



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 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, 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

Monday, March 2

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm- Pilates

6:30 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am- Yoga

9:30 am- Zumbini

Wednesday, March 4

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Girl Scouts

6:00 pm- Youth Group

7:30 pm- Coffee House

Thursday, March 5

10:00 am- Yoga

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:00 pm- Yoga

7:30 pm- Troop 277 & 2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, March 6

9:30 am- Mommy and Me

6:00 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, March 7

8:30 am- WCNS Breakfast

9:30 am- Zumbini

10:00 am- Play Group

2:00 pm- Cub Scouts 228

Sunday, March 8

Second 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

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious antineighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be.”

— Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent*

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

Matt. 4:1–11

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

*OPENING HYMN 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT HUNS, HERR

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

Amazing Grace

arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ps. 32:1–5

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God’s grace. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness.

(Silent Confession)

Have mercy on us, we pray:

Cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ps. 32:1, 11

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **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

Matt. 4:1, 4

O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19

OT 2, NT 156

ANTHEM

Till and Tend My Heart

by Jane Marshall

My patient Father, sower of eternal life, till and tend my heart. In every temptation and in every opposition open me more deeply so the seed of your Word will penetrate deeper to the core of my being. I surrender, I surrender all, all of myself to you: heart, mind, and muscle. Show me today what that means as I move among a people whom you also love. My patient Father, till and tend my heart.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

NT 3

SERMON

The Wilderness Revisited

Pastor François

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Rom. 5:15

As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude, offering our lives to God.

OFFERTORY

The Penitent Heart

by Lani Smith

*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

Rom. 5:15–18

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

+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 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

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

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by François Lacroix in honor of Cyndi!

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

FRAUD ALERT: Just a friendly reminder that pastors, staff, and other church leaders will never email or text you soliciting the “emergency” purchase of gift cards, travelers checks, or to send money of any kind. If you receive any messages of this sort, delete them immediately. Questions? Talk to Kate or François.

JOIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM GROUPS. We are offering two opportunities this year to travel through Lent together. Each day of Lent 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.

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!

SPROUTS this week will be exploring Communion. Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade are invited to come at 6:00pm on Friday, March 6 for dinner, games, and a lesson about what Communion is, how it works, and why it matters.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA IS COMING! Starting this week, there are bins in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex to collect candy donations for what has become one of our biggest events of the year! Candy must be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in the plastic eggs. Also, mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 26th at 4:30 pm: we’ll need lots of volunteers to help stuff eggs ahead of the big event. Come hungry: we’ll celebrate the stuffing of a few thousand eggs with pizza for dinner!

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

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, and 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 level by the entry door on that level.

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