



# LENT

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
THIRTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME  
MARCH 13, 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 are available for children to use during worship.

*Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!*

## Sunday, March 13

Second Sunday in Lent

Thirty-Seventh Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Lenten Study (Reception Room)

4:30 pm- Youth Group- Virtual Game Day

## Monday, March 14

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## Tuesday, March 15

7:00 pm- Cubs 228

7:30 pm- Deacons

## Wednesday, March 16

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

## Wednesday Continued

1:00 pm- Blood Drive

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

## Thursday, March 17

6:30 pm- Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

## Friday, March 18

## Saturday, March 19

## Sunday, March 20

Third Sunday in Lent

Thirty-Eighth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Lenten Study (Reception Room)

11:00 am- Faith Formation Day

3:00 pm- Concerts for a Cause

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

“If I have learned anything in this long life of mine, it is this: in love we find out who we want to be; in war we find out who we are.” — Kristin Hannah, The Nightingale

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist sings, One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:

**to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God’s temple.**

Friends in Christ, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

**Let us join our hearts in worship.**

### PSALM

Psalm 27:1-5

(The Message)

### OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.

**We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor.**

**We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.**

**We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.**

**We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.

**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. Lord, open your Word by your Holy Spirit, so that we, like Abraham, may believe your promises to us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27:6-14

(The Message)

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.)*

**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.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

His Eye is on the Sparrow

by Charles H. Gabriel  
arr. C. Berry

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

NT 77

SERMON

Love and War

Pastor François

ANTHEM

Let Down the Bars, O Death!

Barber/Dickinson

*Let down the bars, O Death! The tired flocks come in, whose bleating ceases to repeat, whose wandering is done. Thine is the stillest night, thine the securest fold; too near thou art for seeking thee, too tender to be told. Let down the bars, O Death! The tired flocks come in.*

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The gift of God's goodness and glory inspires us to give in return. Whether we offer today our money or our time, whether we give of our talents or of our treasure, let us offer them with joy and thanksgiving.

## OFFERTORY

Chanson Triste

P.I. Tchaikovsky, arr. L. Smith

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, we have beheld your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## \*CLOSING HYMN 344

Where Armies Scourge the Countryside

PACE MIO DIO

## \*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CLOSING PRAYER

A Simple Prayer  
Chancel Choir

by Nancy Gartner Holtom

I come to you on bended knee, O Lord, a simple prayer written in my heart: that you would take me and make me into what you'd have me be, a testament to your abiding love. I offer you my hands that they may serve you. I offer you my lips that they may sing your praise. I give my heart that I may love you all the days of my life. This is my simple prayer, my simple prayer.

## 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 Lin Floyd all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Polly Sacco Ezzell in honor of Ken's Birthday.*

**WORSHIP** 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.

**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). Don't use email? Pick up your weekly devotions when you come to church on Sunday!

### **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 Working from home this week to prepare for François' sabbatical

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.

**CALLING FOR TODDLER CLASS VOLUNTEERS!** The Sunday morning Toddler class is looking for volunteers. There is no need for lesson prep, it's all already in closet. Volunteers should contact Pam Mattote.

**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!

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE:** <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

**LENTEN DISCIPLINE STUDY** Following Jesus is a lifelong journey where we learn and do what Jesus said and did. It takes more than the head, checking off boxes of belief. It even takes more than the heart, feeling deeply about another person or a cause. Following Jesus is about these things and more. It is also about doing. And it takes practice. And practice. And more practice. We are not practicing for perfection, however, but practicing to put faith and love in action. As we explore faith practices, we are diving into the essence of what makes us Christian, those who follow the one who practiced what he preached!

**PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION EVENT**

Public Defender

Wednesday, March 16

7:30 p.m.

Christopher Welsh, Director of the Delaware County Public Defender’s Office, will discuss the criminal justice system broadly, what is happening locally and systemic racism and the criminal justice system. He is the former Executive Director of the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law at the University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law. The program is sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.



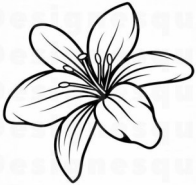


# Easter Flowers are Here!

Spring bulbs and lilies will be used to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter tide. Every effort will be made to minimize the allergens of these lovely flowers to be welcoming and not overwhelming.

## Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils

In honor or in memory or share a gift  
To take home after service Easter Sunday or donate the flowers



Lilies in 6 inch pots with 6-9 blooms- \$9  
Tulips in 6 inch pots - assorted colors- \$8  
Daffodils in 6 inch pots- \$8



**Detach and return this form to the office or order online by April 3, 2022!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9 # of Tulips: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 # of Daffodils: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8

Free Will Gift: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: In Honor/ In Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Concerts

FOR A CAUSE

Celebrate great music  
and make a difference  
in our community

3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Kara Goodrich, soprano



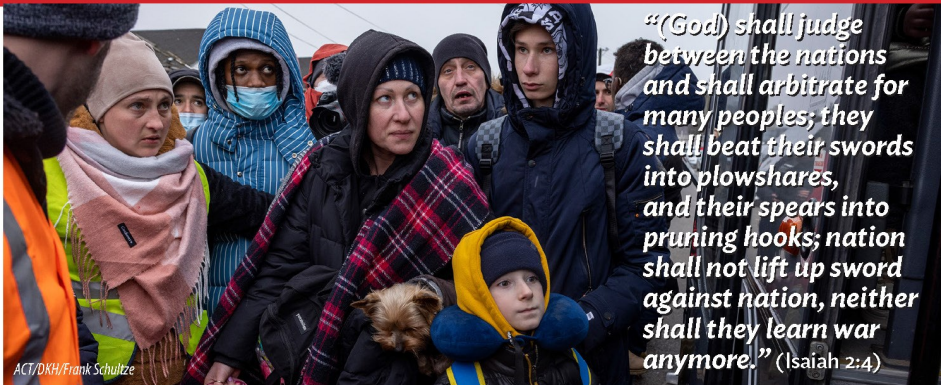
with Lee Hagon-Kerr, piano



Featuring music by Amy Beach and Florence Price among other classical favorites, the performance will benefit Project W, an organization committed to enhancing and improving the quality of life for women in Delaware County, through collective giving, by women.

**Wallingford Presbyterian Church**  
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# Emergency response to Ukraine war



*“(God) shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Isaiah 2:4)*

As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

**GIVE:** To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156 . You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/UK22](http://pcusa.org/UK22), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

**ACT:** Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

**PRAY:** *May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help. May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly. May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.*

*May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace. And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.*

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



\$500    \$125    \$50    \$25    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation/PIN \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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