



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
APRIL 28, 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 28

Second Sunday after Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:15 am- Kids' Cafe

11:30 am- Faith Exploration

Monday, April 29

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, April 30

Wednesday, May 1

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:30 pm- W@W Quizzo

7:00 pm- Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, May 2

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, May 3

Piano Guild Auditions Today

6:00 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, May 4

Piano Guild Auditions Today

9:30 am- Yoga

10:00 am- Play Group

Sunday, May 5

Third Sunday after Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor 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

The greatest problems of our time are not technological, for we handle these fairly well. They are not even political or economic, because the difficulties in these areas, glaring as they may be, are largely derivative. The greatest problems are moral and spiritual, and unless we can make some progress in these realms, we may not even survive. This is how advanced cultures have declined in the past. It is for this reason that I welcome... the cultivation of the life of the spirit. – D. Elton Trueblood

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 95:1, 2

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

OPENING HYMN 739

O For a Closer Walk With God
(v. 1, 2, & 4)

CAITHNESS

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

arr. Michael Ryan

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8, 9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

*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 Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34: 1-11

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ANTHEM

Come, Come Unto Me

Ken Dosso

Come, come unto me, all you who are weary, all who are weak, tired, and lonely.

Come, come unto me. Strong arms will enfold you, and lift you up.

Come, come unto me. Bring all your burdens. Show me your wounds and I'll soothe them.

Come, come until me. Come now and drink, now of my goodness and rest your soul.

All are invited; there's none who aren't welcome to know of my comfort and peace.

My arms are opened and my voice is calling to come, simply trust and believe.

Oh, come, come unto me. Live with me forever. All those who seek me will find me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

NT 90

SERMON

An Unexpected Encounter

Pastor Taylor

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(v. 1 & 2)

TRENTHAM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM - Jason Dean Hodges

PRESENTATION

VOWS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

BLESSING

WELCOME

Jason has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

RESPONSIVE HYMN 482

Baptized in Water
(v. 1 & 2)

BUNESSAN

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

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

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

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 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

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

Christ in Triumph

Lani Smith

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God.

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

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

QUIZZO- TEAM TRIVIA AT W@W this Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm, come for pub-style team trivia at WPC! Bring your favorite bar food to share as we begin the evening with a pot-luck, and then get ready to test your knowledge! Come with friends to form a team, or join one when you arrive. Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded to the winners. Questions? Call Kate Callahan in the office.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Memorial Day Sunday will be the first week of Summer Sunday School, and we will be watching the Buck Denver Series "What's in the Bible." This year we'll be doing the New Testament.

GARDEN HELP is needed in the coming weeks to keep the four large planters outside the Narthex watered so that they look their best. In the heat of the summer, the plants in these containers require watering at least every other day. This is one of those small jobs that make a big difference. Water and a water can are available at a spigot just outside the Narthex, and so the job requires less than 10 minutes a day. If you can water for a week or two, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

CONSTRUCTION In case you noticed activity in the Reception Room, the next phase of the renovations has started and hopefully will be completed later in May. The Memorial Funds are being used to finance this project.

PASTOR FRANÇOIS is away on vacation until May 15. For pastoral care needs, please contact Pastor Taylor.

FAITH EXPLORATION April 28, 11:30 – Parables of the Lost. Luke chapter 15 contains 3 parables that each teaches a lesson about being “lost” and “found” again. The 3 consecutive parables taken together provide an especially rich description of the relationship between God and humans. Although there is an obvious common theme, the sheep is not lost in the same way as the lost coin or the prodigal son, who was lost because he rejected his father in search of easy living. These parables are also powerful because they explore being lost and found from different perspectives e.g, the prodigal son, the father that he rejected, and the faithful son/brother who never left. All are welcome, but a special invitation is extended to those who may not have participated in Faith Exploration discussions before. These familiar parables are a great entrée for Bible study.

May 5, 11:30 – Wisdom from the Epistle of James. James wrote just one letter that is included in the canon, a mere five chapters, but in it are two well-known passages that offer real food for thought. First is his famous argument that “faith without works is dead.” (2:14-26) This seems to fly in the face of Jesus’s assurance that God’s grace is unconditional – or does it? Second is James’s vivid (and still very timely) commentary that human tongues are the source of endless trouble – “no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.” (3:8) Among all of creation, only humans can cause so much trouble based simply on the sounds that come out of their mouths! Our discussion will explore the meaning and message of these two passages. All are welcome.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL DONATIONS As you do spring cleaning, both inside and out, start saving plants from your yard, garden tools, pots, garden books and yard decorations for the Plant Table; books for the Book Table and household items and jewelry for Attic Treasures. Questions? Contact Dottie Celebre (dcelebre@verizon.net or 610-574-7775) or Marge Waltman for Plants, Chris Darr (darr.christine@gmail.com or 610-357-3587) for Books or Sally Clyde, Mary Ann German or Leslie Krowchenko (leslie.krowchenko@comcast.net or 610-357-6712) for Attic Treasures.

COMING UP

Wednesdays at Wallingford- W@W

5/1- 6:30 pm- Quizzo- Team Trivia!

5/8- 7:30 pm- Book Look

Faith Exploration- 11:30 am every Sunday

4/28- The Parables of the Lost

5/5- Wisdom from the Epistle of James

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