

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 9, 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 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

Monday, February 10

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 pm- Connections

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 am- Yoga

12:00 pm- Prime Time

7:00 pm- Peacemaking and SJ

7:30 pm- Worship Council

Wednesday, February 12

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Girl Scouts

Wednesday Continued

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford

Thursday, February 13

10:00 am- Yoga

6:30 pm- Bell Practice

7:30 pm- Troop 277 and 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 14

9:30 am- Mommy and Me

6:00 pm- Sons of Norway

Saturday, February 15

9:30 am- T'ai Chi Chih

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Cyndi Lacroix Preaching

11:30 am- Church Center App Workshop

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

The Lord doesn't look so much at the greatness of our works as at the love with which they are done. – Saint Teresa of Avila

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP
This is the day that God has made
We rejoice and are glad!
Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

We are blessed as we let our light shine for his sake.

With praise and thanksgiving we worship.

Let God's light shine!

*Opening Hymn 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Liebster Jesu

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Gregory Hamilton

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our Sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you know me. You know the inner thoughts of which I am ashamed and the visible deeds I regret. You know my struggle to live faithfully: being generous to those in need; being forgiving to those who have hurt me; being patient when there is so much to do; taking time for prayer in the midst of busyness; being loving, when judging and criticizing are my first thoughts.

(Silent reflection)

Hear us we pray.

Loving God, you know me, love me, forgive me, trust me, and I stand in awe at your amazing grace. Keep me on the path of Christ and lead me to deep joy and abundant gratitude. Teach me to be your light of love and grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God turns us around, opens our eyes, renews our faith and forgives our sins.

We are truly blessed. 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

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

OT 688/ NT 166

Anthem This Little Light of Mine arr. Joel Raney When the world grows dark around you, there's a way to make things right. Just reach out and help a neighbor. Reach down deep in your heart and turn on the light. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! No more walkin' in darkness, I'm gonna let it shine! We've got to love our brother. We've got to let our light shine through. We've got to love our sister. That's what the Bible tells us to do. God sent his Holy Spirit to light the way for me and you. Let it shine! Heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine! When the world grows dark around you, there's a way to make things right. Just reach out and help another. Reach down into your heart, let it shine. Reach out and let your light shine!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-20

NT 4

SERMON

Salty Blessings

Pastor François

*Responsive Hymn 741

Guide My Feet

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Like a spring whose waters never fail, God calls us to share what we have received. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

Prelude in E Major BWV 854 J.S. 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

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

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

Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord

by Douglas E. Wagner

^{*}Those who are able, please stand.

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Diane Nixon in memory of David Nixon.

Thank you to Frank Noyes 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 9, March 1, 8 and 15.

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.

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 shanesaw-yer217@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 <u>Troop 277</u>, <u>Wallingford PA</u>. 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 <u>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance</u> (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 kidfriendly 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 <u>Swarthmore Presbyterian Church</u> 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 <u>lisemeloy@gmail.com</u> or Chris Darr <u>Darr.Christine@gmail.com</u>. 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 early February include:

- Soups pull-top preferred
- Rice for soups
- Regular and Decaf coffee
- Canisters of Oatmeal
- Hot Chocolate mix
- Ketchup, Mustard
- Jelly any flavor except grape
- Spam
- Sardines
- Olives
- Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Soap
- Self-seal clear lunch bags and quart bags
- Can openers

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. Want to get set up on one of these platforms? Set up time with Kate, or come to our tech workshop.

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.



GET THE APP

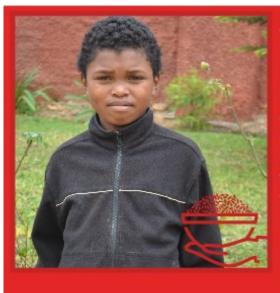


Want to make sure you never miss an event at WPC?

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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE We are delighted to announce that the meals from your Rise Against Hunger Experience on 11/3/2019 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Philadelphia warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner Global Volunteers in Tanzania.



"Now that I benefit from Rise Against Hunger meals, I eat lunch at school and no longer feel hungry during classes. Eating meals at school is also joyful because I can sit with my friends and talk about funny things while eating."

Narovantosa, 12
 Madagascar



Coming Up: Faith Exploration

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

March 3: Exploring Lenten Practices

Coming Up: Wednesdays at Wallingford

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

March 4, 7:30 pm- Coffee House Night



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