

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2021
7:30 PM

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!

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm- Worship

11:00 pm- Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 26

First Sunday of Christmas

Twenty-sixth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

YouTube Worship ONLY

No in person worship service

Monday, December 27

Building Closed This Week

Tuesday, December 28

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31

Saturday, January 1

Sunday, January 2

Second Sunday of Christmas

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.” — Hamilton Wright Mabie

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*OPENING CAROL 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

CAROL Lo How a Rose arr. M. Kastner and K. McChesney
Lise Meloy - English Handbell

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE Isaiah 11:1-9 OT 640-641

CAROL 82 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7 OT 638

CAROL O Holy Night by Dwight and Adam
Kara Mulder - Soprano

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7 NT 58

CAROL 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS
(verses 1 and 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-12 NT 58

CAROL 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN
(verse 1)

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Jesus Christ has shown us how to live: loving God and neighbor, sharing what we have, engaging in acts of mercy and justice. As we celebrate his birth, and wait in hope for his coming again, let us bring the offerings of our lives before him.

OFFERTORY

Sing a Song of Christmas
(Chapel Choir)

by Vicki Hancock Wright

Sing a song of Christmas joy, sing alleluia. Jesus Christ is born today, sing alleluia! Sing a song of Christmas praise, sing alleluia. God so loved he sent his Son, sin alleluia! Sing a song of Christmas thanks, sing alleluia. Joy has come to bring us good will, sing alleluia! Joy to the world! Jesus is born!

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.



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for your greatest gift, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. In this season when so many gifts are given and received, we pray that you will receive the gifts we offer now. Use them according to your purposes and plans, bringing your good news of great joy to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5

NT 91

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Our lights have been dimmed to symbolize the darkness of the world without Christ. The burning candles represent the divine source of light in that darkness. Please stand as the usher comes to your pew. To light your candle tilt it to the candle already lighted. Don't tip the lighted candle or the hot wax will drip onto you or the floor. We ask parents to supervise your children as they light and hold their candles. The candles will be extinguished following the Benediction.

CAROL 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

Jesus was born in a small town in the Judean countryside in Israel, but his purpose was not limited by geographic location. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." He came into the world so that the light of his gospel might shine in the darkness of a world lost in darkness. Today the work of Jesus continues to shine around the world through his disciples. And that includes us! As followers of Jesus, we carry the light of the gospel into our homes, our communities, our cities, and to the ends of the earth!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Song of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!

*CAROL 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

*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

Fantasia on 'The First Nowell'

arr. Robert J. Hughes

THANKS TO JULIA WHO HELPED WITH THE SERVICE THIS EVENING

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.

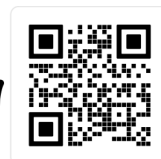
LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! WE COULD USE YOUR HELP! If you have an interest in videography we could use you as one of our volunteers on Sunday mornings to video record the worship service. If you are interested see Walt Kaminski after the worship service or contact Pastor Francois at pastorfrancois@wallingfordpres.org

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

The office is closed between Christmas Eve and New Years Day.

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.



SCAN ME

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is responding to the great needs following the Dec. 10 tornadoes and God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — GIVE, ACT, PRAY To donate, click here, call (800) 872-3283 or text PDA to 41444.

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/december-tornadoes/?appeal=PDA&package=DT21-ABB>