



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 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 , 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

12:00 pm- Youth Brandywine Zoo Trip

Monday, March 27

Co-op Spring Show

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 28

Co-op Spring Show (Copy)

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:30 pm- Trustees

Wednesday, March 29

9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday (continued)

3:00 pm- Private lessons

4:00 pm- Easter Egg Stuffing

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

6:30 pm- Webelos Den Meeting

Thursday, March 30

9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, March 31

Saturday, April 1

10:00 am- Easter Egg-stravaganza

1:00 pm- Bryce Harper batting demonstration

Sunday , April 2

Palm/Passion Sunday

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

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, HYMN, PRAYER, AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living thing.”

— Genesis 2:7

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!

OPENING SCRIPTURE AND CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 130

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Today, here and now, we wait for the Lord, trusting in God’s promises.

Sisters and brothers hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with our God is great power to heal and redeem.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #288

Spirit of the Living God (Repeated 3x)

LIVING GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand?

We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.

We seek peace through war and find security in weapons.

We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.

(Silent Confession)

And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you!

Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

If Jesus Christ dwells in us the Spirit of God will be our life and the grace of God will be our righteousness.

And if the Holy Spirit dwells in us, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to our mortal bodies.

Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: 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.

WORD

PROCLAMATION, SCRIPTURE, SERMON, AND ANTHEM

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:6-11 NT 157

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1-14 OT 806

SERMON Breathe, Lord, Just Breathe Pastor François

ANTHEM Come The Fount of Every Blessing

MINISTRY AND SERVICE

OFFERING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY Invitation to Discipleship at WPC

Just as God Commanded Ezekiel to Prophecy to dry bones, so we are called to participate in the Spirit's redemptive, restorative work.

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

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

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SENDING

ACTS OF COMMITMENT, CHARGE, PEACE, AND SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL CMD

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 David Haury, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Sally Clyde in memory of Bill Clyde.

EASTER CANDY COLLECTION Drop **individually-wrapped** candy for Easter Egg-stravaganza **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

CORN HOLE NIGHT Have corn hole boards and bags tucked away in your garage or basement? Bring them to church, **7:30 pm, 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 EGG STUFFING Like to stuff Easter eggs? Join **4 pm, 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.

HIDE EASTER EGGS Youth, young adults (and parents, too!) – hide eggs for the Easter Egg-stravaganza, **9 am, Saturday, April 1**, then help the children find them. You'll get your own set of cute bunny ears and enjoy yummy donuts reserved just for the helpers.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA WPC families and neighbors – hunt for the 3,000+ eggs hidden around our grounds, **10 am, 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 am, followed by cross making at 9:45 am**.

YOUTH GROUP ZOO TRIP Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Visit the Brandywine Zoo in Wilmington, **TODAY**, filled with specialty animals, attractions and food! Meet in the church parking lot at **noon**.

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.

HOLY WEEK

Join for the following events as we walk the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter.

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!**

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (10 am, Sunday, April 2) – recall the story of Jesus' last week from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Passion of Good Friday through Bible readings, anthems and hymns.

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE (7:30 pm, Thursday, April 6) – worship in the shadows of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Communion will be served.

GOOD FRIDAY (9 am-9 pm, Friday, April 7) – You are invited to come in out of the noise and spend some time in the silence of the day. The sanctuary will be open for prayer and contemplation. The labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall to center the spirit by walking the single, circuitous path.

EASTER SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE (8 am, Sunday, April 9) – Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a service in the courtyard and your favorite Easter hymns accompanied by guitar.

EASTER SUNDAY INDOOR SERVICE (10 am, Sunday, April 9) – Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with our first Easter Pageant. The service will also feature brass, the Wallingford Winds and the Bell and Chancel Choirs. Children birth-11 are invited to an Easter egg hunt after the service.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL Please note – all our Sunday School rooms (including the toddler room) will be closed from 10-10:15 am, Easter Sunday, so everyone can enjoy the Easter pageant. When the pageant is over, Sunday school will be available for children ages 18 months-fifth grade.

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.

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)

or to Honor:

Free Will Gift: _____

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

Questions? call Barb Demos 610-357-8014

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
 3 O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
 your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de-liver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,

Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.
 re-fresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.
 as on our hearts you write a new the covenant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Romans 8:6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."