



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN  
*ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 23, 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 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 at Sproul Lanes

## **Monday, January 24**

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

## **Tuesday, January 25**

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Trustees

## **Wednesday, January 26**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:30 pm- Book Look

## **Thursday, January 27**

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

## **Friday, January 28**

7:00 pm- Young Adult White Elephant

## **Saturday, January 29**

## **Sunday, January 30**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Thirty-First Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Annual Meeting

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

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



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# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

We obey God's Law, not to be loved but because we are loved in Christ – Jerry Bridges

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

God calls us to build our lives:

**to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

God calls us to build our faith:

**to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

God calls us to build our community:

**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people. Let us worship God!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, and In this hour of worship - that our lives may reflect our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you;**

*(Silent Confession)*

Forgive us, we pray.

**Lead us to live with love, through Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee. We are forgiven and free!

**Praise 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, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, God, may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you. Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

OT 436-437

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.)*

ANTHEM

The Hands of God  
Chapel Choir

Waite and Shaffer

The hands of God are strong and broad and tender as can be. They're reaching down to ev'ryone, and reaching down to me. God's love is wide as the world is wide, and deep as the deepest sea. It covers the children of ev'ry land, and there's still enough for me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

NT 61

HYMN 61

Your Law, O Lord, is Perfect

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY  
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Each one of us is essential to the life and well-being of the whole body of Christ. So we come now to share our gifts and resources in order to care for one another and, without dissension, for the world Christ came to save.

OFFERTORY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. J. van der Pol

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 life and of new life, we are thankful for all of our blessings. We now ask that you bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN 301

Let us Build a House  
(verses 1,2, and 5)

TWO OAKS

\*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 Lise Meloy 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.

**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 in Fellowship Hall, 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 Bob (484) 904-8979 [tango.close@verizon.net](mailto:tango.close@verizon.net) or Diane (610) 357-4902 [DKSeltzer@verizon.net](mailto:DKSeltzer@verizon.net).

**LOOKING FOR COVID-19 TESTS? GET YOUR FREE SUPPLY!** The federal website is up and running! Sign up for yours at [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov) to receive four free tests per household. Need help? Contact our Congregational Wellness Nurse, Cyndi!

**NEED A BETTER MASK?** WPC Has KN-95 masks available for those who have not been able to get them. Pick one up for your personal use when you come to worship!

## STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor  
Rev. Taylor Cornelius, Associate Pastor  
Lee Hagon-Kerr, Director of Music  
Kate Callahan, Church Administrator  
Leslie Krowchenko, Communications Coordinator  
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