



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 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, May 12**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor Taylor Preaching

## **Monday, May 13**

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Tuesday, May 14**

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- Prime Time

7:00 pm- Peacemaking and Justice

7:30 pm- Media C. Chorale Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, May 15**

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- Youth Group

6:30 pm- W@W Potluck and Singing

## **Wed. Continued**

7:30 pm Media C Chorale Rehearsal

## **Thursday, May 16**

9:00 am- Yoga

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

## **Friday, May 17**

7:30 pm- Media Chamber Chorale

## **Saturday, May 18**

9:30 am- Yoga

3:30 pm- Media Chamber Chorale

## **Sunday, May 19**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

*The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother. -St. Therese of Lisieux*

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

**who, like a mother, knows us intimately,**

loves us unconditionally,

**teaches us the way we should go,**

and comforts us in times of need.

**Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!**

*\*Mother's Day Call to Worship by Christine Longhurst*

### OPENING HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

### 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

Reflection

Henry Kihlken

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you call us to be kind, but often we are unkind to our family and friends. We disrespect God's commandments. We love ourselves more than our neighbors. Forgive us for our sins, and help us to obey your commandments. Amen.**

*\*written by the children of WPC*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is exciting news! Jesus forgives our sins. We feel grateful and thankful that we are forgiven. Hallelujah!

*\*written by the children of WPC*

## \*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 God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-9

NT 107

### ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name,  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream;  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His way,  
And leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay,  
One word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away;  
His hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread,  
My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
Oh, may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise;  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home. (Isaac Watts, after Psalm 23)

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-56

NT 57

### SERMON

Like Son, Like Mother

Pastor Taylor

### \*RESPONSIVE HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Hebrews 13:16 says, "Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." With gladness, let us present the offering of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. 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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

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

Song of Triumph

Tom Birchwood

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

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*The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Floyd family in celebration of all mothers and grandmothers, especially for Betty Elsaesser Axamethy, Elizabeth Gimmel Elsaesser, Rose Vagdacs Axamethy, Mary Shuster Floyd, Katherine Shuster, and Mabel Mellor Floyd, and in memory of Fil Avila-Oliver, dear friend of Lin and Harold.*

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

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: TEACHERS WANTED!** 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. Sign up to teach on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. Lessons are simple and video based. No special knowledge or skills necessary!

**FLOWER POWER!** 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 signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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

**FAITH EXPLORATION** is taking a break this week in honor of Mother's Day

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL DROP-OFF** Attic Treasures (including jewelry) and books may be dropped off beginning today. Please place items in the marked areas in the Library. Questions? Contact Chris Darr (610-357-3587) for Books or Sally Clyde, Mary Ann German or Leslie Krowchenko (610-357-6712) for Attic Treasures.

**PRIME TIME** Not to be missed: Senior Fraud and Scams will be the May topic at WPC Prime Time. Katayoun M. Copeland from the Delaware County District Attorney's office will talk about current scams in our geographic area, including at ATMs, gas pumps, online, concerning lotteries, the IRS and more. You will learn how to prevent becoming a victim of crime and receive resources and a handout. Join us this Tuesday at noon!

**W@W: OLD FASHIONED POTLUCK AND SING ALONG** This week's Wednesdays at Wallingford is one for the whole family - an 'old fashioned' potluck supper and sing along. Please join us at 6:30 PM in the Reception Room for dinner, followed by a sing along of favorite hymns, folks songs, patriotic songs, kids' song - anything we feel like singing. Please bring a dish to share, drinks will be provided. If you have a song you'd like to sing, email Liz at [music@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:music@wallingfordpres.org) ahead of time to make sure we have the music and words. All are welcome - join us for food, fun, and song!

**WOW CIRCLE END OF YEAR PICNIC** We will be meeting at the home of Cyndi Lacroix on *Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm* for our end-of-the-year picnic. Everyone is asked to bring either a salad or dessert to share with others. All women of the Church are invited to join in for a time of good food and fellowship.

**KIDS CAFÉ: SING AND PLAY** The next Kids Cafe will be May 26th after the worship service. All children are invited to join Pastor Taylor for games, snacks, and a sing along!

**70TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2019**

Monday, June 3, 2019

Each year the mission and service committee selects specific groups to benefit from the proceeds of the festival. This year, Chester Eastside was selected to receive 70%, WPC youth 20%, and WPC 10% of net proceeds. Volunteers are needed to make this possible. This year, Troops 277 and 2019 have kindly volunteered to manage our food stations. Volunteers are still needed for:

- Attic Treasures
- Books
- Plants
- Games
- Slicing Strawberries

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall!

**THE CONGREGATION'S GENEROSITY IS SHOWING.** Many accepted the challenge to increase our budget by 10 percent, or \$50,000, in the next two years, and the choice is evident everywhere we look. We comfortably met our first quarter expenses, the music program is stellar (as we realized when we joined in to sing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday) and the number of kids running up the aisles for the Children's Sermon and then to Faith Formation seems to increase weekly. Zoe Andrews, our Youth Ministry Assistant, has helped grow attendance at Sprouts and Youth Group. Thanks to all for continuing to support this vibrant community of faith.

**MISSION PROJECT FOR THE SPRING** We are asking individuals and groups to make monetary contributions to purchase items to assemble Health, School, and Emergency Clean-Up Bucket kits for Church World Service. Kits are valued as follows: Health Kits are \$17; School Kits are \$17; and Emergency Clean-Up Bucket kits are \$78. *Checks should be made out to Wallingford Presbyterian Church and marked "Mission Kits."* Contributions can be sent to the Church Office with the deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor  
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Elizabeth Braden, Director of Music  
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