



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY
MARCH 5, 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, 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

Monday, March 6

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, March 7

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

Wednesday (continued)

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

7:00 pm- W.O.W.

Thursday, March 9

9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, March 10

7:00 pm- Young Adult Dinner

7:30 pm- Rose Valley Folk Variety Show

Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12

Third 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

11:00 am-Easter Pageant Practice

11:00 am- New Membership Class

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

My soul glorifies the Lord

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

For the Mighty One has done great things for me—

Holy is His name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,

From generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones

But has lifted up the humble.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being (v. 1 and 3)

RAQUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

You see deep into our hearts and know us better than we know ourselves.

Forgive us we pray:

For the times we turn away from Your word, remind us that You are the Lord our God, our eternal protector and guide.

For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn or spite, grant us Your healing peace.

For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity and mercy, inspire us with Your compassionate love.

Forgive us and change us Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sin from us. As near as hands and feet and breath, so near does God stand with us. As close as the Spirit's tether can draw, so close does God bring us together. Friends, believe the Good News; **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*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

There Comes a Time

Donna Butler

LITANY PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

For Rahab's red cord and for all who risk their lives to give refuge to your people,

We thank you, O God.

For Ruth's loyalty and Esther's courage, and for all who serve you in foreign lands,

We thank you, O God.

For Deborah's leadership and Miriam's dance and for all who break glass ceilings,

We thank you, O God.

For Sarah's faithfulness and Jael's fierceness and for all who take things into their own hands,

We thank you, O God.

For the woman with the Alabaster Jar and for all who flout convention in your name,

We thank you, O God.

For Mary Magdalene's heart and for all who linger at the cross,

We thank you, O God.

For all the grace-filled women who like Mary the Mother of Jesus carry your love into the world

We thank you, O God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. **Amen.**

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:45-56

NT 831

ANTHEM

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Jane Holstein

Put peace into each other's hands and like treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it. Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation. Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing; look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring. Give thanks for strong yet tender hands, held out in trust and blessing. Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing. Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 15:1-3. 19-21

OT 54

HOMILY

CYNDI LACROIX R.N.

PRAYER FOR CAREGIVERS

CELEBRATION OF PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

CYNDI LACROIX R.N.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

There is a Line of Women

John Bell

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.



*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 glory, we now dedicate this offering to the work of Your kingdom here on earth. May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that Your love may be known widely. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast he has prepared.

PRAYER OF 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Now in this moment of silence we lift our intercessions to you. ... Pour our your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-ion-One, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1 and 4 only) BEECHER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

And now let us share the peace of Christ with one another. 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 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.

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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!

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., today**

YOUNG ADULT DINNER Catch up and have some laughs together, **7 p.m., Friday, March 10**. Dinner is on the church – meet at Applebee's (320 MacDade Blvd., Folsom)

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.

PRIME TIME Wonder what Pastor François' sabbatical was like from Cyndi's point of view? Join **noon, Tuesday, March 14** for "Scotland from the Back Seat" – her view of their travels through Geneva, Belgium and Scotland. Bring lunch and a friend – we will provide beverages and dessert.

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 Join **Wednesday, March 15** for a discussion focused on the Independent State Legislature theory – can state legislatures ignore the people's vote when appointing electors? What is the role of the Supreme Court in adjudicating state election disputes? What if the Supreme Court is not trusted? 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.

EASTER CANDY COLLECTION Drop individually-wrapped candy for Easter Egg-stravaganza **beginning today** in the marked tubs in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall to fill our 3,000+ eggs for the Sat., April 1 event. Like to stuff some eggs at home? Contact Walt Kaminski. **Continues through Sunday, March 26**

BSA TROOP 019 PLANT SALE Need flowers/fruit/veggies to plant this spring? Help the scouts earn their way for a week to Resica Falls in the Poconos. Order using this link (<https://bit.ly/3ENA3y6>). Continues through Monday, March 20.



WPC New Members Class

11 a.m., Sunday, March 12

Considering joining WPC?

Meet with Pastor François and Pastor Taylor

to learn more about the PC(USA)

and the way our church connects with the denomination,

both locally and globally.

To register – place the completed form in the offering plate

or drop in the church office.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Womb of Life and Source of Being 3

Capo 1: (G) (Am) (C) (G) (Em)
 A^b B^bm D^b A^b Fm



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it,

(C) (Dsus)(D) (G) (G7) (C)
 D^b E^bsus E^b A^b A^b7 D^b




rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened;
 sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us,
 be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us
 On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er,

(Am) (Dsus)(D) (Am)
 B^bm E^bsus E^b B^bm



you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren,
 know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our
 whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us;
 one - in - three and three - in - one. We would share your

(C) (G) (Am) (G) (D) (Em)
 D^b A^b B^bm A^b E^b Fm



gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
 hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death, ris - en
 aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
 life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er

(Bm) (D) (G) (G7) (C) (D7) (G)
 Cm E^b A^b A^b7 D^b E^b7 A^b



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Old and new metaphors drawn from Psalm 23; John 1:14, 14:26, 20:19–23; Hebrews 5:1–10; and Genesis 1:1–2 combine here to express faith in and praise to the Triune God, identified as Source, Word, and Spirit. The second line of stanza two is adapted from Charles Wesley (see no. 119).

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

Luke 1:45-56

⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

Mary's Song of Praise

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name;

⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Exodus 15:1-3. 19-21

The Song of Moses

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him;
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

¹⁹When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

The Song of Miriam

²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”