



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 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 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

Monday, February 24

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 am- Yoga

5:30 pm- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

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

7:30 pm- Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 27

7:30 pm- Troop 277

7:30 pm- Troop 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 28

9:30 am- Mommy and Me

Saturday, February 29

9:30 am- Zumbini

5:00 pm- Midwinter Chili Cook-off

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday in lent

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

God places us in the world as his fellow workers- agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world. - Desmond Tutu

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come friends; let us be united in God's amazing grace,

We come to be woven together in joy,

Come friends; let us be embraced by love,

We come to be knitted together in peace.

Come friends; let us be bound by kindness,

We come to be made new in forgiveness,

Come friends; let us be set free for loving service.

We come to be filled with gladness and uplifted by praise.

*OPENING HYMN 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

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

Fairest Lord Jesus
Bell Choir

arr. Anna Laura Page

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for us, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Adapted from Searching for Shalom by Ann Weems)

O Lord, we've heard your grace-filled story and we confess our sin of indifference.

God, jolt our lives to turn and look at You once more.

Give us the ears to hear your amazing story that God would become one of us, living among us, teaching us, sitting down at table with us, breaking bread and drinking wine with us and then dying among us, for us. Amazing grace!

O Lord, we ask for your presence this day. Brush against us when we least expect it. Touch us with your Spirit. Take us by the shoulders and shake us awake to your incredible truth.

We are your people and you are our God. Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God! And see beyond our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness, our wrong choices. See into our hearts, for you are our Treasure.

(Silent Confession)

We pledge once more to give to those who need us, that this world might be more human.

We pledge to do away with indifference. We pledge to live your story in new-life changing ways! For Jesus' sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news of our faith is this: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.

That promise gives us peace and joy.

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

God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

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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

Vom Himmel hoch, da domm ich her
“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

by F.W. Zachau

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God.

Thank you to Bob Kenworthy 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 the Narthex. 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.

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.

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 or Gail.

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

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.

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