



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 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 16

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Twenty-eighth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Session

Monday, January 17

MLK Day- Office Closed

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, January 18

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, January 19

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:00 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

Wednesday (continued)

7:00 pm- Cubs 228- Pinewood Derby Prep

Thursday, January 20

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

Friday, January 21

7:00 pm- Cubs 228 Pinewood Derby

Saturday, January 22

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Thirtieth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

4:30 pm- Youth Bowling @ Sproul Lanes

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Beyond all we can find to say about [Jesus] and believe about him, he remains always beyond our grasp, except maybe once in a while the hem of his garment. We should never forget that. We can love him, we can learn from him, but we can come to know him only by following him—by searching for him in his church, in his Gospels, in each other.” – Frederick Buechner, *Listening to Your Life*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God’s embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 402

How Lovely, Lord
(verses 1 and 3)

MERLE’S TUNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends in Christ, in the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God’s saving love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.

We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace.

We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth’s resources.

We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of 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.*

*RESPONSE

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, siblings in the Risen Lord, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's forgiven children we will put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and we will be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray: By the breath of your Spirit inspire us, that in the hearing of your Word we may be filled with new understanding and fresh desire to please you in all we do, for the sake of your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-22

NT 161-162

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

Prelude on "Slane"

by Gordon Young

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

NT 93

SERMON

Extravagant Abundance

Pastor François

HYMN 174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise; for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

OFFERTORY

“Wiegenlied”

arr. J. Engebretson

Clarinet Trio- Helene Furlong, Lee Hagon-Kerr, and François Lacroix

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

At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over.

We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
(verses 1 and 3)

LASST UNS EFREUEN

*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 Walt Kaminski and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Mary Lou Day in memory of James Day.

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.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday this week in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

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

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.



SCAN ME

THANK YOU! CHRISTMARKET, our alternative to traditional Christmas gifts, raised \$3992.50 this year for the 15 organizations that we offered in our Market. With the dollar-for-dollar match from our benevolence fund authorized through mission and service, your contributions to these organizations will be almost \$8000. Thank you for sharing your abundance with these missions and ministries that help others in our own backyard, our country and throughout the world.

SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES AT WPC Local dance instructors Diane Seltzer and Bob Martin will be running their six week series of Social, Latin, and Ballroom dance classes Tuesday nights January 25 to March 1: 7 pm for beginners, and 8 pm for intermediate dancers. The cost is \$120 per couple. To register, contact

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