



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
FORTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME  
APRIL 3, 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, April 3**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Fortieth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Kids Café

## **Monday, April 4**

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- GSA 518

7:30 pm- Session

## **Tuesday, April 5**

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

## **Wednesday, April 6**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Egg Stuffing

## **Thursday, April 7**

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

## **Friday, April 8**

## **Saturday, April 9**

10:00 am- Easter Egg-stravaganza

2:00 pm- Nickie Smith Memorial Service

## **Sunday, April 10**

Palm Sunday

Forty-First Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Hour

11:00 am- Kids Café

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*“Although we are weeping  
Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
For the day You will reap them  
Your sheaves we will carry  
Lord, please do not tarry  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.”*  
“Psalm 126” by Sojourn Music

### WELCOME, BIRTHDAY WISHES, AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;  
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**we were like those who dream.**  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.  
**We rejoiced: “The Lord has done great things for us.”**  
May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
**come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus’ name **Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN 65

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life. With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun. **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 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

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 126

OT 572-573

## 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

Wondrous Grace

by Mary Ann Fritz

## GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

NT 106

## SERMON

Pastor Taylor Says Something Profound

Pastor Taylor

## ANTHEM

Amazing Grace  
Wallingford Winds

arr. Bill Holcombe

## SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERTORY

Savior, Your Dying Love

by R. Lowry, arr. L. Smith



**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	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.

**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/>

**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 hunt for the colorful, candy filled eggs!

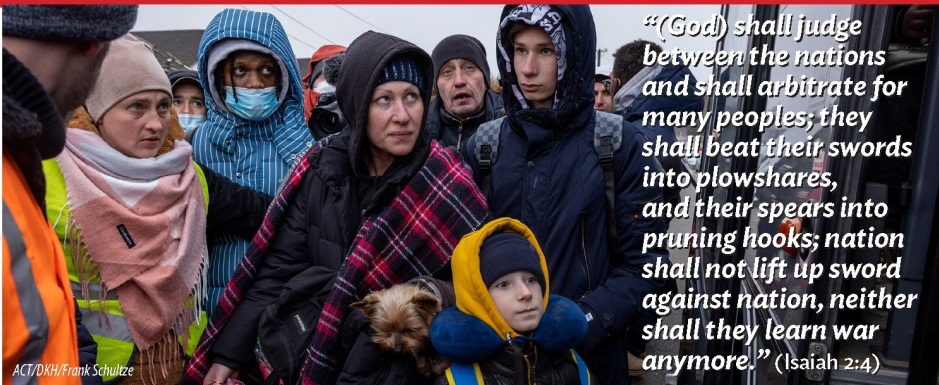
Want to help out ahead of time? We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy (nut-free is a bonus!) to fill our 3000+ eggs. Drop your donation off in the marked bins in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall between now and April 5!

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

**WCNS FLOWER SALE** The Wallingford Co-op Nursery School is currently hosting their annual flower sale! Proceeds go to benefit the schools programs. This year, they are excited to offer a wide selection of flowers, vegetables, herbs, ornamental grasses, and hanging baskets! Order forms are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Checks can be made out to Wallingford Co-op Nursery school, and orders can be turned in to the WPC office. Deadline for orders is April 6th!

**IS THE BIBLE GAY????? QUEER SPIRITUALITY CLASS** Sunday, April 24 at 11:00 am. As part of Kate's seminary studies, she will be leading a class on LGBTQIA+ Christianity and Spirituality. Come learn about the Bible and Judeo-Christian tradition's big *YES* in affirming the LGBTQIA+ community. 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](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.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
**Presbyterian Mission**

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## 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 TODAY!**

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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## EVERYONE WELCOME – WELCOME EVERYONE

In a joint effort by our Education and Worship Council and approved by Session, we have discussed how we can make our church more welcoming to all: young; old; able bodied and those with disabilities.

We want everyone to feel included and comfortable in worship and to that end two members of our Education Council have met with those in other churches which have adapted to the changing needs of all church members and friends. They have done extensive research about inclusion and understanding the needs of both individuals with disabilities and those dealing with family members with disabilities.

One such person was a young man who attended our worship service recently. He was injured in an industrial accident and is confined to a wheelchair. He said that he preferred to sit in the back of the church where he was not “on display” but he could not see when everyone stood up to pray and sing. This is also often an issue for some of our older congregants who have had knee and hip replacements, and for our children. To alleviate some of this we have recently asked the congregation to only stand during the singing of hymns.

After speaking with those in other churches we have learned that by replacing pews with chairs – both chairs with and chairs without arms -- people are more comfortable. The flexibility of chairs, which can be rearranged, offers more opportunities for special worship experiences and choral programs. We have borrowed a few chairs from a local church and placed them for the next two Sundays at various locations in the sanctuary. Actually seeing and using the chairs will help us decide if this is an idea we want to pursue.

In one added move to help the congregation feel more comfortable in worship the Trustees are adding a “grip strip” along the steps to the chancel and soon will be adding handrails to the steps.

We are aware that these are all innovative ideas and changes to our old habits - but we feel it is important to *Welcome Everyone and make Everyone Welcome.*



Fellowship of Urban Suburban Engagement

## **REMEMBERING FUSE - A WALKING TOUR OF CHESTER, PAST, PRESENT**

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 24th, 2022 - 2PM-5PM

**WHERE:** We are meeting at the MACG administrative office, Anson building, 419 Edgmont Ave, Chester, PA 19013 (corner of 5th and Edgmont)

Come reconnect with our diverse FUSE community. Together we will learn about the significant historical aspects of the city of Chester, as well as visit and support some of the current thriving businesses along Chester's main street.

Sponsored by FUSE and it's member organizations, including:

Chester Eastside Ministries

Chester Peace Initiative

Congregation Beth Israel of Media

Congregation Ohev Shalom

MAC Group

Swarthmore Presbyterian Church

Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County

Wallingford Presbyterian Church

For more information or questions, please email us: [info@fusedelco.com](mailto:info@fusedelco.com)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fuse-courageous-conversation-tickets-300206685277>

## 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  
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