



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 26, 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 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

## **Monday, February 27**

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

## **Tuesday, February 28**

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Trustees

## **Wednesday, March 1**

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

6:30 pm- W@W- Sabbatical 2.0

## **Thursday, March 2**

6:30 pm- Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

## **Friday, March 3**

4:00 pm- Painting Class

6:00 pm- Sprouts

## **Saturday, March 4**

## **Sunday, March 5**

Second Sunday in Lent

Gifts of Women 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

11:30 am- Nominating Committee

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Selection is by Howard Thurman, from "Meditations of the Heart" (20<sup>th</sup> Century writer and preacher who greatly influenced Martin Luther King Jr.)*

Open unto me, light for my darkness

**Open unto me, courage for my fear**

Open unto me, hope for my despair

**Open unto me, peace for my turmoil**

Open unto me, joy for my sorrow

**Open unto me, strength for my weakness**

Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion

**Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins**

Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness

**Open unto me, love for my hates**

Open unto me, Thy Self for myself

**Lord, Lord, open unto me!** OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN 273

He is King of Kings

HE IS KING

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God as we think about Black History Month we must bring to your our own failings

We confess the ways that we have knowingly or unknowingly supported systems and cultures of oppression and racism in this county.

**Forgive us O Lord.**

We confess how we don't always realize or want to acknowledge the privileges we have and ignore the suffering of others.

**Forgive us O Lord.**

Lord we confess that often we remain complacent where we should be passionate, apathetic when we could be compassionate, and silent when we should speak out.

**Forgive us O Lord.**

Help us have eyes to see the pain and hardships that our black brothers and sisters suffer in our world today. Help us to stand with them in every way we can to bring about your justice and peace. Hear our prayer, O God.

**(Silent Confession)**

Bring about your shalom, Lord, where all may live in harmony. May we not simply wait for the day to arrive to us, but work toward that end with all God's people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God. We praise and thank you that you are our Savior and redeemer, and through your death on the cross you purchased our forgiveness with your blood, and reconciled us to God. **Oh God, grant that we may walk in newness of life through your Holy Spirit, and in unity with our black brothers and sisters. 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.***

\*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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 8:4-6, 11-12, 18-22

OT 708

ANTHEM

I Am Determined to Walk with Jesus

arr. Raymond Wise

*I'm determined to walk with Jesus, yes I am. Through hard trials, tribulation, persecuion, I'll be faithful. I'm determined to walk with Jesus, yes I am. Oh, my God, my God, don't take our hope away, don't take it away. For if Jesus goes away, all we like sheep will stray. So Lord grant our prayer today.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:5-10

NT 72

SERMON

“A Knock at Midnight” by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Pastor Taylor

\*HYMN 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead (verses 1 and 2 only)

BALM IN GILEAD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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

Ain't Got Time To Die

arr. Sylvia Oines

\*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, we come now to offer our talents, our hearts, our love — our everything. You continue to make a way when there doesn't seem to be one. You ask that we lay everything on the altar and be made whole. Lord, we do so now. Bless these offerings to your glory and reign. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

\*CLOSING HYMN 379

We Shall Overcome (verses 1, 3, and 5 only)

WE SHALL OVERCOME

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      Monday-Friday      1:00 - 3:00 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. **Last Class- 4-6 p.m., Friday March 3.** Cost – \$40 per class, with all supplies provided. Interested? Contact [kathyagostinelli22@gmail.com](mailto:kathyagostinelli22@gmail.com).

**CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE** Singers from our Chancel Choir, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church choir and other local groups under the direction of Lee Hagon-Kerr will present “An Afternoon of Florence” **3 p.m., TODAY**, in the sanctuary. The event will also featuring solo organ works played by Emily Ballentine-Erb and vocal works sung by Kara Goodrich. The suggested donation is \$15 and proceeds will benefit Project W, an organization committed to enhancing and improving the quality of life for women in Delaware County, through collective giving, by women.

**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 WPC’s Lenten Reflections, you are invited to spend a few minutes of your day 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:

- Use this link (<https://bit.ly/3YTxlVW>) to print a copy and jump in!
- 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!

**YOUTH GROUP COOKIE DECORATING** YGs – come in your PJs to bake and decorate cookies in the WPC kitchen, **4:30 p.m., TODAY**. Dinner is included – bring a friend.

**EASTER PAGEANT** Kids- be part of WPC’s first ever Easter Pageant, to be presented as part of the Easter Sunday service. The practices will be short and held after church Sundays in March and April 2. Use this link (<https://bit.ly/EasterPageantWPC>) to register. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 1.**

**SABBATICAL TRAVELS 2.0** Relive Pastor François’ sabbatical, **Wednesday, March 1**, touching both on the Reformation and journeys in Geneva, Belgium and throughout Scotland. Begins with a potluck at **6:30 p.m.**, followed by the talk at 7:15 p.m.

**SPROUTS SPEND, SAVE, SHARE** Kids- have fun learning how to SSS, **6 p.m., Friday, March 3**, using Sprouts “dollars” to see how to use our resources wisely. Dinner included – open to children grades K-5.

**KIDS CAFÉ** Kids- get your Easter Pageant parts and scripts and start learning the songs. Meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the music room, **11 a.m., Sunday, March 5.**

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER** Catch up and have some laughs together, **7 p.m., Friday, March 10**. Dinner is on the church – restaurant TBD.

**ROSE VALLEY FOLK VARIETY SHOW** It’s back after a three-year COVID hiatus! Sit in the row saved for WPC, **7:30 p.m., Friday, March 10**. Bring a snack to share (chips, pretzels, wine and beer included). The cost is \$5 – meet at the Old Mill.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** Considering joining WPC? Meet with Pastor François and Pastor Taylor, **11 a.m., Sunday, March 12**, to learn more about the PC(USA) and the way our church connects with the denomination, both locally and globally.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Sign up to donate blood, **2-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 15**. Use this link (<https://rcblood.org/3Y1vAhH>) to register. Questions? Contact Tom Erickson

**THE SUPREMES 2022 PART 2** Continue last month's discussion about recent Supreme Court decisions, **Wednesday, March 15**. Begins with a potluck at **6:30 p.m.**, followed by the talk at 7:15 p.m.

**MR. ROGERS DAY** Back by popular demand! Celebrate the birthday of everyone's neighbor, **Sunday, March 19**, by wearing your favorite cardigan and sneakers to worship.

**BOOKLOOK** Discuss *Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII*, **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 22**. "Readers who choose the book for the attraction of Navajo code talking and the heat of battle will come away with more than they ever expected to find."—*Booklist, starred review*. Contact Walt Kaminski to order a copy – the estimated cost is \$12.

**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.



# 273 He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him. *Fine*

1 He built his throne up in the air; and  
 2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and  
 3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;  
 broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is  
 by his love sweet bless - ing gives; *D.S.*

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response “no one works like him” shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

# There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;

*Fine*

there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul, you can

*to Refrain*

then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll not re - fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

# 379 We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;  
2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;  
3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;  
4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;  
5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.  
we'll walk hand in hand some - day.  
we shall live in peace some - day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
God will see us through to - day.

*Refrain*

O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a worksong aboard slave ships.

## **Jeremiah 8:4-6, 11-12, 18-22**

<sup>4</sup> “You shall say to them, ‘This is what the LORD says:

“Do *people* fall and not get up?

Does one turn away and not repent?

<sup>5</sup> Why has this people, Jerusalem,

Turned away in continual apostasy?

They hold on to deceit,

They refuse to return.

<sup>6</sup> I have listened and heard,

They have spoken what is not right;

No one repented of his wickedness,

Saying, ‘What have I done?’

Everyone turned to his own course,

Like a horse charging into the battle.

<sup>11</sup> They have healed the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially,

Saying, ‘Peace, peace,’

But there is no peace.

<sup>12</sup> Were they ashamed because of the abomination they had done?

They were not ashamed at all,

And they did not know how to be ashamed;

Therefore they will fall among those who fall;

At the time of their punishment they will collapse,”

Says the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> My sorrow is beyond healing,

My heart is faint within me!

<sup>19</sup> Behold, listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not within her?”

“Why have they provoked Me with their carved images, with foreign idols?”

<sup>20</sup> “Harvest is past, summer is over,

And we are not saved.”

<sup>21</sup> I am broken over the brokenness of the daughter of my people.

I mourn, dismay has taken hold of me.

<sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has not the health of the daughter of my people been restored?

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **Luke 11:5-10**

And He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine has come to me from a journey and I have nothing to serve him’; and from inside he answers and says, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.’ I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him *anything just* because he is his friend, yet because of his shamelessness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened.