



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN  
*ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 30, 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 30**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Thirty-first Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Leading

Annual Meeting

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

## **Monday, January 31**

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Mission and Service

## **Tuesday, February 1**

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

## **Wednesday, February 2**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:30 pm- Covid Taskforce

## **Thursday, February 3**

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

## **Friday, February 4**

6:30 pm- Sprouts

## **Saturday, February 5**

## **Sunday, February 6**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Thirty-Second Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

“I am firmly convinced that the only institution on the face of the planet that can possibly change the world is the church. No army, no government, and no nonprofit has the power to change the hearts of people like the body of Jesus Christ, and as those hearts change then so does practice, and so does the world.” - Clif Christopher

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the very beginning, God calls us.

**God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose. God is with us and sustains us.**

Our hope is in God, all of our lives, past, present and future.

**God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against all life can bring.**

God has held us since our birth, and in love God saves and supports us.

**Trusting in God, we come to worship in joy we give God our praise!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*OPENING HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, as individuals and as a congregation, this past year we have not always trusted in you, your grace, your care, and your love for us.

**We admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived our lives in faith. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end.**

We confess that at times we were and still are reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth.

**We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We shy away from the hard work and commitment of discipleship and make excuses, unwilling to follow where Jesus leads us.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Forgive us and our community of faith, O God, for being timid in our discipleship.

**Empty us of fear and sloth and fill us with your powerful Spirit.  
Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Jesus Christ we  
pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end.

**We will not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power,  
and God's ability to make all things new.**

By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in  
love.

**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 own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Al-  
ways ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we  
will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word now to us.  
Touch our mouths and our hearts with your word today, that we may build on it in our lives, in  
the church, and in your world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

OT 698

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 Disci-  
ples) 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

Dear Lord and Father

F. Maker, arr. C. Berry

## MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Order and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Certifying the Quorum-

Call for New Business

Mission and Ministry in Review

Nominating Committee Report – Elder Chris Darr

## MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

Call for the Meeting of the Corporation

Certification of Quorum

Call for New Business

Board of Trustees Report

## RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

New Business

Treasurer's Report

2021 Financial Review

Review of the 2022 Budget approved by the Session

Review and Approval of Pastoral Terms of Call for 2022

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

## CHORAL ANTHEM

Lord of the Dance from Festival of Hymns by S. Carter, arr. H. Hopson  
Featuring Scott Ness and Lisa Tolomeo Higgins on Bells

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

REFRAIN: Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John they came with me and the Dance went on. REFRAIN.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a Cross to die. REFRAIN.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance, and I still go on. REFRAIN.

They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me - I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. REFRAIN.

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY - Lin Floyd

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Friends, let us show the love of God not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

OFFERTORY

Open the Eyes of My Heart

by Paul Baloche

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

**O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

\*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart by A. Messiter, arr. D.E. Wagner

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 David Haury and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by David and Shirley Rudd in honor of our birthdays.*

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**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 [pastorfrancois@wallingfordpres.org](mailto: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.

**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.



**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!

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES** are being sold in Fellowship Hall today after the service to support WPC's Troop 518.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** will be on February 13, 2022! Bring your canned and other non-perishable goods to share with those in need! They will be collected as you enter the Sanctuary.

**ACCESS THE ANNUAL REPORT** on your PC, Phone, or Table at <https://bit.ly/WPC-AR2021>

## STAFF

Rev. François Lacroix, Pastor  
Rev. Taylor Cornelius, Associate Pastor  
Lee Hagon-Kerr, Director of Music  
Kate Callahan, Church Administrator  
Leslie Krowchenko, Communications Coordinator  
Judith Kenworthy, Clerk of Session  
Ed Mattote and Todd Darr, Co-Treasurers  
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