



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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, February 2

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration: Lent

Monday, February 3

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am- Yoga

Wednesday, February 5

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Girl Scouts

6:00 pm- Youth Group

6:30 pm- White Elephant Bingo Potluck

Thursday, February 6

10:00 am- Yoga

6:30 pm- Handbells Practice

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 7

8:00 am- Parent Teacher Conferences

9:30 am- Mommy and Me Class

6:00 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, February 8

11:00 am- Yoga

3:00 pm- Private Baby Shower

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration: Lent

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Blessed are the poor in spirit; yours is the kingdom of heaven! What could the church do, not just say, that would make the poor in spirit believe that? Blessed are the mourners; they shall be comforted! How will the mourners believe that, if we are not God's agents in bringing that comfort? Blessed are the meek; they shall inherit the earth. How will the meek ever believe such nonsense if the church does not stand up for the rights against the rich and the powerful, in the name of the crucified Messiah who had nowhere to lay his head? Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God's justice; how will that message get through, unless we are prepared to stand alongside those who are denied justice and go on making a fuss until they get it? Blessed are the merciful; how are people to believe that, in a world where mercy is weakness, unless we visit the prisoner and welcome the prodigal? Blessed are the pure in heart; how will people believe that, in a world where impurity is a big business, unless we ourselves are worshipping the living God until our own hearts are set on fire and scorched through with his purity? Blessed are the peacemakers; how will we ever learn that, in a world where war in one country means business for another,, unless the church stands in the middle and says that there is a different way of being human, a different way of ordering our common life? Blessed are the persecuted and insulted for the kingdom's sake, for Jesus' sake; how will that message ever get across if the church is so anxious not to court bad publicity that it refuses ever to say or do anything that might get it into trouble either with the authorities, for being so subversive, or with the revolutionaries, for insisting that the true revolution begins at the foot of the cross?”

— N.T. Wright, *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church*

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

[Micah 6:8]

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God gathers us in to this place and this time as a community of believers.

We gather together to sing and pray and hear God's word for us.

We are gathered by God to ponder God's grace and love for the world.

And we remember as we worship that God calls us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Let us worship.

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, preschool through elementary 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 Faith Formation 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

Blest Are They

by D. Haas

CALL TO CONFESSION

[Ps. 15:1–5]

Let us confess our sins, for as the psalmist writes, the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[Ps. 15:2–4]

God, we have not always done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love.

We do not always keep your word, Loving God, we do not always speak the truth, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain.

(Silent confession)

Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[Mic. 6:8; 1 Cor. 1:30; Matt. 5:12]

Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

Thanks be to God!

*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

[1 Cor. 1:18–31; Matt. 5:1–12]

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

OT 866, NT 166

ANTHEM

All Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

by Z. Randall Stroope

At the first light of day, Lauda, laude!

When the sun reaches noon, Lauda, laude!

And then at sunset, Lauda, laude!

Or at the midnight, Lauda, laude!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, find a refuge and fortress;
nation, village or faith of a small child, home they find in Him.

May we sing, sing for you, Lauda, laude!

May our days all be glad, Lauda, laude!

May we have wisdom, Lauda, laude!

May we have truth, Lauda, laude!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, find a refuge and fortress;
nation, village or faith of a small child, Home they find in Him.

Plagues and serpents of the dark,

pestilence that stalks the night, they who harm, who destroy,
those who spread fear and terror.

But those who make the Lord most high their refuge and their dwelling,
no fear, no harm, no foe will come near your land,

no shame, no death, no evil consume or destroy. Lauda, laude!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, find a refuge and fortress, Lauda, laude!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

NT 4

SERMON

Jesus, Here and Now

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 172

Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

Verse 1, Choir; Verse 2, Solo; Verse 3, Choir; Verse 4, Solo; Verse 5, Choir

Refrain, Choir and Congregation

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

[Mic. 6:6–8; Matt. 5:1–12]

With what shall we come before the Lord this day? We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ's love. Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

OFFERTORY

Wenn mein Stündlein vorhanden ist
When My Hour is Near

Johann Michael Bach

*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

[Matt. 5:1–12]

We thank you God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST FLAVIAN

+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

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

*CLOSING HYMN 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

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.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God.

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

CHANCEL FLOWERS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2020 Sign ups for Chancel Flowers for 2020 are available in Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation to sponsor flowers for one week is \$50, which can be paid to the office now or during the week you sign up for. Questions? Talk to Kate.

NAME TAGS As part of WPC Connections’ efforts to get us to know each other and to get visitors to know us, we have name badges for people to wear, starting today. They are available in Fellowship Hall on top of the large wooden box, and can be picked up before church or during coffee hour. We ask that you leave the badges in the marked storage containers when you leave. Please find your badge and then select a holder for displaying it. We have clip on, magnetic and lanyard style holders. If anyone is missing a name badge, we have temporary stick-on name badges available.

FAITH EXPLORATION:

Join Pastor Francois as we explore together new ways to participate in the ancient Lenten disciplines of self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God. Together we will examine the practices and design new contemporary ways to express them. February 2 and 9, March 1, 8 and 15.

W@W- WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO POTLUCK Join us this Wednesday evening for an evening of food, fellowship, and the silliest version of bingo you’ve ever played! Bring an Attic-Treasure-type prize, and a dish to share. Dinner starts at 6:30 with bingo to follow.

SPROUTS This Friday at 6:00 pm. Dinner, games and cookie baking. Pick your favorite cookie cutter shapes, then use your imagination to decorate cookies to be sold at the chili cook-off or during coffee hour.

Sprouts is open to children K-5 and this is a wonderful night for your child to invite a friend. There is no cost and if children are comfortable, parents need not stay for the event.

PRIME TIME Coming up Tuesday, February 11, Cyndi Lacroix, a licensed registered nurse and WPC's Congregational Wellness nurse, will share what she sees on a given Sunday, at a meeting, a visit in the church kitchen or following up on a "rumor." She will also talk about history about Parish Nursing and how it has been a successful bridge in our health care system. The program is free (but a donation will be accepted). Bring your own lunch and a friend— we will provide beverages, snacks and desserts. Lunch starts at noon; the program at 12:30 p.m. Questions: Call Jim Oetinger (610-304-9107).



CHURCH CENTER APP WORKSHOP! Sunday, February 16th, after Coffee Hour, Kate will be leading a workshop for those who need help getting the Church Center app and church calendar set up on their phones and tablets. Bring your device and your passwords (if you have trouble remembering them) and we will work together to get everyone rolling.

FUSE MUSEUM TRIP Members of WPC are encouraged to join FUSE in the tour of the African American Museum in Washington, DC. on Saturday, February 22 (snow date Saturday, February 29). Buses will depart at 8 am and return at 8 pm. They will depart from WPC and from Chester High School, 232 W. 9th Street, Chester. Cost per seat is \$65, but any amount will be accepted. Make checks payable to FUSE and send to African American Bus Trip, FUSE, 2 Chester Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT HELP REQUESTED! Young Scout Shane Sawyer is doing his Eagle Scout project. There is a drop off bin for musical instruments outside the church office. His project is to collect instruments through a organization called "Hungry for Music" for underprivileged children and beneficiaries. More information is outside the churches office next to the drop off bin. If you have further question please notify me by emailing me shanesawyer217@gmail.com or please feel free to call me 610-566-6794. Thank you

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER When it's Shrove Tuesday, we all know what's for supper. Come Tuesday, February 25th 5:30-7:30pm and enjoy breakfast for dinner prepared and served by members of Troop 277, Wallingford PA. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of food and support the troop.

MIDWINTER CHILI COOK-OFF Saturday, February 29, 5-7pm, Vote for your favorite at the third annual mid-winter dinner/chili cook-off. The Leap Year-themed event (watch out for those jumping frogs) will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) through cash donations for your favorite recipe. Activities will include a moon bounce (which will remain in Fellowship Hall through Sunday coffee hour), other fun kid events and an ice breaker for adults. Not a chili fan? Not a problem. The menu will include salad, cornbread and kid-friendly items like mac 'n cheese and chicken nuggets. The youth will be selling baked goodies to also benefit PDA. Registration is requested, but not required – use the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall or register online (<http://wallingfordpres.org/chili-cook-off-registration/>). For more information, contact Walt (kaminsww@gmail.com or 610-334-2025) or Gail (gailweaver@yahoo.com or 610-891-6960).

THE NEXT BOOKLOOK will be held on Wednesday, March 18. The book is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. People can order on their own or contact Walt Kaminski at 610-334-2025. Cost of the book is \$8.50. From Amazon: Inspired by Kentucky's blue-skinned people and the Kentucky Pack Horse Library of the 1930s, this is a story of courage, strength, and a woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere, even back home.

**THE PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE PRESENTS:
WHY PALESTINE MATTERS- A FOUR PART EDUCATIONAL SERIES ABOUT WHAT PALESTINE
CAN TEACH US ABOUT AMERICAN INJUSTICE.
MARCH 22, MARCH 29, APRIL 19, AND MAY 3 AT 11:30 AM**

Injustice occurs throughout the world, whether in Israel/Palestine or other areas of conflict, and all social justice issues are intertwined. What can we do as individuals and groups when we encounter injustice?

The course will be taught by Christian/Jewish Allies using the PC(USA) book "Why Palestine Matters" as the starting point for the presentation/discussion format. Each session will include a reading assignment for the next meeting.

Class size limited to 25 and our friends at [Swarthmore Presbyterian Church](#) and St. John Chrysostom Roman Catholic Church have been invited to join us. The \$25 fee covers the cost of the book and teachers (less if you have a copy of the book).

Registration is required by contacting Walt (kaminsww@gmail.com or 610-334-2025) or online at <http://wallingfordpres.org/what-palestine-can-teach-us-registration/>.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday April 4, 2020, 5:00 – 9:30 PM

All adults are invited to the annual Progressive Dinner at Wallingford Presbyterian Church. We are **providing childcare at the church** and have moved the time up to better accommodate people with young children. If you haven't attended the dinner, we meet at the church for appetizers as a group, then break up into small groups (8-12 people) at "Host Family" homes, then gather again for dessert as a group.

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). 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. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, in the Church Center app, or contact Lise or Chris.

KEEP ON FILLING THE RED WAGONS

The holidays are over and, as always, we have been generous with needed food. Thank you very much. Yet, hunger does not take a break and the need persists beyond the holidays. Distributions through these holidays have created “holes” on the shelves of our food banks. No need for turkeys now but other items listed below would be gratefully appreciated. Please keep on filling the Red Wagons. Thank you.

The requests for January and early February include:

These last items requested are reminders that many of the people who use the food banks also need personal care products and other ancillary items. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. One Red Wagon is always in the Office entry to the Church. Another other Red Wagon is in the Narthex and the third one is on the lower level by the entry door on that level.

JOIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM GROUPS. We are offering two opportunities this year to travel through Lent together. Each day from Ash Wednesday until Easter we will post a question, thought, quote, video or musical selection on our Lenten Journey Facebook group or a single word on Instagram – prompts for you to ponder. In response, we invite you to post a reaction that captures its meaning for you. Traveling the 47 days together offers the chance to learn more about ourselves and grow with one another and we hope you will join us.

WPC APP AND CALENDAR Ever wanted to track your giving from your phone? Wondering about how to sign up for new programs? Want an instant way to check your family in for events? Download the free Church Center app, and log in to Wallingford Presbyterian Church! You can find the app by scanning the QR code to the right with your phone’s camera, or by going to the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Want to make sure you never miss an event at WPC? Want to know why the parking lot is so full on Thursday nights? Subscribe to our online calendar. Visit <http://wallingfordpres.org/2020/01/09/calendar-sync/> or scan the QR code on the left to get the address you’ll need to subscribe via phone or tablet.

Faith Exploration

Coming Up: Faith Exploration

February 2: Exploring Lenten Practices in Preparation for Lent

February 9: Exploring Lenten Practices in Preparation for Lent

February 16: Tech Update: Church Center App Workshop

February 23: Find Out More about being a Presbyterian, and WPC

Coming Up: Wednesdays at Wallingford

February 5, 6:30 pm: White Elephant Bingo Potluck

February 12, 7:00 pm: Women of Wallingford

February 19, 6:30 pm: Board Game Night and Potluck

February 26, 7:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Service



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