



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MR. ROGERS SUNDAY  
MARCH 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 , March 19**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship/Mr. Rogers Day

Pastor Taylor Preaching

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Easter Pageant Practice

## **Monday, March 20**

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

## **Tuesday, March 21**

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Deacons

## **Wednesday, March 22**

9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

## **Wednesday (continued)**

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

3:00 pm- Private lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

7:30 pm- BookLook

## **Thursday, March 23**

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 24**

## **Saturday, March 25**

## **Sunday , March 26**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Faith Formation

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Easter Pageant Practice

2:30 pm- Youth Brandywine Zoo Trip

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

#### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*“Are you able to believe in a loving presence who desires the best for you and the whole universe? With all the sadness and destruction, negativity and rage expressed throughout the world, it’s tough not to wonder where the loving presence is. Well, we don’t have to look very far. Deep within each of us is a spark of the divine just waiting to be used to light up a dark place. The only thing is — we have the free choice of using it or not. That’s part of the mysterious truth of who we human beings are”*

— Fred Rogers

#### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*We invite you to sign the black friendship pew pads which are located near the center aisle in each pew. They will help us get to know one another better! Thank you for being here with us!*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, walk in green pastures.

**We follow the Shepherd.**

Come, lie down in green pastures.

**We trust the Shepherd.**

Come, dine at the table of abundance.

**We are fed by the Shepherd.**

Come, dwell in God’s house.

**We live in the Shepherd’s care.**

\*OPENING HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

**God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock.**

His love for us will always outweigh our shortcomings.

**Thanks be to God! 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.***

\*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

It's You I Like

Fred Rogers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

OT 501

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

NT 194

SERMON

For Once You Were In Darkness

Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM

O Lord, The Guardian of my Heart

Carol Browning

*O Lord, the guardian of my heart, who rules the day and night, you guide me through my darkest hours and lead me into light. Teach me the way of your truth, help me to know your wisdom. Keep me in your presence, Lord, show me how to love. Take my weakness, O God. Build my strength in faith. Save me in your mercy, Lord, clothe me with your grace. Wipe away my fear, lift me from my sorrow. Wash away my brokenness, heal my wounded soul.*

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Fred Rogers

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 love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #803

My Sheperard Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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 Pat Tillson, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Nancy Oetinger for Jim's 70th birthday.*

**SCOUT COFFEE/TEAS SALES** Stop by the Scout Troop 277 table **TODAY** and order coffee/tea. The proceeds will help raise funds for a new pinewood derby track, 12-day, 60-mile hike at Philmont Scout Reserve in New Mexico and adventures for the scouts too young for Philmont.

**CORN HOLE NIGHT** Have corn hole boards and bags tucked away in your garage or basement? Bring them to church, **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 29**, for an old-fashioned evening of team tossing and laughing. Contact the office if you have a set you can loan for the night.

**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**

**EASTER EGG STUFFING** Like to stuff Easter eggs? Join **4 p.m., Wednesday, March 29**, and help fill the 3,000+ orbs for the April 1 Easter Egg-stravaganza.

**Can't make it to the church? We'll bring the eggs and candy to you. Contact Walt Kaminski for details.**

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA** WPC families and neighbors – hunt for the 3,000+ eggs hidden around our grounds, **10 a.m., Saturday, April 1**. Start with a short program by Pastor Taylor, then divide into age groups to seek the elusive, candy-filled orbs. Rain or Shine! Open to children ages 0-11.

**PALM CROSSES** Make palm crosses, **Saturday, April 1**, to distribute at the Palm Sunday service. It's fun and easy. No experience necessary – lessons on the spot! Enjoy a continental breakfast at **9 a.m., followed by cross making at 9:45 a.m.**

**YOUTH GROUP ZOO TRIP** Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Visit the Brandywine Zoo in Wilmington, **Sunday, March 26**, filled with specialty animals, attractions and food! Meet in the church parking lot at **noon**. The cost is \$15 (tickets, food and drinks), due to the church office by **Wednesday, March 22**. Use the Church Center app to register and pay online.

**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 **every Sunday**. Suggestions are welcome on additional topics, as are monetary donations for future purchases.

**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*.

**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            Tuesday-Friday    9:00 - 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.

**DOCUMENT SIGN-OUT** In an effort to keep our church documents well organized, beginning Jan. 1 we are asking that you not remove them from the building. Should you have the need to take them home, please sign them out through the Church Center app.

**CELL PHONES** As a courtesy to your fellow pew mates, please silence your cell phone during the service.

**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 - 6-9 blooms 6" pot	\$9.00	_____	_____
Daffodils - yellow 6" pot	\$8.00	_____	_____
Tulips (mixed) - 6 blooms 6" pot	\$8.00	_____	_____
	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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Free Will Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

You may pick up your flowers April 9 after the 11 o'clock service.

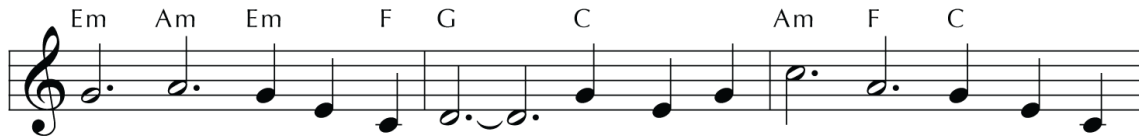
Questions? call Barb Demos 610-357-8014

## Morning Has Broken

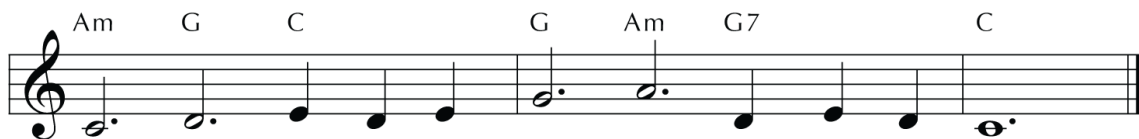
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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

## Psalm 23

### The Divine Shepherd

#### A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

## **Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”