



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 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.

Face Masks for personal protection are optional for all activities on our campus

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.

If a fidget toy would be helpful for you, they are available at the Narthex entrance.

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, November 20	Wednesday, November 23
Christ the King Sunday	9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner
9:30 am- Chancel Choir	10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends
10:00 am- Worship	4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons
Pastor François Preaching	Thursday, November 24
10:00 am- Faith Formation	Thanksgiving Day- Building Closed
11:00 am- Fellowship Time	Friday, November 25
11:00 am- Pageant Practice	Thanksgiving Holiday- Building Closed
6:00 pm- Young Adult Dinner	Saturday, November 26
Monday, November 21	Sunday, November 27
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	First Sunday of Advent
10:00 am- Staff Meeting	9:30 am- Chancel Choir
7:30 pm- Education Council	10:00 am- Worship
7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry	Pastor François Preaching
7:30 pm- Connections	10:00 am- Faith Formation
Tuesday, November 22	11:00 am- Fellowship Time
4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons	6:00 pm- Youth & Young Adult Movie Night
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	
7:30 pm- Trustees	

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

At the conclusion of the Christian Year, we celebrate the sovereignty of the God who is known to us in Jesus Christ. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth and watch and pray for the coming of God's realm of righteousness, justice, and peace. Above all earthly powers, the crucified and risen Lord alone claims our adoration and allegiance. We proclaim that Jesus Christ is first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega.

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 625

Oh Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

CALL TO CONFESSION

We do not confess our sins in the *hope* of forgiveness; we confess our sins with the *certainty* of forgiveness. For the apostle Paul assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness, and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And so with that promise, that assurance, that redemption we confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives.

We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same.

We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion.

(Silent Confession)

Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ-like in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 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.

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 front pews. Children are invited to Faith Formation classes (ages 18 months – 5 years and 6-11 years) or to stay with us in worship. There are activity packets at each entrance for children to enjoy during worship time.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:11-20 NT 200

ANTHEM Rejoice, the Lord is King Wesley and Darwall, arr. A. Harris
Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Jesus the savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains he took his seat above: lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice, the Lord is King!
His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come, and take her servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen!

MOMENT FOR MISSION -- CHRISTMARKET

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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.



OFFERTORY

O Lord, Thou Art My God and King

E. Broughton

*DOXOLOGY

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

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom.

And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CHARGE, BLESSING AND TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

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

And also with you.

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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Thank you Shirley Rudd and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Joe and Anita Pew in loving memory of Rob Pew.

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.

MASK OPTIONAL Mask wearing is optional for worship and all activities and groups using WPC's buildings or grounds. If you would like to wear one, we have KN-95 masks available for your use when you come to worship.

SUNDAY BULLETIN Does the bulletin seem easier to read? The change in font (from Times New Roman to Calibri) is an outgrowth of our Disabilities Initiative.

IN-PERSON STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS

Pastor François	Tuesday	11 am - 4:30 pm
	Wednesday	10 am - 2 pm
Pastor Taylor	Monday	11 am - 4:30 pm
	Thursday	10 am - 1 pm
Main Office	Mon-Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 pm

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

TURKEYS Have a turkey you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. The birds may be placed in the church freezers through Wednesday, November 23.

VASES NEEDED Have any small vases you could give to the Deacons? They need them to deliver the Chancel flowers each Sunday to members and friends. Please leave them in the kitchen.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MOVIE Night meet at AMC Marple 10, Sunday, Nov. 27. Wakanda Forever, meet at theater at 7:15 pm.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT Learn about the historical struggles and present-day obstacles to ratify the ERA and an introduction to Alice Paul, ERA author and leader of the fight for women's suffrage. The program, to be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 pm, followed by the talk (Zoom) at 7:15 pm Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: *OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE TO GIVE* <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY Help tidy up our grounds, 9 am-noon, Saturday, Dec. 10. The main task will be raking leaves and we welcome all hands. Please bring your own tools.

CHAIRS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Friends, WPCers and countrymen – lend me your “rears” !

As some of you know, the Sanctuary, Worship and Disabilities Committees have discussed replacing the pews in our church with chairs, as has been done in several area churches as well as churches in Europe. The thought is that the use of chairs will give us greater flexibility in the use of our church space as well as giving us accessibility for all disabilities. Our initial plan is to replace 4 or 5 rows of pews with chairs – we would alternate chairs with arms and chairs without arms for additional flexibility. The chairs with arms would enable those who have difficulty getting up to have added support for standing.

So, with no “ifs” “ands” just “butts” we would like you to “try on” the two new chairs we have on display in Fellowship Hall. Members of the committees will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for keeping your minds open to these proposed changes.

~Chris Dearnaley, Michelle George, Kristine Mulhorn, Jim Oetinger, Shirley Rudd, and Gwyn Vernon

CHRISTMARKET Our annual ChristMarket offers meaningful alternatives to traditional gifts that raise awareness of the needs of others and funds to support those needs. Shop in person after worship (Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18), by mail or online using the Church Center app or this link (bit.ly/WPC-XMarket2022). Mission and Service will match all gifts to a total of \$5,000.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE An event for all ages! Start the season, 4:30-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, with crafts, carols and a cup of (age-appropriate) cheer.

Kids – make Advent/Christmas decorations, listen to a holiday story and munch on snacks

Adults – chat with (old and new) friends while enjoying a glass of wine or beer (or non-alcoholic beverage) and hors d'oeuvres

Everyone – end the evening singing holiday songs and carols

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE Enjoy a concert, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, featuring flutist Elisa Muzzillo, accompanied by Lee Hagon-Kerr. The suggested donation of \$15 will benefit Philabundance, a non-profit organization that works to drive hunger from our communities today and to end hunger for good.

FLUTE LESSONS WITH ELISA MUZZILLO AVAILABLE

Tuesday & Wednesday nights at WPC. Experienced teacher to students of all skill levels ages 8-18+. 30 or 60 minute lesson durations. contact Elisa at elisamuzzflute@gmail.com for lesson rates and availability!

2022 GIVING TREE AND ANGEL TREE

Believe it or not, it is almost Advent once again! This year we will be donating gifts to families within Wallingford Swarthmore School District, Chester Eastside and City Team with \$25 gift cards from Walmart or Target and some wrapped toys! We will start collecting the gift cards and toys every Sunday after church between November 20th and December 4th. We also continue to participate in Angel Tree through Prison Fellowship, in which children of incarcerated parents will receive gifts as if coming from the parents. This ministry helps children with an incarcerated parent feel connected and loved even though the parent is not present. The Angel Tree tags will have a gift suggestion for each child.

Wrapped Toy Suggestions:

- Remote control cars
- Barbies of color and barbie accessories (clothes, car, etc.)
- Baby dolls of color and accessories (strollers, clothes, bottles, etc.)
- Full size dolls (18" dolls)
- Race Track, matchbox cars
- Arts and crafts kits
- Infant/toddler toys (6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months)



Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Deb Dunbar Carol Freidinger Polly Sacco Ezzell Kai Yokoyama



Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias will again be used to decorate the church sanctuary for our Christmas services. We are ordering 6 inch pots for 6-9 blooms.

- #1** Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone and then *take it home* after the Christmas Eve service.
- #2** Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone and then *leave it* as a gift to be taken by the Deacons to the homebound.
- #3** Honor or memorialize someone by making a *donation* that will go into the Christmas offering.

Poinsettias are \$9 this year for the 6 inch pot with 6-9 blooms

The deadline for your order is December 11th.

Please put your name, payment and option choice, along with the name of the person to be remembered on the form below and return to the church office.

You may also sign up and pay online at <https://bit.ly/WPCPoins2022>

Poinsettia Order Form 2022

Please return with payment (\$9 per plant) by December 11, 2022

Make check payable to: Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo: Christmas flowers

Name (given by) _____ Phone # _____

Option # 1 red poinsettia # _____ white poinsettia # _____

Option # 2 red poinsettia # _____ white poinsettia # _____

Option # 3 \$ _____

Total plants or memorials requested: _____ @ \$ 9.00 = \$ _____

Name (In memory / honor of) _____

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The children will take us on a journey, then and now, to Bethlehem. The magical experience telling the story of Jesus' birth will be presented as part of the Dec. 18 worship service.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE TODAY was drawn by Pastor Taylor for her first Christ the King Sunday at WPC in 2017.

*'Tis the season... (Offerings
from yet another year of
grace.) J. Barrie Shepherd*



Yes, it's a bit early – Santas before pumpkins almost! – but given the state of the USPS these days it's not too early to think about ordering copies of *'Tis the Season....* my 2022 Advent-Christmas poetry collection. This is the fifth year of these little chapbooks and they have proved quite popular raising some thousands of dollars for local food pantries and, I hope and pray, enriching the festive season for many readers. The book makes an attractive gift with its cover scene of our Piper Shores Xmas tree from the oceanside patio, (see above). Stuffed with 34 of my latest poems it might itself be a handy stocking stuffer. It costs only \$10 (plus \$5 postage), many readers will buy multiple copies for family and friends. All proceeds (beyond cost) are donated to food pantries in Scarborough and on Chebeague Island.

Order at barrieshep@aol.com, phone 207 510 1637 or 15 Piper Road – K325, Scarborough ME 04074. I'll even inscribe your copies with a personal greeting to whoever, or whomever you may desire. Deck the Halls... But not yet.

Barrie

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