



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
SCOUT SUNDAY

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, February 5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scout Sunday

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am- Kids Café

Monday, February 6

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, February 7

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner

3:00 pm- Private Music Lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

Wednesday (Continued)

7:00 pm- WOW

Thursday, February 9

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, February 10

4:00 pm- Painting Class

Saturday, February 11

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Souper Bowl of Caring

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.” - *Charles Spurgeon*

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world finds no proof of God.

But the heavens tell of God's glory.

God's message is foolishness to the world.

But God's folly bests human wisdom.

The freedom of the world brings us death.

But obedience to God's ways brings life.

We gather in the name of Christ crucified.

The Word made flesh brings life to God's people!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

WORDS OF COMFORT

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. **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.***

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 This Little Light of Mine arr. Mark Albrecht

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 15 OT 495

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 NT 166

SERMON Where is the Wise Man? Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM "Agnus Dei" from Communion Service in F Florence Price

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 Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Thomas Keesecker
Bell Choir

*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

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(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!

COMMUNION HYMN 527

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 188

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

*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 Lin Floyd 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 - Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 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.

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.

KIDS CAFÉ Meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room for games, songs and fun, after the service today! Open to kids ages 4-11

PAINTING CLASS Beginners and more experienced artists – explore different styles and techniques of acrylic painting with local artist Kathy Agostinelli. Classes will be held 4-6 p.m., Fridays (February 10, 17, 24 and March 3). Take one or more class – limit 12 participants per session. Cost – \$40 per class, with all supplies provided. Interested? Contact office for Kathy’s contact info

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.

THE SUPREMES 2022: NO LONGER THE LEAST DANGEROUS BRANCH? Join the discussion, Wednesday, February 15, about the implications of recent Supreme Court decisions. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m.; the talk at 7:15 p.m.

OUR PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS BACK! It's a fun way to get to know or reconnect with other WPC adults! Appetizers will be at the church beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th, followed by dinner at different host homes and ending around 9 p.m. at another home for dessert. Each person will be asked to contribute \$10 and will be assigned a food item to bring. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to attend (or to offer to host) by no later than Sunday, February 19 or at <https://bit.ly/progdinnerWPC> . If you are interested in childcare at the church or if you have questions, please contact Lisé Meloy, Chris Darr or Danielle Haury.

MIGHT YOU BE READY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST BY JOINING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CONGREGATION? Our Book of Order states: God calls people to faith and to membership in the Church, the body of Christ. Baptism is the visible sign of that call and claim on a human life and of entrance into the membership of the church... A congregation shall welcome all persons who trust in God's grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the fellowship and ministry of his Church. No person shall be denied membership for any reason not related to profession of faith. The Gospel leads members to extend the fellowship of Christ to all persons. Failure to do so constitutes a rejection of Christ himself and causes a scandal to the Gospel.

Persons may enter into active church membership in the following ways:

- a. Public profession of faith, if not already baptized, the person making profession of faith shall be baptized;
- b. Certificate of transfer, when a person is a member of another Christian church at the time of transfer;
- c. Reaffirmation of faith, for persons previously baptized in the name of the triune God and having publicly professed their faith.

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE CHOIR Join the choir performing Florence Price's "Communion Service in F" for the February 26 Concerts for a Cause. Use this URL to register bit.ly/C4AC0226WPC

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
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Eat This Bread

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G C Am D Bm

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The chords G, C, Am, D, and Bm are indicated above the first line of music.

Em Dsus D G D

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The third line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the fourth line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The chords Em, Dsus, D, G, and D are indicated above the third line of music.

Em Bm C Dsus D G

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The fifth line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the sixth line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The chords Em, Bm, C, Dsus, D, and G are indicated above the fifth line of music.

This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

Psalm 15

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?

A Psalm of David.

- 1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
 - 2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;
 - 3 who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
 - 4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
 - 5 who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
- Those who do these things shall never be moved.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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