

# WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT THIRTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ALMOST ORDINARY TIME MARCH 20, 2022 MR. ROGERS SUNDAY

#### 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.

<u>Visitors</u> are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending. <u>Large print bulletins</u> 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.

<u>An infant changing station and Quiet Room</u> 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 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

3:00 pm- Concerts for a Cause

#### Monday, March 21

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

#### Tuesday, March 22

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Trustees

#### Wednesday, March 23

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

#### **Wednesday Continued**

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- BSA 228

7:30 pm- W@W- Coffee House

Thursday, March 24

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm-BSA 277 & 2019

Friday, March 25

Saturday, March 26

Sunday, March 27

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Thirty-Ninth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Lenten Study (Reception Room)

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

A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

#### Order of Worship

#### GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

"Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now." – Fred Rogers

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

How must we love the Lord our God?

With all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind!

How can we love my neighbor as we do ourselves?

With all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind! How can we be a neighbor?

Be the one who shows compassion!

What then will happen to us?

We will have LIFE! Let us do the same! And let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

\*Opening Hymn 137

He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

CALL TO CONFESSION

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have passed by those in need of help and looked away from others' pain. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed.

(Silent Confession)

May our hearts break with the things that break your heart, O God.

Train our hearts and minds to stop and care for the world as you did for us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other. **Thanks be to God! 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 heginning is now and ever shall be Amen

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

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. **Amen.** 

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-40

NT 25

#### 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 There are Many Ways to Say I Love You

by Fred Rogers

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

NT 71-72

SERMON

Who Stopped for You?

Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace Bell Choir arr. Sondra Tucker

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

In gratitude for all that God has done for us, let us present our gifts to God.

**OFFERTORY** 

Won't You Be My Neighbor

by Fred Rogers

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, receive these gifts, which are the product of our labors, and let us not forget the better part of our offering, which is our devotion to the words of life we have received from Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING SONG Won't You Be My Neighbor? By Fred Rogers

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood A beautiful day for a neighbor Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

It's a neighborly day in this beautywood A neighborly day for a beauty Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you

So let's make the most of this beautiful day Since we're together, we might as well say Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?

Won't you please Won't you please Please won't you be my neighbor?

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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 Chris Dearnaley and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God by Chad and Sara Finley in loving memory of Leonard Finley.

**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.

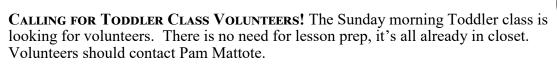
**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** WPC's 2022 Lenten Devotional Booklet is composed of entries selected by Shirley Rudd and Roger Demos from 16 years of WPC Lenten booklets. Written by members and friends of all ages, they convey their thoughts and prayers, love of God and joy they have found at WPC. Download a week's worth of devotions every Friday in WPC Happenings. 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 Wednesday	11 a.m4:30 p.m. 10 a.m2 p.m.
Pastor Taylor	Monday Thursday	11 a.m4:30 p.m. 10 a.m1 p.m.
Main Office	Monday Tues-Thursday	9:30 a.mnoon 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.



**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!

**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.

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

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS BACK! We are welcoming families and neighbors to our annual

Easter Eggstravaganza at 10 am on Saturday, April 9! The Easter egg hunt will feature a short program by Pastor Taylor before we set off on a hut for the colorful, candy filled eggs! Want to help out ahead of time? We are looking for donations of candy (nut-free is a bonus!) to fill our 3000+ eggs. Drop your donation off in the marked bins in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall between now and April 5!

Wednesday, April 6 at 4pm we will be gathering to stuff our eggs with goodies! Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

### **Emergency response to Ukraine war**



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, 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

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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.





#### **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!

Phone #:	Email:	
# of Lilies: x \$9	# of Tulips:x \$8 # of Daffodils:	x \$8
Free Will Gift:	Total: \$	
Dedication: In Honor/ I	n Memory (circle one)	

# Concerts FOR A CAUSE

Celebrate great music and make a difference in our community

3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 20th, 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.

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