



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 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 22

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

4:30 pm- Confirmation Class

Monday, January 23

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 24

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, January 25

9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner

3:00 pm- Private Music Lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

7:30 pm- BookLook

Thursday, January 26

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, January 27

4:30 pm- Co-op Event

Saturday, January 28

8:00 am- WOW Retreat

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Annual Meeting

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

4:00 pm- Youth Arcade Night

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: ‘ye were bought at a price,’ and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Psalmist writes, The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

We know that the Lord is the stronghold of our lives therefore there is no need to fear.

The Psalmist writes, One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

Like him we wish to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 744

Arise Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.

We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships.

We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.

(Silent Confession)

Shine your light into our darkened hearts.

Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

*RESPONSE

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, siblings in the Risen Lord, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's forgiven children we will put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and we will be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

by John. L. Bell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

OT 638

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

NT 3-4

ANTHEM

We Are Glad

by Craig Courtney

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." We are glad for the Lord has done great things for us. Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy; They that go forth weeping bearing seed shall come home with shouts of joy bringing their sheaves with them.

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

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

Der Dichter spricht ("the poet speaks")

by R. Schumann

*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

God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*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.

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	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 pm
	Wednesday	10 am- 12:30 pm

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.

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.

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.**

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. **Today is the last day to register.**

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.

YOUTH GROUP ARCADE NIGHT Meet at Game on State, 4 p.m., Sunday, January 29, followed by ice cream at Scooped

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.

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.

PRIME TIME Judith Giesberg, PhD, professor of history at Villanova University, will talk about Pennsylvania politics and the Civil War, Tuesday, February 14. Bring lunch and a friend – we will provide beverages and dessert. Lunch starts at noon; the talk at 12:30 p.m.

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 TODAY**

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			



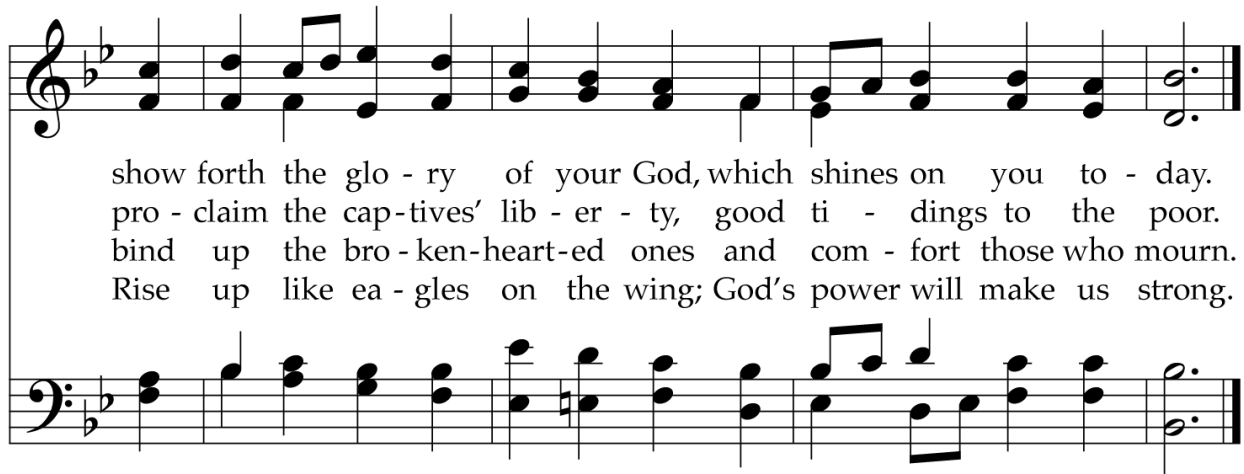
Contact Information

Name	
Email	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Best time to contact you	

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.

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

Isaiah 9:1-4

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied exultation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

16 the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. 19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

23 Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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