ago. The concert is free and all are welcome. Please join us for what will be a beautiful afternoon of music and community.

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.

COME TO PRIME TIME on March 12 at noon to hear about the many benefits of having a library card. Jennifer Stock, Director of our local Helen Kate Furness Free Library, will be our March speaker. Get reacquainted with the Delaware County libraries. Ms. Stock will demonstrate the databases and catalogues available to use with your library card. Bring your e-readers, tablets or laptops and learn how to gain immediate access to eBooks and other resources. Bring your own lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Speaker will start around 12:20pm with time for questions and answers at the end.

EASTER CANDY As we prepare for our annual Eggstravaganza, we are asking for donations of wrapped, mini candy to fill our plastic Easter eggs! Bins will be available in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex to collect goodies for egg stuffing.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA is coming early this year! In order to catch the “away for spring break” crowd, we’ve decided to hold our annual Easter Eggstravaganza one week earlier this year, on Saturday, April 6th. Come at 9 am for light refreshments and fellowship. We’ll be hunting for eggs between 10 and 10:30 am. All children of our congregation and community are welcome.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER All adults (single, couples, members and non-members) are invited to the annual Progressive Dinner at Wallingford Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 6th. We are providing childcare at the church and will start at 5:00 to better accommodate people with young children. If you haven’t attended the dinner, we meet at the church for appetizers as a group at 5:00, then break up into small groups (8-12 people) at “Host Family” homes at 6:30, then gather again for dessert as a group at 8:00. Previous attendees have said, “It’s a great way to get to know more people at the church.” “It’s the best church social event of the year!” You are welcome to attend all or part of the dinner (we’ve had people come just for appetizers, or appetizers and dinner), and if you need rides, please let us know. Each person is asked to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert and we request a donation of \$10 per person to help defray costs. If you have any questions, feel free to email Lise Meloy lisemeloy@gmail.com or Chris Darr Darr.Christine@gmail.com. You can sign up on the church website or in Fellowship Hall – please do so by Sunday morning, March 31st. Hope to see you on there!!

BLANKET FUND WPC is a giving church, far beyond the amount we allocate in the annual budget for benevolence. That giving spirit was evident in February through the Blanket Fund, the first opportunity offered each year. Total contributions from the congregation were \$685, a generous gift that will provide wool or cotton blankets to nearly 70 individuals in need in the United States and abroad.

DID YOU KNOW??? The paraments (fabric coverings for the chancel furniture) are coordinated with the liturgical (associated with public worship) colors. We use these fabrics on the communion table and book-marks on the lectern (reading desk) and pulpit. Most of the year is considered Ordinary Time so the paraments are green. White was used for Christ the King Sunday and after that for Epiphany and often for Communion, weddings and Easter and the 4 Sundays after that. Red is used for Pentecost (40 days after Easter) and Purple is used for Advent and Lent, as it is the color of royalty and passion.

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