



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY  
JANUARY 8, 2023

## 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.

Visual Worship Schedules 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.

A Parents' room is available downstairs for those with small children,

Activity packets are available for children to use during worship.

***Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!***

<b>Sunday, January 8</b>	<b>Wednesday (continued)</b>
Baptism of the Lord Sunday	4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons
9:30 am- Chancel Choir	7:00 pm- Cubs 228
10:00 am- Worship	7:00 pm- WOW
Pastor Taylor Preaching	<b>Thursday, January 12</b>
10:00 am- Faith Formation	7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
11:00 am- Fellowship Time	7:30 pm- Choir Practice
<b>Monday, January 9</b>	<b>Friday, January 13</b>
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	<b>Saturday, January 14</b>
10:00 am- Staff Meeting	<b>Sunday, January 15</b>
7:30 pm- Stewardship Council	Second Sunday after Epiphany
7:30 pm- WPC Connections	9:30 am- Chancel Choir
<b>Tuesday, January 10</b>	10:00 am- Worship
4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons	Pastor Taylor Preaching
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	11:00 am- Fellowship Time
7:30 pm- Worship Council	
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b>	
9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner	
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

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” *Ephesians 4:4-6*

#### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.  
God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;  
**I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.**

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove;  
and there was a voice from heaven saying:

**“This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted.”**

The joy of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*OPENING HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light is Come  
(verses 1 & 2)

FESTAL SONG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, Preferring, instead, the luring ways of the world. we allow enmity to grow among us, setting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news: 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

OT 670-671

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 Children of the Heavenly Father/Baptized and Set Free arr. Anne K. Organ

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

NT 3

SERMON

Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem Vaughan Williams and Benson

*O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, and of the news that came to them from angels in the air. the light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today. Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always. O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy; O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless boy. For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow. Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow. O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill, of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still. For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll, when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.*

## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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

Excerpt from "Moments Musicaux" op. 16, no. 5

S. Rachmaninoff

## \*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 DEDICATION

**O Lord, we give you thanks with all we are for all you have done for us. In your divinity you have come to dwell with us in the muddy waters of humanity, and comingled your glory with our sin to redeem us. Bless the gifts we give this day that the church might stand as shining witnesses to your glory, planted by your living water to bring healing to all peoples. Use us as you will to the glory of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### EUCHARIST

*(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. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended. 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)*

## +INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Here we lift our hearts to you, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

**O come, O come, Emmanuel!**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

\*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 Roger Demos 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.

**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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES 2023** If you requested weekly offering envelopes for 2023, they are available for pick up in Fellowship Hall

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** Would you like to sponsor the chancel flowers a Sunday in 2023. To order, use the Church Center app, this link (<https://bit.ly/3Wzyj1l>) or the chart in Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation is \$50.

**FAITH FORMATION** Classes resume during worship today for young disciples (18 months – 5 years) and junior disciples (6 years – 11 years).

**DOCUMENT SIGN-OUT** In an effort to keep our church documents well organized, beginning Jan. 1 we are asking that you not remove them from the building. Should you have the need to take them home, please sign them out through the Church Center app.

**PRIME TIME** has been canceled for January. See you next month!

**W.O.W.** Share your favorite Christmas story – past or present. If you would like, bring your favorite Christmas gift. The meeting begins with dessert at 7 pm, Wednesday, Jan. 11, followed by the program. All women of our community of faith are welcome to participate.

**BUREAU OF ELECTIONS** Learn about the Bureau of Elections and how it maintains the security of the voting system, **Wednesday, January 18**. Bring a dish for the **potluck dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by the talk at 7:15 pm** Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.

**BOOKLOOK** The selection for January is “Between the Mountain and the Sky,” by Maggie Doyme, which “shows us the goodness that is possible when a single person – regardless of age – takes action to help another and, in the process, changes the lives of hundreds.” (Amazon). The discussion will be **7:30 pm, Wednesday, January 25**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order a copy – the estimated cost is \$7.50.

**W.O.W. RETREAT** Join the Women of Wallingford for AWAKENING – how our lives have been awakened through the years by life's highs, lows and in-betweens. The event, held **8 am-4 pm, Saturday, January 29** at the IHM Conference and Retreat Center in Bryn Mawr, will be a day of sharing and fun as we come "out of the darkness into the light." The cost is \$45 – register using the form included in the bulletin.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting is a time to receive reports, review financial and benevolence statements, receive the 2023 budget and elect members of the Nominating Committee. The meeting will be incorporated into the **Sunday, January 29** worship service.

**REFLECTIONS DURING LENT** WPC will be compiling a booklet for Lent comprised of writings from our members and friends. We pray you will consider contributing your thoughts during this special time in the life of the church.

The booklet will have daily entries from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) through Easter (April 9). Topics could include (but are not limited to):

- Personal experiences
- Lessons learned
- Hopes and wishes
- Faith community interactions

The deadline for submission is Tues., Jan. 31. Questions? Contact Shirley Rudd or Leslie Krowchenko.

**DEACON HELPERS** Sign up or update your availability. Use the form provided; email or return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

**VASES** 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.

## **GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY**

PRESENTED BY PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Have questions about what is currently going on at the county, state and/or federal level?

The Peace and Social Justice Committee does too, so we have developed a series of programs and events between January and May in which we will examine some of the fundamentals of how America is governed and what principals undergird the processes that support our democracy. The programs will cover elections, the Supreme Court, fact checking and identifying bias, decision making and a further discussion about the Equal Rights Amendment. The programs will be held on Wednesday evenings and will include a potluck supper.

Please watch this space for additional details



## Deacon Helpers



**Many of us have received help from the Deacons –  
here's the chance for you to be the helper.**

Deacons have been described as the “hands and feet” of Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Requests for help vary from preparing meals and providing rides to watering plants and weeding gardens.

In addition to short-term situations (surgery, illness), COVID-19 has challenged us with long-term needs. Individuals and families who receive assistance praise all that our church does for the community.

Are you available occasionally to help? Please complete the following form and email ([office@wallingfordpres.org](mailto:office@wallingfordpres.org)) or return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

## Deacon Helpers Tasks and Availability

Task	Daytime	Evenings	Weekends
Transportation to medical appointments			
Transportation to church services/events			
Errands such as supermarket/drug store			
Meals			
Companionship visits/phone calls			
Household tasks			
Outdoor chores			
Pet Sitting			



## Contact Information

Name	
Email	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Best time to contact you	

# WOW Retreat AWAKENING

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

This year's WOW Winter Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the IHM Conference and Retreat Center in Bryn Mawr. During the retreat, we'll learn how our lives have been awakened through the years by life's highs, lows, and in-betweens. It will be a day of sharing and fun as we come "out of the darkness into the light."

The cost of the Retreat will be \$45.00 per person which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and study materials. We will meet at the Church at 8:00 am to carpool to the IHM Conference and Retreat Center. Please plan to wear comfortable clothes and bring your Bible. **Registrations are due by January 20, 2023.**

Plan to join other women at this winter's **WOW** Retreat and invite a friend to join us as we enjoy the hospitality, delicious food, and relaxed atmosphere of the IHM Conference and Retreat Center. Hope to see you on January 28, 2023!

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**Please complete the registration below and return along with \$45.00 (Checks payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church) to the Church Office no later than January 20, 2023. Questions? Please call the Church Office.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to drive? \_\_\_\_\_

## 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

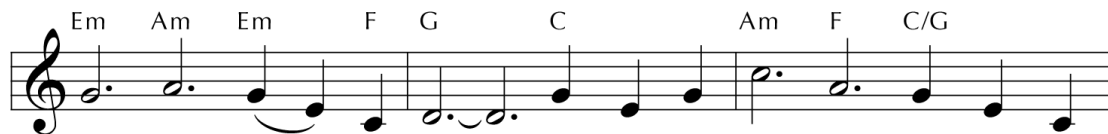
TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974  
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
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FESTAL SONG  
 SM  
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

## Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

## Isaiah 42:1-9

### The Servant, a Light to the Nations

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;

3 a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5 Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

## **Matthew 3:13-17**

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## **STAFF**

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