



**WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 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, February 19

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

Monday, February 20

President's Day: Office Closed

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

7:30 pm- Sanctuary Committee

Tuesday, February 21

Shrove Tuesday

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Deacons

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

3:00 pm- Private Music Lessons

Wednesday (Continued)

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

7:30 pm- Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 23

6:30 pm- Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Friday, February 24

4:00 pm- Painting Class

Saturday, February 25

11:00 am- Private Party

5:00 pm- Progressive Dinner

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

3:00 pm- Concerts for a Cause

4:30 pm- Youth Cookie and PJ Party

6:00 pm- Confirmation Class

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“It is as strange a scene as there is in the Gospels. Even without the voice from the cloud to explain it, they had no doubt what they were witnessing. It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they'd tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they'd seen as hungry, tired, footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were almost blinded. Even with us something like that happens once in a while. The face of a man walking his child in the park, of a woman picking peas in the garden, of sometimes even the unlikeliest person listening to a concert, say, or standing barefoot in the sand watching the waves roll in, or just having a beer at a Saturday baseball game in July. Every once and so often, something so touching, so incandescent, so alive transfigures the human face that it's almost beyond bearing.” ~Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING SCRIPTURE AND CALL TO WORSHIP – 2 PETER 1:16-21

In his farewell to his congregation, Peter tells his people that as long as he's alive he'll keep reminding them of the stories of Jesus.

Let us tell each other the stories of Jesus again today as we worship in joy and hope.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant life: you are the author of each new day, blessing us with gifts of grace and love.

Yet we confess that at times we see only hardship and despair. At times we are overwhelmed with the work that lies ahead. We become discouraged by the violence, hatred and anger around us. We even declare the work of peace and justice to be too much; and impossible task. We justify our giving up and rationalize our own bad behavior because everyone else is doing it. Forgive us, and encourage our spirits to be about your loving and transformative work. Fill our hearts with faith, hope, peace and joy that we might never tire of making the world a better, more loving place.

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

The Light of the World is Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

OT 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

NT 18-19

SERMON

Discipleship, I Have More to Say

Pastor François

ANTHEM

Song of the Transfiguration text: Sylvia Dunstan, arr. D. Haas

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height. Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light. Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright. Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones. We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your body, chosen daughters, chosen sons. Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.

Keep us from our great temptation, time and truth we quickly bind. Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY – INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AT WPC

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

by G. Kendrick

*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 mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE – KATE CALLAHAN

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

BENEDICTION

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

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 Chris Darr 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	Tuesday - Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 pm

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

INTERESTED IN WORKING AT WPC? Wallingford Presbyterian Church is accepting applications for Church Administrator, the person responsible for managing the church office through a variety of administrative duties for pastoral and church staff and church leadership.

Use this link to learn more about the job and to apply. <https://bit.ly/WPCAdminJob>

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.

CALL FOR NEW USHERS Ushers who volunteer to serve on a date that is convenient to them, are needed for Sunday worship services. Ushers arrive at the church by 9:40 am, welcome members and visitors, hand out bulletins, offer any needed assistance to worshippers, etc. After the service, the ushers check pews for trash, books out of order, extinguish all lights in chancel, sanctuary, narthex, etc. Please contact Judy Kenworthy if you are willing to offer this service to our congregation.

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.

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 24 and March 3). Take one or more class – limit 12 participants per session. Cost – \$40 per class, with all supplies provided. Interested? Contact kathyagostinelli22@gmail.com.

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 TODAY 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.

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

LENTEN SEASON AT WPC: You know the story of Jesus' birth, his travels with his family and his quest for understanding from the religious leaders of his youth. Using the Lenten booklet provided in WPC Happenings (on-line) or a printed copy in the Narthex, you are invited to spend a few minutes of your day beginning Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) reading selected poems, Bible passages and thought-provoking questions. Also included are reflections from members of the WPC family, past and present. It is easy to do and will give you a closer look at Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the impact He has had on all of us. Here is how to do it:

Print a copy of the Lenten booklet and jump in! (add link here)

Print each week's entries from WPC Happenings

Pick up a copy of the booklet in the Narthex

See you on the other side, Easter Sunday, April 9!

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.

679 Let the Whole Creation Cry

(Psalm 148)

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high."
 2 Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an-them loud and bold;

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might-y King."
 join with chil - dren's songs of praise; wor-ship God through length of days.

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 From the north to south-ern pole let the might-y cho-rus roll:

sun and moon, up - lift your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice!
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Originally this text was more than twice as long as the present version because it followed Psalm 148 in directing additional parts of the created order to praise God. This wide-ranging text is set here to a suitably expansive and well-crafted 17th-century chorale melody.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

Exodus 24:12-18

12 The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." 13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. 14 To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. 18 Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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