



# LENT

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 12, 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 12**

Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor François Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am-Easter Pageant Practice

11:00 am- New Membership Class

## **Monday, March 13**

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

## **Tuesday, March 14**

11:00 am- Prime Time Program

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Worship Council

## **Wednesday, March 15**

9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

## **Wednesday (continued)**

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

2:00pm- Blood Drive

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

6:30 pm- The Supremes 2022 Part 2

## **Thursday, March 16**

9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

## **Friday, March 17**

## **Saturday, March 18**

## **Sunday, March 19**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship/Mr. Rogers Day

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Easter Pageant Practice

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

#### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*“To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.*

*Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.”*

— Thomas Merton

#### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PLEASE SIGN THE FRIENDHIP PAD

#### OPENING SCRIPTURE AND CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 95:1-7A

People of God. Come, let us sing to the Lord!

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

Come, let us worship God!

**We come to worship together with joy in our hearts!**

#### OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

#### 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, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.**

**We long for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last.**

**We worship things that will never bring salvation and wholeness.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of mercy and forgiveness through grace. Still, you offer us the gift of life fulfilled and everlasting. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray and make us whole. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.

Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\*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 own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. 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                      All Things Bright and Beautiful                      arr. Susan E. Geschke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Exodus 17:1-7                      OT 64

GOSPEL READING                      John 4:5-42                      NT 94

Sermon                      Surprised by Grace                      Pastor François

ANTHEM                      With Lifted Hands and Grateful Hearts                      Mary Kay Beall

*We cannot own a summer day, a forest green, a moonlit sky. These lovely things will pass away. We cannot hold them if we try. But we can offer thanks to God for each good gift his love imparts. Yes, we can offer thanks to God with lifted hands and grateful hearts. We cannot own a baby's smile, a lover's touch, a new day's dawn. Each one is ours for just a while, a moment brief and then it's gone. But we can offer thanks to God for each good gift his love imparts. Yes, we can offer thanks to God with lifted hands and grateful hearts. We cannot own the things we love, the fertile fields, the faithful friends. Good gifts are lent from up above, and all these gifts come to an end. But we can own the grace of God, the peace and power his love imparts. And we can offer thanks each day, our loving thanks with lifted hands and grateful hearts.*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AT WPC

Remember the promise of scripture: “God proves God’s love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” God’s love continually calls us into deeper relationship.

If you are ready to respond to God’s call, we invite you to become a follower of Jesus in this community of faith.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Excerpt from “Vespers” op. 37

S. Rachmaninoff

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

**O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #699

Fill my Cup

FILL MY CUP

CHARGE AND BLESSING

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

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*Thank you to Shirley Rudd, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Polly Sacco Ezzell for Ken's birthday.*

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**KIDS CAFÉ** Kids- get your costumes and start learning the songs. Meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the music room, **11 a.m., today**

**BOOKS ABOUT DISABILITIES** The church library now has a collection of books addressing various disabilities. The books for kids (autism spectrum, cerebral palsy, diversity Down Syndrome, dyslexia, visual/hearing impairment) and adults (Alzheimer's disease, autism spectrum and dementia), which may be checked out, provide a kinder, softer approach for talking about difficult situations with siblings and other relatives.

The book cart will be in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour beginning **TODAY**. Suggestions are welcome on additional topics, as are monetary donations for future purchases.

**FUSE PRESENTS** Join in a Zoom conversation, **7 p.m., Monday, March 13**, with Toni Truehart from Entrepreneur Works, which creates pathways of opportunity for talented yet under-served businesspersons. Use the link in Friday's WPC Happenings to register.

**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. **Donors are needed.** 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.*

**EASTER CANDY COLLECTION** Drop **individually-wrapped** candy for Easter Egg-stravaganza in the marked tubs in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall to fill our 3,000+ eggs for the Sat., April 1 event. **Continues through Sunday, March 26**

**STUFF EASTER EGGS** Like to stuff some eggs at home for the Easter Egg-stravaganza, **Saturday, April 1** ? Contact Walt Kaminski.

**BSA TROOP 2019 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.**

**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!

**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.

**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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# **Easter Flowers**

Please turn in to the church office by **Thursday March 30**

	Quantity	Amount
Easter Lilies - 5 blooms 6" pot	\$9.00	_____
Daffodils - yellow 6" pot	\$7.00	_____
Tulips (mixed) - 6 blooms 6" pot	\$7.00	_____
Total	_____	_____

Your Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email : \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Wallingford Presbyterian Church**  
**Memo line : Easter Flowers**

In Memory (names to be listed in the bulletin Easter Sunday April 9)

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\_\_\_\_\_

or to Honor:

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\_\_\_\_\_

You may pick up your flowers April 9 after the 11 o'clock service.  
Questions? call Barb Demos 610-357-8014

# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

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## Fill My Cup

Refrain

C F C

Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my

G C Am Caug

cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it

The refrain of this gospel song by a well-known Presbyterian pastor and musician can be understood as a meditation on Psalm 23:5, while the stanzas reflect an updated and easily accessible interpretation of the prayer often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (see no. 753).

TEXT and MUSIC: Isaiah Jones Jr., 1969  
 Text and Music © 1970 Davike Music Company, assigned 1986 Fricout Music Company

FILL MY CUP  
 8.7.8.7 with refrain

## Exodus 17:1-7

### Water from the Rock

**17** From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."