



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15, 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.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

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!

Sunday, January 15	Thursday, January 19
Second Sunday after Epiphany	7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
9:30 am- Chancel Choir	7:30 pm- Choir Practice
10:00 am- Worship	Friday, January 20
Pastor Taylor Preaching	Saturday, January 21
10:00 am- Faith Formation	3:00 pm- Cubs 228- Pinewood Derby
11:00 am- Fellowship Time	Sunday, January 22
Monday, January 16	Third Sunday after Epiphany
Martin Luther King Jr Day- Office Closed	9:30 am- Chancel Choir
7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry	10:00 am- Worship
Tuesday, January 17	Pastor Taylor Preaching
4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons	10:00 am- Faith Formation
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	11:00 am- Fellowship Time
7:30 pm- Deacons	4:30 pm- Confirmation Class
Wednesday, January 18	
9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner	
3:00 pm- Private Music Lessons	
4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons	
5:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	
7:00 pm- Cubs 228	

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“To the artist He is the one altogether lovely, and to the educator He is the master teacher. To the philosopher He is the wisdom of God, and to the lonely He is a brother; to the sorrowful, a comforter to the bereaved, the resurrection and the life. And to the sinner he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin from the world.” — John Gerstner

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!

Praise be to God who offers God’s love to us!

Let us sing continually of God’s wisdom, and power, and might.

Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!

Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.

Let our hearts rejoice at God’s redeeming love for us. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(verses 1 & 3)

HYMN TO JOY

BAPTISM -

PRESENTATION

BAPTISMAL VOWS

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Winter by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH - Apostle’s Creed (Back of Bulletin)

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized! With joy we welcome you to our family of faith!

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

*HYMN 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
(verses 1 & 3)

KINGDOM

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray our prayer of confession.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world. We lay before you all the times this week we did not follow you. We confess that we have hurt others, ignored ways we could have helped, thought only of ourselves, and kept back resources we could have shared. We are trying, Lord, but we often fall short of your call. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, restore us to righteousness, cleanse us from every stain of sin, and raise us to new life for the glory of your name. Have mercy on us, in Christ's name. Amen.

WORDS OF COMFORT

*Friends, the one we worship and confess to, is also the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We are free from fear and are given the gift of eternal life. **Let us now live as forgiven and freed people of God! Alleluia, Amen!***

*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 Revelation 5:6-13 NT 248

GOSPEL READING John 1:29-42 NT 3

SERMON The Lamb of God Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM Blessed Martin, Pastor, Prophet Haywood and Lewis
Holy God, you raise up prophets; praise and honor do we sing, for your faithful, humble servant, Doctor Martin Luther King.

Refrain: Blessed Martin, pastor, prophet, you the mountaintop did see; Blessed Martin, holy martyr: pray that we may all be free. Moral conscience of his nation, reconciling black and white, dreamed he of a just society, we must carry on his fight. Refrain. Teacher of Christ-like nonviolence to the outcast, poor and meek; greater weapon 'gainst oppression is to turn the other cheek. Refrain. Preacher of Christ's love for neighbor, he won Nobel's prize for peace; peoples, beat your swords to ploughshares, wars 'twixt nations all shall cease. Refrain.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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

Prelude in E-flat BWV 876

J.S. Bach

*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

Lord, take these offerings of our lives and breathe into them your Spirit, that they may go out to serve our community, church, and world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

*CLOSING HYMN 518

(Your Only Son) Lamb of God

LAMB OF GOD

*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 Helen Picher and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lloyd Smith in loving memory of his mother Bernice (Nickie) Smith.

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 Tues-Thursday 2:00 - 4:30 pm (Monday Closed- MLK)

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

GLUTEN FREE COOKIES will now be available during coffee hour. The tray of yummys will be marked – please save them for those with specific dietary restrictions.

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.

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.

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS James Allen, Director of Election Operations for Delaware County, will talk about the Bureau of Elections and how it maintains the security of the voting system. 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 Doyne, 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.

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.

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.

CHILI COOKOFF! WPC will be hosting its annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 4, beginning at 5 pm. For kids and non-chili eaters, we will have chicken nuggets, mac and cheese and salad. You can vote for your favorite chili with dollars. All money raised will go to WPC's Red Wagon. We will also have a bounce house for the kids. Come out and meet your fellow church members, have fun and enjoy some interesting chili. For anyone wishing to bring a pot of chili, or app, please register online at bit.ly/WPC-Chili-23 or through the Church Center app. Any questions, call Walt Kaminski .

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 Tuesday, Jan. 31. Questions? Contact Shirley Rudd or Leslie Krowchenko.

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

KIDS CAFÉ Meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room for games, songs and fun, 11 a.m., Sunday, February 5. Open to kids ages 4-11

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Bring a few cans of soup to church on Sunday, February 12, then settle in for the game. The donations will benefit WPC's Red Wagon ministry.

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!

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? _____

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) 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	

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

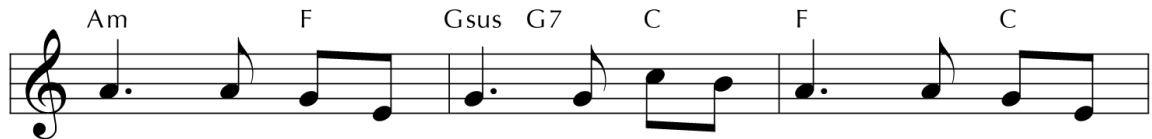
This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

Your Only Son

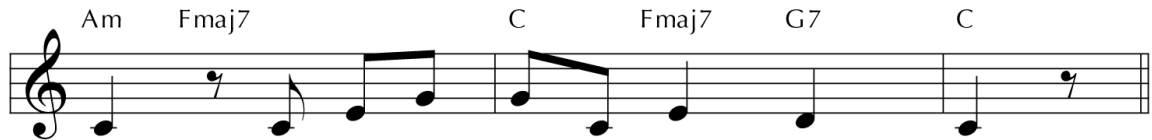
Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.

Revelation 5:6-13

6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. 8 When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll

and to break its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

10 you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.”

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!”

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might

forever and ever!”

John 1:29-42

The Lamb of God

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The First Disciples of Jesus

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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