



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 23, 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, April 23**

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:30 am- Disabilities initiative

### **Monday, April 24**

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 25**

1:00 pm- Presbytery Meeting

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:30 pm- Trustees

### **Wednesday, April 26**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Co-op Gym Time

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

### **Wednesday, April 26 (cont.)**

3:00 pm- Private lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

6:30 pm- Connections/Game Night

### **Thursday, April 27**

9:30 am- Co-op Gym Time

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

### **Friday, April 28**

### **Saturday, April 29**

### **Sunday, April 30**

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

6:00 pm- Youth S'mores and Campfire

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

“For those who feel their lives are a grave disappointment to God, it requires enormous trust and reckless, raging confidence to accept that the love of Jesus Christ knows no shadow of alteration or change. When Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened," He assumed we would grow weary, discouraged, and disheartened along the way. These words are a touching testimony to the genuine humanness of Jesus. He had no romantic notion of the cost of discipleship. He knew that following Him was as unsentimental as duty, as demanding as love.”  
— Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME, HYMN, PRAYER, AND CONFESSION

#### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**Alleluia!**

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**Alleluia!**

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**Alleluia!**

OPENING      (From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light, by Ann Weems)

\*HYMN #246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

God judges all people impartially according to their heart. Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*(Silent Confession)*

#### UNISON PRAYER

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: Power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children and to all who are near and far. We rejoice that in the name of 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.***

## WORD

### 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.**

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

arr. D. Wood

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, you opened the meaning of the scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

NT 119

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

NT 90

### SERMON

### ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread

arr. John N. Beck

*Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION- A Word of Thanks

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

God bought us at the priceless cost of Christ's life.

We belong to God. All of our lives: past, present, and future.

So let us offer up our lives completely and without conditions.

God's truth is our North Star, God's love shapes our actions, God's faith dismisses cynicism.

Christ's resurrection is our reality.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Bountiful are God's gifts to us. In Gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

OFFERTORY

excerpt from Prelude Op. 28, No, 15

F. Chopin

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

### SENDING

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

\*CLOSING HYMN #233

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

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

**And also with you**

*(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 Lisa Tolomeo Higgins, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lloyd Smith, in loving memory of JPH, and my loving mother, Bernice Smith*

**ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS** WPC's Disabilities Initiative invites you **11:30 a.m., Sunday, April 23**, for a training session on "Effective Communication Strategies" for families and caregivers working with those experiencing Alzheimer's Disease. The program is presented by the Delaware Valley chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

**PRESBYTERY MEETING** WPC is hosting the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, **Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 1 p.m.** with small group discussions, worship and a box lunch-style dinner. Many volunteers are needed for registration, greeting, ushers, serving communion and serving dinner. Like to help? Email/text/call Judy Kenworthy (kenworthy@comcast.net or 610-420-2577).

**CORN HOLE 2.0** Missed the first Corn Hole Night (or had a great time with friends?). Start with dinner, Wednesday, April 26, then settle in for an old-fashioned evening of team tossing and laughing. **Potluck at 6:30 p.m., corn hole at 7:15 p.m.**

**LA BOHÉME** Soprano section leader Kara Goodrich will star as Mimi, the seamstress, in the Opera Philadelphia presentation of La bohème. The story and music are presented in reverse order, ending with the promise of new love and the joys of friendship, wine and song. The performances, at the Academy of Music, will be **8 p.m., Fridays, April 28 and May 5; 2 p.m., Sundays, April 30 and May 5**. Visit <https://www.operaphila.org/> for more information.

**POP-UP CLOTHING DRIVE** Bring light-weight, clean clothing (including spring jackets) for men and women (no children's), **Sunday, April 30**, to donate to Savage Sisters in Kensington. The organization will provide the items to those in need. Please fold clothing in bags (rather than hanging) and place in the Reception Room. Sponsored by the Mission and Service Committee/Educational Council.

**YOUTH CAMPFIRE AND S'MORES** Gather round the firepit, **6 p.m., Sunday, April 30**, for songs and s'mores.

**PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE** Choose from annuals, perennials and shrubs, including many native plants, perennials grown by club members, plants from local nurseries and containers. Proceeds support community organizations. Payment by cash, check or Venmo. **Sale held 6-8 p.m., Friday, May 5 (with food trucks, including the Cupcake Lady) and 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 6. In WPC parking lot.**

**CALLING ALL GRADS** If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email Nathan or call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, be sure to include their plans for the fall. **Deadline is Monday, May 8.**

**MEDIA CHAMBER CHORALE** The singers will present “Epic Spring,” songs of faith, fear and fortune. Performances are **7:30 p.m., Friday, May 12 (Park Avenue Community Center) and 4 p.m., Sunday, May 14 (WPC)**. Use the link in WPC Happenings for ticket information.

**KARAOKE NIGHT** Grab a mic, **Wednesday, May 17**, and perform your favorites. **Potluck at 6:30 p.m., karaoke at 7 p.m.**

**CONCERT FOR A CAUSE** Our last "Concert for a Cause" for the '22-'23 season will feature our very own Pastor Taylor and her husband Doug performing guitar and singing acoustic folk favorites. Join in the fun and see the "Pastors Unplugged" on **Sunday, May 21st at 3 p.m.**

**BOOKLOOK** Join the discussion, **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 24**, of *The Keeper of Lost Things* – “a charming, clever and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives and the surprising connections that bind us.” (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order; the estimated cost is \$12.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Games, food, books, plants, attic treasures – everyone’s favorite community-wide event will be **5-8 p.m., Monday, June 5**. Start saving items to donate and watch for details about volunteering.

**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.

## **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	9:00 - 3:00 pm

Feel free to call the church office (610-566-1644) or email staff members at other times.

**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.

**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/3Wzyj1I>) or the chart in Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation is \$50.

**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.



# Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

# 233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

## **Acts 2:14a**

### **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.\

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

### **The First Converts**

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## Luke 24:13-35

### The Walk to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.