



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 20, 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, February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Faith Formation Day

Monday, February 21

President's Day - Office Closed

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, February 22

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, February 23

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

7:30 pm- W@W- Reformation Follow Up

Thursday, February 24

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

Friday, February 25

Saturday, February 26

10:00 am- Lynn Deming Visitation and Service

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Thirty-Fifth 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

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist writes, Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

Friends in Christ, let us have faith in the Lord and as we worship together, let us:

Trust in the Lord, delight in the Lord and commit our way to the Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus promised us that God is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked, even to us. Trusting in God's kindness and love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises.

We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, Lord.

Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure— spilling out and running over.

Thanks be to God.

Now go and live as Christ commands:

We will be merciful, as God is merciful; we will not judge, or condemn but forgive. Amen.

*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. Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need— for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

NT 177

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead
African American Spiritual
Bell Choir

arr. S.E. Rogers

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Prayed silently as the choir sings)*

by Carl Haywood

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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-38

NT 64-65

SERMON

He Can’t Be Serious?

Pastor François

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

“If With All Your Hearts ” from *Elijah*
Guest Vocalist Tenor Sam VanFossen

F. Mendelssohn

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

I've Been 'Buked and I've Been Scorned
African American Spiritual

arr. C. Taylor

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*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.

Main Office

Monday 9:30 a.m.-noon (Closed this week- President's Day)
Tues-Thursday 2-4:30 p.m.

Feel free to call the church office (610-566-1644) or email staff members at other times.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Lynn Deming will be February 26th at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am.

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 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!

NEED HELP GETTING YOUR BOOSTER? Reach out to Parish Wellness Nurse Cyndi Lacroix, and she will help you schedule and find transportation for your booster shot.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET WPC's 2022 Lenten Devotional Booklet is composed of entries selected by Shirley Rudd and Roger Demos from 16 years of WPC Lenten booklets. Written by members and friends of all ages, they convey their thoughts and prayers, love of God and joy they have found at WPC. Download a week's worth of devotions every Friday in WPC Happenings, beginning with the Feb. 25 edition, in time for Ash Wednesday (March 2).

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