



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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. During our phased reopening masks must be worn securely over the nose and mouth at all times. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, as we strive to keep all members of our community of faith safe and healthy!

Masks must be worn at all times when in the building, including during worship.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

If you need a little help hearing, portable listening devices are available.

An All Gender Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for parents with little ones is located off the Narthex.

Activity packets As part of our phased re-opening, activity packets are available for children to use during worship.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday in Advent

Twenty-second Sunday in *Almost Ordinary*

Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- ChristMarket

11:00 am- Pageant Rehearsal

Monday, November 29

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 30

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing Class

Wednesday, December 1

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:30 pm- W@W Internet Street Smarts

Thursday, December 2

6:30 pm- Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

Friday, December 3

6:00 pm- Young Adult Dinner

Saturday, December 4

9:00 am- Fall Clean Up

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Twenty-third Sunday in *Almost Ordinary Time*

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- ChristMarket

11:00 am- Pageant Rehearsal

4:00 pm- Advent Festival

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Advent is a season of paradox and reversal. As the calendar year draws to a close, the church's year is just beginning. As the days grow darker (at least in the northern hemisphere), we watch and wait for the light that is coming into the world. As we look back across the centuries to celebrate the mystery of God's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth, we look forward to the consummation of history and Christ's coming again in glory and reign.

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (*Adapted from Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship by Brian Wren*)

OPENING HYMN 88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(verses 1, 2, and 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture states, There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.

When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear.

But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

our redemption is drawing near!

Heaven and earth may pass away,

but the Word of God will stand unshaken.

Come, Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of all generations, though signs and seasons change, your promise is faithful and your word will never pass away. As we follow the story of your coming, touch us by your Spirit that through the people we know and even the people we have yet to meet we may hear your voice and heed your call. Give us courage and strength as we watch and wait this Advent season for Jesus Christ our redeemer, who is coming in glory. Amen.

*OPENING CAROL 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God, who will save you in your time of trial. With confidence in God's mercy let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness, and make you abound in love for one another and for all.

*RESPONSE 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray. God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

OT 738

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 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.

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the chairs provided. After the message, children ages 18mo – 5 years (Young Disciples) and Grades 1 – 5 (Junior Disciples) can go to faith formation or, if parents prefer, return to their pews and worship with their parents (activity packets provided for their use during the worship service.)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Lo, How a Rose

arr. D. Paxton

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

NT 113

SERMON

Advent Musings, Take One

Pastor François

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

by Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bough. I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the appletree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile, under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive, which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Kate Callahan

OFFERTORY

To a Wild Rose

E. MacDowell

If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the right to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.



*RESPONSE 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING CAROL 123

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Es ist gewißlich an der Zeit
(The Day is Surely Drawing Near)

attrib. J.S. Bach

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

****Those who are able, please stand.***

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Thank you to Lin Floyd and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Rhoda Morgan in thankfulness for friends and family.

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS Just a reminder: If you aren't feeling your best (headache, fever, body ache), please consider staying at home until you feel like your old self again.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! WE COULD USE YOUR HELP! If you have an interest in videography we could use you as one of our volunteers on Sunday mornings to video record the worship service. If you are interested see Walt Kaminski after the worship service or contact Pastor Francois at pastorfrancois@wallingfordpres.org

UP FOR A COUPLE HOURS OF OFFICE WORK? (answering the phone, opening the mail) Add your name to our list of temps to sub of a few hours at a time in Kate's absence. Contact Kate (email or 610-566-1644) to add your name to our on-call list.

IN-PERSON STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS

In an effort to meet everyone's needs and remain mindful of COVID-19, the staff has established in-person office hours. Due to the pandemic, appointments are preferred when possible.

Pastor François	Tuesday	11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pastor Taylor	Monday	11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Thursday	10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Main Office	Monday	9:30 a.m.-noon
	Tues-Thursday	2-4:30 p.m.

Feel free to call the church office (610-566-1644) or email staff members at other times.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY will be Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 am to noon! Bring a rake and join the Trustees and the scouts as we get our church campus ready for winter!

ADVENT FESTIVAL Sunday, December 5 at 4 pm, we will be our annual Advent Festival! All are welcome to join us for crafts, a Bible story, and carol singing!

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE: HANDEL'S MESSIAH Sunday, December 12, 3pm.

Part I + "Hallelujah Chorus" with professional soloists, chamber orchestra and a choir of local singers. Suggested donation is \$15 with all proceeds to benefit Philabundance!



Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias will again be used to decorate the church sanctuary for our Christmas services. We are ordering 6 1/2 inch pots for 6-9 blooms.

- #1 Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone and then *take it home* after the Christmas Eve service.
- #2 Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone and then *leave it* as a gift to be taken by the Deacons to the homebound.
- #3 Honor or memorialize someone by making a *donation* that will go into the Christmas offering.

Poinsettias are \$9 this year for the 6 1/2 inch pot with 6-9 blooms
The deadline for your order is December 5th.

Please put your name, payment and option choice, along with the name of the person to be remembered on the form below and return to the church office.

Poinsettia Order Form 2021

Please return with payment (\$9 per plant) by December 5, 2021

Make check payable to: Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo: Christmas flowers

Name (given by) _____ Phone # _____

Option # 1 red poinsettia # _____ white poinsettia # _____

Option # 2 red poinsettia # _____ white poinsettia # _____

Option # 3 \$ _____

Total plants or memorials requested: _____ @ \$ 9.00 = \$ _____

Name (In memory / honor of) _____

Wallingford Presbyterian Church
CHRISTMARKET

meaningful alternatives to traditional gifts



Christmas 2021



ChristMarket 2021 is open to serve you right after worship! ChristMarket offers shoppers the opportunity to purchase a gift that extends far beyond the Christmas season. Browse the brochure to learn about projects that make a difference in the lives of people in need around the world and here in our backyard. ChristMarket donations are accompanied by a charming Christmas card that contains a description of the organization you have supported. Whether you are shopping for the person who has everything or teaching a child about the true meaning of Christmas, ChristMarket donations will be an enriching part of your Christmas celebration. WPC ChristMarket 2021 will also be open **on December 5th, 12th and 19th**. Donations may be made by cash, check or credit card.



IF YOU FIND YOUR NAME (OR YOUR SPOUSE'S NAME)

S O V L Y S K Q E J R N T T Y
J N V L N H T E C M E M Q O Y
L B L H O Q T E N R G Y P M F
C O O A U Y L I P S O H X R X
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YOU'VE WON A PERSONAL INVITE TO OUR INTERNET SAFETY COURSE!!

Join us on Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30pm for a course in Internet Street Smarts! We will be re-running and updating our super popular course from earlier this fall! Come learn how to protect yourself online. Avoid getting hacked, and learn how to respond if you do. **Even if you don't find your name above, you're invited to join us for an evening of cyber security lessons!** Questions? Call or email Kate.



The 2021 Giving/Angel Tree is Ready to Go

As a result of ongoing pandemic-related restrictions, our Giving Tree will be a bit different again this year. Rather than donating actual gifts, most of our agencies have requested gift cards, which will be used by their staffs to do the “shopping.”

We will be giving to Chester Eastside and City Team, as well as local families identified by the Wallingford Swarthmore School District social worker.

For the third year we will also be participating in Angel Tree through Prison Fellowship, expanding our support to 10 children for them to receive gifts from their incarcerated parents.

Chester Eastside, City Team and local families through WSSD – Walmart and Target cards

We are recommending the cards be in the amount of \$25, however some cards of different denominations will be fine as well. **Please clearly mark your gift cards with their value.**

Angel Tree – Specific gift suggestions

The Giving Tree/Angel Tree elves will hand deliver the gifts to the recipients.

Look For The Giving Tree in the Narthex

Elves will be available before and after the service to answer questions and receive gifts.

Donations may be returned Sundays

November 28, December 5 and December 12
or placed in the church mailbox at any time.

If you have a special preference for where your donation goes, please mark it accordingly and we will make sure it gets to the proper place.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Carol Freidinger -- Kai Yokoyama -- Deb Dunbar

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