



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
DECEMBER 12, 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, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- ChristMarket

12:00 pm- Messiah Rehearsal

3:00 pm- Messiah Concert

4:30 pm- Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 13

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

1:30 pm- Staff Training & Meeting

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:30 pm- W@W- Calvin and the Reformation

Thursday, December 16

5:30 pm- Pageant Rehearsal

6:30 pm- Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

Friday, December 17

Saturday, December 18

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Children's Pageant

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- ChristMarket

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 the time of promise; it is not yet the time of fulfillment. We are still in the midst of everything and in the logical inexorability and relentlessness of destiny....Space is still filled with the noise of destruction and annihilation, the shouts of self-assurance and arrogance, the weeping of despair and helplessness. But round about the horizon the eternal realities stand silent in their age-old longing. There shines on them already the first mild light of the radiant fulfillment to come. From afar sound the first notes as of pipes and voices, not yet discernable as a song or melody. It is all far off still, and only just announced and foretold. But it is happening, today.”— Alfred Delp, *Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons And Prison Writings 1941-1944*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

ADVENT HYMN 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING (CASON)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Trust and do not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING CAROL 133

O Come All Ye Faithful
(verses 1 and 2)

ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus calls us now, we turn to the one who is both judge and savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

The Lord is near.

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. 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)
*Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen.*

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray. Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

OT 641-642

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

Emmanuel Shall Come

Dennis Eliot

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-7

NT 198

SERMON

Advent Musings, Take Two

Pastor François

ANTHEM

"And the Glory of the Lord" from Messiah HWV 56

by G.F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Let us bring to God our offerings, with thanksgiving that God provides more than enough for all.
Let us give, as each is able, for the benefit of Christ's church and God's world.

OFFERTORY

Tell the Nations

arr. R.E. Schram

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

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING CAROL 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.)

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Come Down O Love Divine" R.V. Williams/J.G. Barr

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

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Thank you to Barb Demos and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Jim and Nancy Oetinger in loving memory of our parents: Bob & Jean Hogan, Don & Alice Oetinger.

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.

IF YOU REQUESTED OFFERING ENVELOPES please pick them up in Fellowship Hall.

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.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE: HANDEL'S MESSIAH Today at 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!

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 will also be open **the 19th**. Donations may be made by cash, check or credit card.

CHANCEL FLOWERS 2022 If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2022, you can sign up online at <https://bit.ly/WPCflowers22>, or by scanning the QR Code to the right.



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