



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 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 27	Wednesday, November 30
First Sunday of Advent	4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons
9:30 am- Chancel Choir	5:30 pm- Peacemaking Event
10:00 am- Worship	Thursday, December 1
Pastor François Preaching	6:30 pm- Bell Choir
10:00 am- Faith Formation	7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
11:00 am- Fellowship Time	7:30 pm- Choir Practice
11:00 am- Pageant Practice	Friday, December 2
7:15 pm- Youth & Young Adult Movie Night	Saturday, December 3
Monday, November 28	Christmas Decorating
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	Sunday, December 4
10:00 am- Staff Meeting	Second Sunday of Advent
6:00 pm- Cubs 228	9:30 am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, November 29	10:00 am- Worship
4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons	Pastor François Preaching
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	10:00 am- Faith Formation
Wednesday, November 30	11:00 am- Fellowship Time
9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner	11:00 am- Pageant Practice
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	4:30 pm- Advent Open House
3:00 pm- Private Music Lessons	

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Advent” means coming or arrival. This word has a double significance, as in Advent we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and look with longing for his coming again. The season of Advent begins with an emphasis on final things (eschatology). We watch and pray with expectant hope for the establishment of God’s justice and the return of the Prince of Peace. As the weeks of Advent progress, the focus shifts to thanks and praise for the birth of the one who has already come – Jesus Christ our Savior. (Book of Common Worship, PCUSA)

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.

READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 2:1-5

OT 631-632

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES- The Vaccone Family

(The primary symbolism of the Advent Candles has to do with light growing in darkness – leading up to the coming of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. The pink candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally thought to be a respite of joy in an otherwise penitential season.)

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in the days to come the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMNS

Advent Hymn Sing (#82 - #107)

(4 Hymns as called by members of the congregation)

CALL TO CONFESSION

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the past, present and future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. **We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.**

(Silent Confession)

In your mercy forgive us, O God.

Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

*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.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

A Song of Thankfulness

by E. Broughton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:11-14

NT 162-163

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

NT 27-28

HYMNS

Christmas Hymn Sing (#108 - #156)
(4 Hymns as called by members of the congregation)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Come with gratitude and joy to the table of the Lord. Bring the works of your hands and the gifts of your lives as an offering of praise.

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

Les Pélerines ("The Pilgrims")

F. Couperin

*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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love.

By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING (CASON)

*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 to the Vaccone Family, 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.

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.

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.

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, Today! Wakanda Forever, meet at theater at 7:15 pm.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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!

NEW UNIVERSAL LARGE PRINT BULLETIN In continuing our push for accessibility, WPC is testing a universal large print bulletin during the Advent season. You can find large print hymns and scripture printed in the back.

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.

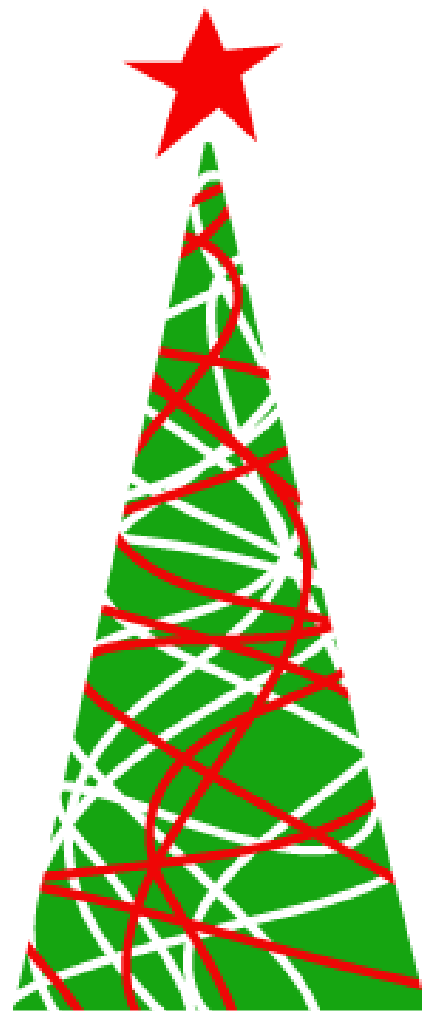
We also continue to participate in Angel Tree through Prison Fellowship, in which children of incarcerated parents will receive gifts as if coming from the parents. This ministry helps children with an incarcerated parent feel connected and loved even though the parent is not present. The Angel Tree 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/WPCPoints2022>

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) _____

'Tis the season... (Offerings
from yet another year of grace.)

J. Barrie Shepherd

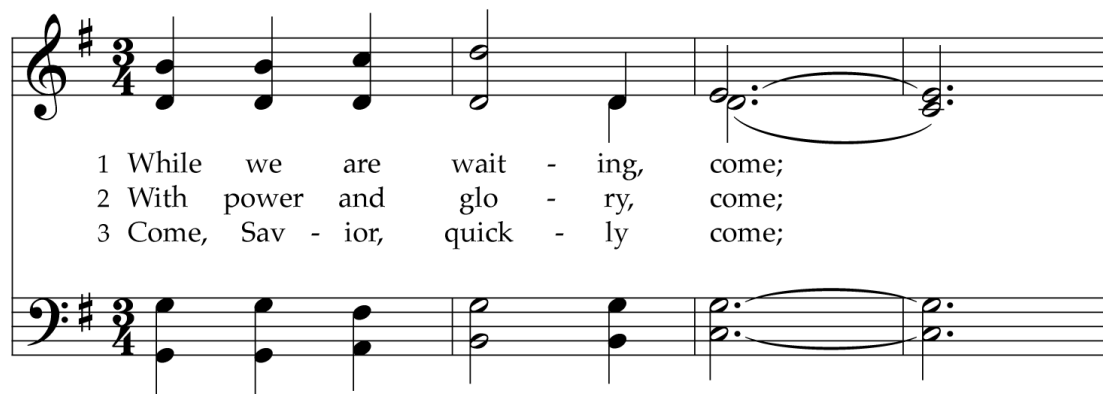


Yes, it's a bit early – Santas before pumpkins almost! – but given the state of the USPS these days it's not too early to think about ordering copies of *'Tis the Season....* my 2022 Advent-Christmas poetry collection. This is the fifth year of these little chapbooks and they have proved quite popular 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.

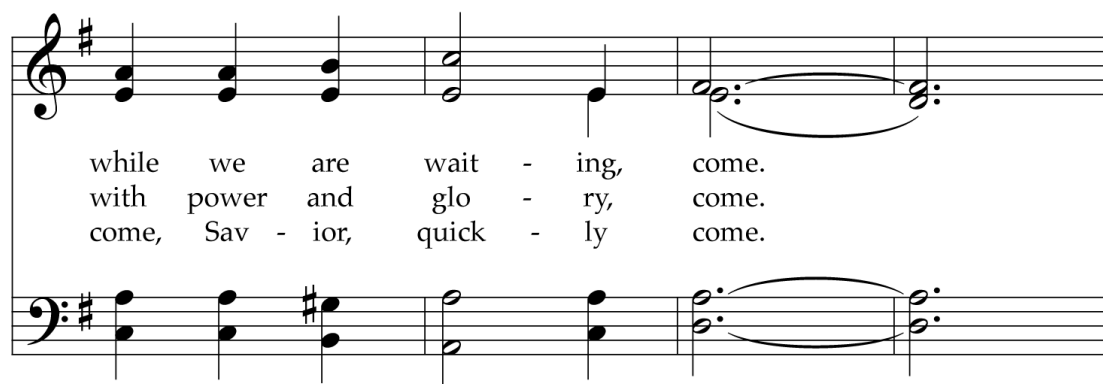
Order at barrieshep@aol.com, phone 207 510 1637 or 15 Piper Road – K325, Scarborough ME 04074. I'll even inscribe your copies with a personal greeting to whoever, or whomever you may desire. Deck the Halls... But not yet.

Barrie

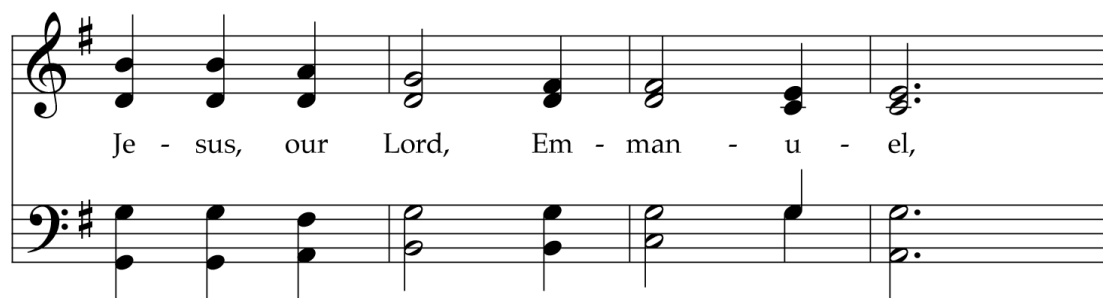
92 While We Are Waiting, Come



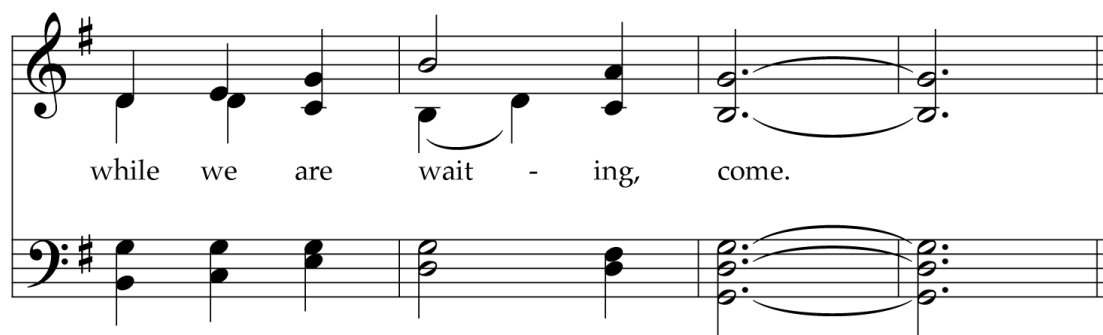
1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;



while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The Future House of God

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

3 Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Romans 13:11-14

An Urgent Appeal

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

36 "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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