



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
FORTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME  
MAY 1, 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, May 1**

10:00 am- Worship Service

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am- Kids Cafe

11:00 am- Nominating Committee

## **Monday, May 2**

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- GSA 518

7:30 pm- Session

## **Tuesday, May 3**

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

## **Wednesday, May 4**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

## **Thursday, May 5**

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

## **Friday, May 6**

6:30 pm- Sprouts

## **Saturday, May 7**

8:00 am- Providence Garden Club Plant Sale

## **Sunday, May 8**

10:00 am- Worship Service

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

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



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# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Faith is not a once-done act, but a continuous gaze of the heart at the Triune God. Believing, then, is directing the hearts' attention to Jesus. It is lifting the mind to 'behold the Lamb of God,' and never ceasing that beholding for the rest of our lives.” – Aiden Tozer

### 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

I looked and heard the voice of angels, thousands and thousands around God's throne, singing:  
**Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:  
**To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN 238

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Forgive us, we pray,  
**and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**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

O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

OT 505

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Hiram Titus

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 5:11-14

NT 248

SERMON

Meditation on Revelation

Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM

Feed My Lambs  
Chapel Choir

by Natalie Sleeth

*Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. when they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently, as a loving shepherd of the Lord.*

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Jesus calls us to feed his lambs, and tend his sheep. Let us show and share his love through the offering of our lives.

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. **Amen.**

+INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)*

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

At This Table by Shirley Murray and Allen Pote

*In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table, Jesus Christ be the wine of grace, Jesus Christ be the bread of peace. In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people, Jesus Christ be the wind of grace, Jesus Christ be the bread of peace. In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table. Jesus Christ be the wine of grace, Jesus Christ be the bread of peace.*

CLOSING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN 384

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

\*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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*+WPC uses only gluten free products for communion.*

*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.*

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**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.

**PASTOR FRANÇOIS STARTS HIS THREE MONTH SABBATICAL TODAY!** 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 Taylor	Monday	11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Thursday	10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Main Office	Monday	9:30 am-12pm
	Tues-Thursday	2-4:30 p.m.

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

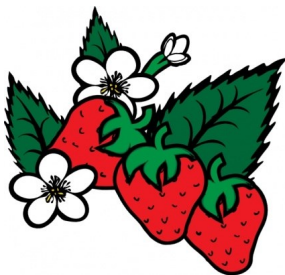
**CHANCEL FLOWERS 2022** If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2022, you can sign up in Fellowship Hall, online at <https://bit.ly/WPCflowers22> , or by scanning the QR Code to the right.



**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/>

**PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE 2022** Saturday, May 7; from 8am to 1 pm RAIN OR SHINE in the WPC parking lot. Checks or cash only!



**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.

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA THANK YOU!** WPC Connections would like to thank the congregation for its outpouring of support that made the restart of the Easter Egg-stravaganza incredibly successful. Nearly 100 children found the almost 3500 eggs you stuffed with the tons of candy you donated. That's the good news. The incredible news is several of the families who attended the event have started worshipping with us. Well done!

**AAPI HERITAGE MONTH PEACEMAKING TALK** Wednesday May 18, 7:30 pm - Peter Szto, an American-born Chinese who hails from Jamaica, Queens, will speak on “Growing up half & half: an AAPI story.” He will explore his life through the eyes of Moses, who found himself raised in a cultural context different from his clan. His presentation seeks to deepen our ethnic identities while peaking at the AAPI journey in history and social welfare. Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.

## April is Autism Awareness Month!

The Education Council is working hard to ensure that anyone who visits our church feels warmly, WELCOMED by our congregation.

- “Autism affects 1 in 44 individuals”
- “Although Autism can be diagnosed younger than 2 years old, most are not diagnosed until after 4 years old”
- “Autism is 4 times more likely among boys than among girls”
- “Some people with ASD communicate verbally and some communicate using gestures, signs, pictures, or electronic communication devices”.

### What does *welcoming* look like?

- A warm smile
- A genuine greeting such as “I am so glad you are here today.”
- Introducing yourself and family and asking for the individual’s name
  - Offer to assist with seating or gathering worship items (e.g., Larger bulletin, etc)

“Data & Statistics on Autism Spectrum Disorder.” *CDC*.

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>. Accessed 3.26.2022



As many members of the WPC Family know, there are several families in our congregation who have been impacted by Autism.

Your Education Council has been sensitive to their needs and concerns. Here are a few comments and observations that have been made regarding Autism:

"Having someone from the church personally greet each member of our family was very meaningful."

It's important that the WPC congregation understand sensory differences among all of us. Sensory differences can be wide ranging. For instance, masks may make it difficult for some people to hear or understand what others are saying or identify how others are feeling.

Unexpected loud noises, certain lighting, unexpected changes in routine, can sometimes make it hard for people on the spectrum to have successful experiences at WPC.

Fidget or other sensory items such as headphones, weighted vests, can be calming to those who may be hypo-sensitive (a lower than normal sensitivity to sensory stimuli) or hyper-sensitive (excessively sensitive) to stimuli.

Structure and schedules in our services and events have been very helpful to certain members of our community on the autism spectrum.





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