



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 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. If you would like to wear one, we have KN-95 masks available for your use when you come to worship.

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.

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.

Chancel Flowers are sponsored under a suggested donation of \$50. To order, use the Church Center App, the chart in the Fellowship Hall, or visit <https://bit.ly/3Wzyj1l>

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

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

Monday, May 1

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Confirmation Class @Session

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, May 2

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice

Wednesday, May 3

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

Wednesday, May 3 (cont.)

3:00 pm- Private lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

Thursday, May 4

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, May 5

6:00 pm- Providence Garden Club Plant Sale

6:00 pm- Sprouts

Saturday, May 6

8:00 am- Providence Garden Club Plant Sale

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Kids Cafe

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,
In His arm He will gather the lambs
And carry them in the fold of His robe;
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.
-Isaiah 40:11

GATHERING

WELCOME, HYMN, PRAYER, AND CONFESSION

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

The gate stands open, ready for us to travel onward.
Do we fear the gateway, or move through it together?
Listen for the voice of the true Shepherd.
His voice we will hear, and we will come to him!
Hallelujah! He calls our name!
Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN #243

Be Not Afraid

TAIZÉ

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

(Silent Confession)

UNISON PRAYER

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us rejoice with one another.

*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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. O. Holden

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

OT 501

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

NT 103

SERMON

ANTHEM

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Angerman and Graham

What a friend we have in Jesus! All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you. You will find a solace there. What a friend in Jesus.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Church, our God has prepared a table before us and our cup overflows. So let us give generously from our common wealth, as our way of praising God and giving to those in need.

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

Arr. Mark Hayes



If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the left 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

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SENDING

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

*CLOSING HYMN #802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

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 Frank Noyes, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Earl Varney, in memory of Mina Varney

Be Not Afraid

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Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the upper staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The accompaniment in the lower staff features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines.

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The second system of music is identical in notation to the first system, providing a second instance of the musical score for the same lyrics.

Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as “Nebojte se.” The English version uses the language of the angel’s greeting to Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary,” who went to Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5–6).

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Psalm 23

The Divine Shephard

A Psalm of David

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ 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.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ 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.

John 10:1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE WPC has finished the first quarter of 2023 relatively strongly, with both income and expenses below budget. It appears that “plate income,” funds provided by church attendees who have not pledged, is higher than it was during Covid, which is indicative of more church attendance and great news. The budget enables our church to continue its active programs, including the recently completed Easter pageant and egg hunt, upcoming Strawberry Festival, Disabilities Initiative, Wednesdays at Wallingford programs and other fellowship activities. The Stewardship Council asks that members keep up with their pledged contributions and others support the church as they can.

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 **8pm Friday, May 5; and 2pm Sunday, May 7**. Visit <https://www.operaphila.org/> for more information.

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

FUSE FUSE is holding its first in-person "Courageous Conversations" since the start of COVID. Reconnecting Post Pandemic will begin **6:30pm Monday, May 1**, at Entrepreneur Works, 419 Avenue of the States, Chester. Dinner is included. For more information, visit <https://fusedelco.com/>.

SPROUTS YEAR END BBQ Kids – enjoy a cookout, obstacle course, games and crafts, **6pm Friday, May 5**. Parents – please bring a side to share. Open to children grades K- 5.

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 **6-8pm Friday, May 5** (with food trucks, including the Cupcake Lady) and **8am-1pm 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**.

PRIME TIME Hear George Washington (portrayed by Doug Thomas), **Tuesday, May 9**, speak about the American Revolution and the search for unity among a disparate people. Bring lunch and a friend – we will provide beverages and dessert. Lunch starts at noon, the talk, 12:30pm.

W.O.W. SPRING DINNER Enjoy our pot-luck salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6pm Wednesday, May 10**. Bring a dish to share and a chair. All women of the church are invited to this enjoyable event.

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

TEACHER APPRECIATION COFFEE Teacher Appreciation Sunday will include a special coffee hour, **11am Sunday, May 21**, just for parents to chat with our Sunday School teachers and members of the Education Council. Join in the Reception Room.

Children – meet with Pastor Taylor in the choir room for songs and snacks.

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 3pm**. The suggested donation is \$15, with all proceeds benefiting Musicopia, a non-profit organization that provides equitable access to music education and enrichment, encouraging self-confidence, global awareness, dedication and joy in Pre-K to 12th grade students and their communities.

BOOKLOOK Join the discussion, **7:30pm 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 **5-8pm Monday, June 5**. Start saving books, attic treasures and plants and volunteer using the Church Center app or signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.