



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 16, 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 16

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Elder Cyndi Lacroix Preaching

11:30 am- Church.Center Workshop

Monday, February 17

Presidents Day- Office Closed

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 am- Yoga

6:00 pm- Cubs 228

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, February 19

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Girl Scouts

6:00 pm- Youth Group

Wednesday (Continued)

6:30 pm- W@W Pizza and Board Games

Thursday, February 20

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- Bell Practice

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 21

9:30 am- Mommy and Me

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Faith Formation

Pastor François Preaching

11:30 am- Faith Exploration: Presby 101

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time... It does not change God - It changes me. --C.S. Lewis

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Day after day, an abundance of God's love,

Morning by morning, new signs of blessing:

A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

A friend's embrace, a child's smile,

A new insight, a sense of peace,

A shared meal, a treasured moment.

All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?

*OPENING HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Declan Walter Kaminski

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

MUSICAL OFFERING

Softly and Tenderly

arr. David Cherwein

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Psalmist writes, happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

Our God is a loving God who forgives our sin if we but turn and repent. Therefore, Let us confess our sins that we may find our way back to God and choose life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, forever seeking us, willingly forgiving us, we should be amazed at your grace. Yet how often we ignore your presence. We focus on keeping life in control, in balance, and get angry at the interruptions and the problems that ruin our plans or mess up our days. We never entertain the thought that you may be speaking to us in the turmoil, in the messiness of life. We are so bent on our desires and our plans that we squeeze you out. Merciful God, forgive us.

(Silent Confession)

Holy God, you are there in all the circumstances of life.

Open our eyes; help us come to our senses and trust your guiding hand. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all and to each, on this community and these friends, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants the right to begin again.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glorify 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

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of your realm. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

OT 186

ANTHEM

Behold, How Good

by Michael John Trotta

Behold, how good, behold how wonderful, behold how pleasant to dwell in harmony, together all as one. From one He made all nations to live on all the earth. In one we move and have our being, our life, our strength. Behold how good, behold how wonderful, behold how pleasant for all of us to dwell in harmony, together as one.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

NT 158

SERMON

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Knot

Elder Cyndi Lacroix

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Great is God's faithfulness. Our own lives bear witness to the abundance of God's love and mercy, for God has lifted us up and carried us in our need. In joyful praise, we offer to God a portion of all we have received.

OFFERTORY

Grant Us Peace from *Exultate, Jubilate*

W.A. Mozart
arr. T. Birchwood

*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

Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. 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 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

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 given by Pat Tillson, honoring loved ones.

Thank you to Helene Furlong 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.



CHURCH CENTER APP WORKSHOP! Today, 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.

W@W: PIZZA AND BOARD GAMES! This Wednesday, February 19, challenge one another to rounds of everything from Axis & Allies to ZÈRTZ for the adults and Apples to Apples to Zoloretto for the kids. We’ll provide the pizza – please bring a salad or dessert to share. Presented as part of Wednesdays @ Wallingford. 6:30 for dinner, 7:30 for games!

PRESBYTERIAN 101: Interested in Becoming a Member at WPC? Just curious about our denomination’s roots? Pastor François will be hosting a Presbyterian 101 class next Sunday after worship. Whether you’re new and looking to join, or a lifelong member, we invite you to attend.

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. March 1, 8 and 15.

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 on the church center app. For more information, contact Walt (kaminsww@gmail.com or 610-334-2025) or Gail (gailweaver@yahoo.com or 610-891-6960).

COFFEE HOUSE Join us on Wednesday, March 4th for a coffeehouse event and enjoy the musical talent at WPC! All are welcome to sing, play or perform in any style. If you would like to sign up, please use the Planning Center sign up, or email Lee directly with your selection. Lee is available to accompany you on piano, if needed, just let her know! Light dessert will be provided by our choir members. Come perform, or come to listen!

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 on the Church Center App.

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

You all have been wonderfully generous and while winter will end soon (according to Punxsutawney Phil), hunger does not. Our Red Wagon ministry supplies many families in this area with much needed food and personal care products. Each month, the food banks we use give us a list of those items they need to keep the shelves full and balanced. Please keep on filling the Red Wagons as you have been. Thank you.

The requests for February and early March include:

- **Soups - pull-top preferred**
- **Chicken and Beef Broth**
- **Microwaveable Pouches of Rice**
- **Regular and Decaf Coffee and Tea**
- **Hot Chocolate – Any Type (Individual Packs are Best)**
- **Maple Syrup – Individual or Small Containers**
- **Ketchup, Mustard, and other Condiments**
- **Cereal**
- **Canned Fruit – Peaches, Pineapples, Pears**
- **Spam**
- **Sardines**
- **Pickles**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Toiletries**

Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. One Red Wagon is always in the Office entry to the Church. Another Red Wagon is in the Narthex and the third one is on the lower floor 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.



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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.



Coming Up: Faith Exploration

February 16: Tech Update: Church Center App Workshop

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

March 1: Exploring Lenten Practices

March 8: Exploring Lenten Practices

Coming Up: Wednesdays at Wallingford

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

February 26, 7:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Service

March 4, 7:30 pm: Coffee House Night

March 11, 7:00 pm- Women of Wallingford



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