



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SCOUT SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 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 24

Third Sunday in Lent

Scout Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration

12:00 pm- Young Adult Movie

1:00 pm- Black History 101 @ Ohev

3:00 pm- Combined Choir Concert

Monday, March 25

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

12:00 pm- WCNS Executive Meeting

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 am- Yoga

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, March 27

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday, Continued

6:00 pm- Youth Group

6:30 pm- PMSJ- Dinner & Refugee Talk

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, March 28

9:00 am- Yoga

6:30 pm- Bell Practice

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

Sunday, March 31

Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:30 am- RAH Load in

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:30 am- Rise Against Hunger

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“I do not understand the mystery of grace -- only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.”

— Anne Lamott

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

[Words of Introduction – This morning’s bulletin includes explanatory notes addressing various parts of the worship service. We hope you find them informative and helpful.]

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls us into being. In the name of Christ we answer God’s call and assemble as the community of faith.]

Jesus is the Light of the world. Through grace and love, he gives us eyes to see as he sees.

Once we lived in darkness, but now as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

So, we walk toward the light of God as we worship today.

Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving.

*OPENING HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

AZMON

[Music and the singing of hymns is an important part of our Christian worship. The hymns we sing reflect God’s grace and our response to that grace.]

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

Chorale Prelude

Henry Kihlken

CALL TO CONFESSION

[We are called to confess the reality of sin in personal and common life. Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we humbly confess our sin.]

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. God does not punish our sin with trials but desires our genuine repentance.

And so, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to your love.

You set before us a rich feast of blessings, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge in our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.

(Silent confession)

Forgive us, when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.

Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[Having confessed our sin, we remember the promises of God's redemption, and the claims God has on all human life. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.]

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way back to God. Let us return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

Thanks be to God.

*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

[Worship now moves to the reading, proclaiming and hearing of God's Word.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your holy spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your love and grace becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

OT 685

ANTHEM

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Sharon Hershey

Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with your distress,
Come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light;
Do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

Rest in me, O weary traveler, rest in me and do not fear.

Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care. (Words by Sylvia Dunstan)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:22-32

NT 74

SERMON

Further Thoughts on Living Lent

Pastor François

*RESPONSE 184

Calm to the Waves
(Repeated 3 times)

CALM SEAS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

[The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God to be shaped, empowered, directed, and changed by God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ. We are claimed by Christ and set free. In response to God's love in Jesus Christ we offer God our lives, our gifts, our abilities and our material goods, for God's service.]

OFFERTORY

*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

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for the gift of your gracious son, we offer our thanks and praise.

We long to live as children of light, doing what is good and bearing the fruit of your love and grace. We dedicate this offering and we rededicate ourselves to Jesus Christ who opens the eyes of the blind and makes the lame leap. 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 847

Our Hope, Our Life

O WALY WALY

BENEDICTION

[God's people are sent forth with God's blessing to serve.]

TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

The Lord Reigneth

Lani Smith

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Teresa, John, and Shane Sawyer and in memory of loved ones.

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

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

FAITH EXPLORATION Today's Faith Exploration is Presbyterianism 101. Interested in learning more about the Presbyterian church, or interested in becoming a member? Join Pastors François and Taylor for today's class!

CHOIR CONCERT TODAY! 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 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 need about *40 more* volunteers for the 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.

EASTER CANDY AND EGG STUFFING 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. Then on April 3 at 4pm, we’ll be stuffing Easter Eggs together, before enjoying some delicious pizza. Many hands make light work, so come help out!

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!!

PMSJ EVENT Paul Stromberg, head of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Donor Relations and Resource Mobilization Service, will talk about the refugee challenge in the world. He will highlight how the United States is working with UNHCR to respond to that challenge and what ordinary individuals and groups can do to help. Stromberg's mother, Jean, former executive director of the U.S. Office of the World Council of Churches, and his sister, Dr. Kristen Stromberg Childers, an Associate Professor of History at Templeton Honors College at Eastern University, are members of the church. The event will begin with a light supper in the Reception Room at 6:30 p.m., followed by the discussion at 7:30 p.m. WPC will be making a donation to UNHCR.

SHRED AND FED IS BACK! As you wade through paperwork in preparation for filing your taxes, remember that you will have an opportunity to safely get rid of all the papers in the discard pile. On **Saturday, April 27th from 2-4 p.m.**, your WPC Mission and Service Committee will provide a mobile shredding unit operated by the professionals from Docu-vault Delaware Valley, while you watch. While the event is free, we ask that you bring a donation of non-perishable food items that we will be donating to food banks at Chester Eastside and City Team. Alternatively, you can make a monetary donation to support these food banks that support our neighbors in Chester. Please spread the word about this event to your friends and neighbors.

THE DEACONS THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE! Thanks to the donors who kept the Red Cross staff busy through the entire blood drive at WPC and gave *67 units on March 20!* Thanks to the Deacons for making calls, sending cards, and letting many in the community know about this important ministry.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE PALM CROSSES Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 – 11:30 am, come and join us for a continental breakfast from 9:00 to 9:45 and then we'll gather together to learn how to make these special crosses for Palm Sunday. All the materials will be provided and no experience is necessary. Be sure to make plans to come and take part in this very special project.

COMING UP

Wednesdays at Wallingford- W@W

3/27- 6:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice Talk

4/3- 7:30 pm- Campfire, S'mores, and Singalong

4/10- 7:00 pm- WOW

Faith Exploration- 11:30 am every Sunday

3/31- Rise Against Hunger

4/7- Do Christians Have a Sense of Humor?

4/14- Nooma Reflections on God's present in our Lives

Easter Flowers

Please turn in to the church office by **Friday April 5**

			Quantity	Amount
Easter Lilies - 5 blooms	6" pot	\$9.00	_____	_____
Daffodils - yellow	6" pot	\$7.00	_____	_____
Tulips (mixed) - 6 blooms	6" pot	\$7.00	_____	_____
		Total	_____	_____

Your Name : _____

Phone/email : _____

Make check payable to ***Wallingford Presbyterian Church***
Memo line : Easter Flowers

In Memory (names to be listed in the bulletin Easter Sunday April 14)

or to Honor:

You may pick up your flowers April 14 after the 11 o'clock service.

Questions? call Barb Demos 610-357-8014

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