



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
FORTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
APRIL 24, 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 24

10:00 am- Worship Service

Pastor François Preaching

11:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- LGBTQIA+ Education Event

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

Monday, April 25

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

1:00 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Stewardship Council

7:30 pm- WCNS Meeting

Tuesday, April 26

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, April 27

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Thursday, April 28

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

Sunday, May 1

10:00 am- Worship Service

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am- Kids Cafe

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Now the great thing is this: we are consecrated and dedicated to God in order that we may thereafter think, speak, meditate, and do nothing except to his glory...

“We are not our own: let not our reason nor our will, therefore, sway our plans and deeds. We are not our own: let us therefore not set it as our goal to seek what is expedient for us according to the flesh. We are not our own: in so far as we can, let us therefore forget ourselves and all that is ours...

“The believers stand unconquered through the strength of their King, and his spiritual riches abound in them. Hence they are justly called Christians.” – John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP (*Iona Community Worship Book*)

We saw a stranger yesterday.

We put food in the eating place,

Drink in the drinking place,

Music in the listening place,

And with the sacred name of the triune God he blessed us and our house our cattle and our dear ones.

As the lark says in her song: Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, we are witnesses to these things:

that Christ died, hanging on a cross; that God raised him from the dead on the third day; that he is coming again in glory to reign.

This is the good news we tell to all the world:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

CALVIN'S RULE OF PRAYER

The first rule is a heartfelt sense of reverence.

The second rule is a heartfelt sense of need and repentance.

The third rule is a heartfelt sense of humility and trust in God.

The fourth rule is to have a heartfelt sense of confident hope.

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,

forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,

join with the weak to make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts,

touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,

pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

As God's own forgiven people, we go from this place to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

*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.

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

First Signs of Spring

Tom Birchwood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray: Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32

NT 123

ANTHEM

All the Ways My Savior Leads Me

Woodwind Trio: Francois Lacroix, Lisa Tolomeo-Higgins and Lise Meloy

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 13-35

NT 90

SERMON

All Along the Way

Pastor François

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY- Kate Callahan

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

God gives new life to all that is, including ourselves and all that sustains us. So let our tithes and offerings be our songs of praise and thanksgiving in response to the God who loves us and frees us!

OFFERTORY

Prelude in E Major BWV 854

J.S. Bach

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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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

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COMMISSIONING SERVICE (*Litany of Commissioning for Pastor François' Sabbatical*)

Pastor Taylor: On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God surveyed all that God had made and said, "It is good."

Clerk of Session: Pastor François, we all work together in ministry here at Wallingford Presbyterian Church and have much to celebrate. Today, we celebrate you and your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God's people in this place. Of this ministry together we say with confidence, "It is good."

Pastor Taylor: We send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry in Wallingford, and in the world.

Congregation: We will miss you, even as we faithfully carry out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that we support you in every way, and that we look forward with joy to your return.

Pastor François: I, too, look forward to that day when I will return and share in our ministry together. I will miss you as well, and I will pray for you whenever you come to mind. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest in my ministry.

Congregation: Go, now, with our blessing, and with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor Taylor: Let us pray. God of all wisdom ... Make us bold to live out your Gospel as we seek to do your will. **Amen.**

COMMITMENT STATEMENTS

Pastor Taylor: Church leaders - Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and committee and council members - you have been chosen to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in the congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the world. Will you continue to faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been called?

Church Leaders: **We will with God's help.**

Pastor Taylor: Pastor François, will you step away from the obligations of daily church life and to engage in this period of sabbatical with intention of spiritual refreshment? Will you take time for reflection and renewal and rest in the life-giving experiences that await you?

Pastor François: I will with God's help.

Pastor Taylor: Members and friends of Wallingford Presbyterian Church, in this time of sabbatical, will you support your staff, leaders, and volunteers? Will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? Will you pray for them and for Pastor François on his sabbatical journey?

Congregation: We will with God's help.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND BLESSING

All those who wish to come forward for the laying on of hands may do so now.

Pastor Taylor: God of all blessing, be with your servant Pastor François as he undertakes his sabbatical journey. Grant him a holy departure from this community, safety in all his travels, rest and renewal for his spirit and body, and the joy of a grace-filled return. We ask these things in the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 246

Christ is Alive

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Iona Community worship Book*)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You Keep You

P. Lutkin

TIME OF GREETING AND “PEACE”

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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 Walt Kaminski and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week’s flowers were given to the Glory of God.

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.

SECOND CHANCE MONTH April is Second Chance Month, an effort spearheaded by Prison Fellowship. The goal is to change perceptions and shift the narrative by amplifying the voices of the formerly incarcerated. To share their stories, restore their dignity and encourage individuals to reach their potential and be productive. Check our Facebook page or website throughout the month to become better informed and inspired by second chances.

PASTOR FRANÇOIS WILL BEGIN HIS THREE-MONTH SABBATICAL MAY 1 (that’s just one week away!). He and Cyndi will travel to Belgium to visit with family and trace his roots, then to Scotland to immerse himself in the history of the Presbyterian Church. He will be taking pictures at every stop for a show upon their return. Pastor Taylor will “have the conn,” as he likes to say, in his absence.

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	Closed this week
	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.

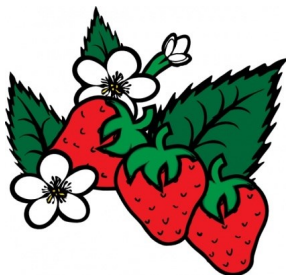
CHANCEL FLOWERS 2022 If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2022, you can sign up in Fellowship Hall, online at <https://bit.ly/WPCflowers22>, or by scanning the QR Code to the right.



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!

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

IS THE BIBLE GAY????? QUEER SPIRITUALITY CLASS Today 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!



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS BACK! – clear your calendar for Monday, June 6. Everyone's favorite community-wide event will include food, desserts, books, plants and games for children. (Note – a special Attic Treasures day is being planned for the fall).

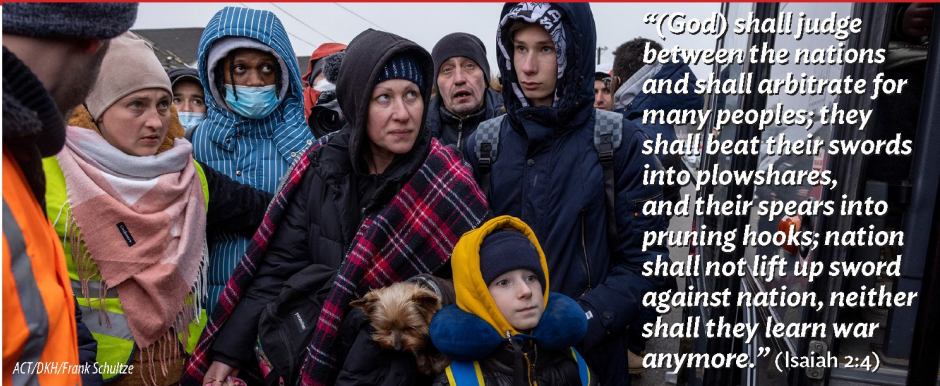
Start saving now:

- Books – kids, fiction and non, cookbooks (no encyclopedias)
- Plants – perennials, vegetables, herbs (marked with type of plant, sun/shade)

Proceeds will be divided among Chester Eastside, Inc. summer camp (75%), Scout troops (15%) and seed money for SF 2023 (10%).

YOU make Strawberry Festival a success. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** – watch for sign-up sheets online and in Fellowship Hall.

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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