



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
*ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 9, 2022

# 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, January 9**

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Twenty-eighth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:45 am- Peacemaking Event (Zoom)

4:00 pm- Youth Movie Night

## **Monday, January 10**

7:30 pm- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Tuesday, January 11**

7:30 pm- Stewardship Council

7:30 pm- Worship Council

## **Wednesday, January 12**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

## **Wednesday (continued)**

7:00 pm- WOW

## **Thursday, January 13**

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

## **Friday, January 14**

## **Saturday, January 15**

## **Sunday, January 16**

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Twenty-ninth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Faith Formation Day

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Epiphany” means manifestation or revelation. At the Epiphany of the Lord we celebrate the manifestation of God’s saving purpose to all the nations of the world. Just as the magi came from a distant land to worship the Christ child, God’s covenant of grace is extended to all people who believe the good news of Jesus Christ. The symbolism of light is important – not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it suggests the bright dawning of God’s self-revelation in Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to bear Christ’s light in the world.

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in Christ, beloved community of faith, arise, shine; for your light has come.

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Come, see and be radiant in the Grace of God.

**We come and rejoice.**

Let us worship God.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*OPENING CAROL 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright  
(verses 1 and 2)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

### CALL TO CONFESSION

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

**We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.**

*(Silent Confession)*

We are sorry and we want to change.

**Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the Lord continue to guide our way, strengthen us in all holiness, and make us abound in love for one another and for all. **Amen!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world — not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*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: Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may live our discipleship with boldness. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

NT 193

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.)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Song without Words op. 19, no.4

Mendelssohn

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Going Home a Different Way

Pastor François

HYMN 138

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

WHITE ROSETTES

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

God intends to unite all creation, so that all may share in the promises of God's new reign. With gratitude and joy, let us bring our gifts, for we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ.

OFFERTORY

The Water is Wide  
François Lacroix, Clarinet

arr. Brant Adams

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

Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down at the infant's crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life.

**Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING CAROL 136

Go Tell It on the Mountain  
(verses 1 and 2)

GO TELL IT

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

by P. Lutkin

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 Bob Kenworthy and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God.*

**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 [pastor-francois@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:pastor-francois@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.

**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.



**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>

**THE GIVING TREE** Once again, the generosity of WPC is just amazing. Please accept our heartfelt thankfulness for your generous support of the Giving Tree and Angel Tree during Advent 2021. As a result of your support, we've provided 30 \$25 gift cards to Chester Eastside, 30 \$25 gift cards to City Team, 34 \$25 gift cards to needy families of Wallingford Swarthmore School District, and gifts to 12 local children who have an incarcerated parent. Your giving has made Christmas a bit easier and nicer for over 100 local people this year, sending a message of God's all-encompassing love to each of these recipients. Thanks so much to each of you.

*Kai Yokoyama, Carol Freidinger and Deb Dunbar*

**PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE** event today after the service: David Rudd will be doing a presentation on “Strangers in Their Own Land,” a book by Sociologist Arlie Russel Hochschild on the political divide in America.

Because of the surge in Covid 19, the presentation will take place over Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/3mVVO5x>

Meeting ID: 879 8674 6095

Passcode: 814821

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