



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
APRIL 7, 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, 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

## **Monday, April 8**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Tuesday, April 9**

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- Prime Time

6:30 pm- WCNS Ice Cream Social

7:00 pm- Peacemaking and Justice

## **Wednesday, April 10**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- Youth Group

6:30 pm- WCNS Ice Cream Social

## **Wednesday Continued**

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

## **Thursday, April 11**

9:00 am- Yoga

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

## **Friday, April 12**

6:00 pm- Sons of Norway

## **Saturday, April 13**

9:30 am- Palm Crosses

## **Sunday, April 14**

Palm Sunday

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

“I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious antineighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be.”

— **Walter Brueggemann, A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent**

### WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND MONTHLY BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Happy Birthday to you; We give thanks for your life;  
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.*

### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is good. **All the time.**  
All the time. **God is good.**  
We gather together to celebrate life lived in the goodness of God.  
**Let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving.**

### OPENING HYMN 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

### 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

Meditation on ‘Wondrous Love’

arr. Colin Curtis

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give.

God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life.

**With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving and purifying God, we grow comfortable in the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world.

**We do not always welcome the new life you offer us in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.**

**Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts, talents and skills you give us.**

*(Silent confession)*

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

**Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.**

**Fill us, our homes, our church, our nation, the whole world, with your abundant love until all are made new. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes from faith in Christ, who made us his own.

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away – and a new life has begun.

\*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

Break open the scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

OT 572

#### ANTHEM

We Are Glad

Craig Courtney

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." We are glad for the Lord has done great things for us. Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy; they that go forth weeping, bearing seed shall come home with shouts of joy bringing their sheaves with them. (Based on Psalm 126)

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY  
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

COPELAND

INVITATION+

*(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)*

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN 748

Go With Us Lord

TALLIS' CANON

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

Chorale Postlude

Michael Ryan

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

**+Wallingford Presbyterian Church uses only gluten free products for communion.**

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Dave and Deb McCullough in memory of Dave’s mother Merle.*

*Thank you to Rich and Jenny Logan 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/BookWPC)

**PRIME TIME “TRAVEL UPDATE 2”** Jerry Rafter, a travel specialist with Cloud 9 Travel and WPC member, will provide a current look at travel trends in both the land products and cruise products. He will give updates on what is happening in the industry and changes to what travelers consider a “good” vacation. Jerry energized attendees at “Travel Update 1” a Prime Time a few years ago with a lively discussion and time for questions and answers.

**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.

**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.

**THE NEXT BOOKLOOK** will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 pm. We will be reading *Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly. According to Amazon, "*New York Times Bestseller!* For readers of *The Nightingale* and *Sarah's Key*, inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this remarkable debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history in their quest for love, freedom, and second chances." Books can be ordered by contacting Walt Kaminski. Cost is approximately \$6.

**DID YOU KNOW??!!** There are a number of jobs that are done around the church by "church mice" (people you don't see doing the job). These efforts help with our church's worship service and your experience here. Even though a staff person could do these things Worship Council has chosen to have them be done by church members who would be happy to share the opportunity with other volunteers. These are just some of the places where you can get involved right now. (Keep an eye out for more soon)

- *Hymn Numbers* - changed weekly - may be a family job
- *Ushering* - volunteer for one Sunday morning, regularly, or recruiting others - mostly by phone or email
- *Chancel Memorial Flowers* - Connect with donors and florist - mostly by phone or email

Questions and more information - Contact anyone on Worship Council or Barb Demos - [barb.demos@gmail.com](mailto:barb.demos@gmail.com) 610-357-8014

## COMING UP

### Wednesdays at Wallingford- W@W

4/10- 7:00 pm- WOW

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

4/24- Board Game Night!

### Faith Exploration- 11:30 am every Sunday

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

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

4/21- No Class- Easter Sunday

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