



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 31, 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 31**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:30 am- Rise Against Hunger Load-in

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Rise Against Hunger

## **Monday, April 1**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Session

## **Tuesday, April 2**

9:30 am- Yoga

## **Wednesday, April 3**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Egg Stuffing

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

7:30 pm- W@W Fire pit and s'mores

## **Thursday, April 4**

9:30 am- Yoga

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

## **Friday, April 5**

6:00 pm- Sprouts- Science Night!

## **Saturday, April 6**

10:00 am- Easter Eggstravaganza

5:00 pm- Progressive Dinner

## **Sunday, April 7**

Fifth 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

*“Love never reasons but profusely gives; gives, like a thoughtless prodigal, its all, and trembles lest it has done too little.” —Hannah More*

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are we as God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.**

The Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

**Rejoice in the Lord, be glad and sing!**

**Let us worship God with gladness!**

#### OPENING HYMN 18

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

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#### 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, BuxWV 198

Dietrich Buxtehude

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth’s resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture declares that the Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news; God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Through Christ we are forgiven. **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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32

OT 506

ANTHEM

Lead Me Back

Pepper Choplin

Lead me back to my home, I have wandered far away.  
I've been gone for far too long. Will you welcome me today?

Is it possible you can hear me after the way I turned from you?  
Is it possible that you're near me, that you never went away and you'll lead me back today?  
The life I spent, the days I lost, I have lived them all in vain.  
Now I hold nothing to show but a heart that is full of pain.

Lord, I know that you will hear me, although I turned away from you.

Lord, I see that you were near me, and you never went away, and you call me back today.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15: 11b-32

NT 78

SERMON

The Journey Home

Pastor Taylor

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 771

What is the World Like  
(verses 1, 2, & 5)

NEW WORLD

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Evan Anthony Higgins

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

PRAYER

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

As people of the New Creation, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

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

Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by the Clyde Family in memory of Bill Clyde.*

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

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**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](https://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](https://bit.ly/BookWPC)

**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](mailto:lisemeloy@gmail.com) or Chris Darr [Darr.Christine@gmail.com](mailto:Darr.Christine@gmail.com). You can sign up on the church website or in Fellowship Hall – please do so TODAY! Hope to see you on there!!

**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 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m.**, your WPC Mission and Service Committee will provide a mobile shredding unit operated by the professionals from Docuvault 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.

**IT'S TIME TO MAKE PALM CROSSES** Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

4/10- 7:00 pm- WOW

4/17- 7:30 pm- Reading of the Gospel of Mark

### **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

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