

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 21ST, 2024
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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, and hope that you'll feel right at home.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.



Face Masks are optional for all activities and are available upon request.



Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew.

Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.



An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.



Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

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

STAFF & HOURS

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4.430pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

CO-TREASURERS: Ed Mattote and Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

*Those who are able, please stand.

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

About the worship service today — from The Iona Community, Iona Scotland

In this service we draw in part on that part of the Iona Community's Rule which is a commitment to justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

We celebrate that God wills for the world peace with justice, known in the Middle East as 'Shalom' or 'Saalam'. This is not an abstraction or something only possible in another world or eternity, but a real hope for this place and time. This justice is proclaimed by the Law and the Prophets, and is embodied in Jesus. It flows from the simple fact that God loves the world. When what God loves is threatened, those who love God cannot remain neutral.

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

NRSV NT 35

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nets and fishes, work and profits, occupy our days.

You call us: "Follow me."

Safety and comfort, a life well-established, you ask us to leave.

You call us: "Follow me."

So we leave all we know, we trust your promise, we are here to live the good news:

"The time is fulfilled, God's reign is near." Good news indeed! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (18 months –11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Romanza" from op. 44, no.1

A. Rubinstein, arr. L. Smith

OPENING RESPONSES

Just and merciful God, you speak through the prophets; challenging us to seek peace rooted in justice.

Help us to hear your urgent call.

Loving God, in Jesus you change our lives for good, challenging us to work for reconciliation.

Help us to see your way of truth and love.

With-us God, your Holy Spirit moves us to action, challenging us to live the Good News.

Help us to respond wholeheartedly, here and now – to say Yes! Amen.

PRAYER

Just and merciful God, we glimpse your presence in the world you have created, its power and its beauty, music and poetry, its diversity, fertility, the possibility of food for everyone, the dream of fulness of life for all your children: Yes, God, you are with us in this world.

Yet we see that power misused, beauty marred, discord and lies dividing humankind, failure to share, causing many to go hungry or die. Where are you God?

We hear the Good News that Jesus brought, the affirmation of the value of every human life, the Gospel that commands us to seek peace with justice; We understand that costly reconciliation is at its heart: Yes, God, you are with us in this world.

Yet we see that good news denied by apathy, mocked by prejudice, hatred and refusal to forgive, and we feel helpless in the face of suffering. Where are you God?

You are present where women and men of good will still choose to live in your way, caring for creation and for each other, courageously speaking truth to power.

You are there when elderly people share their wisdom. You are there when street children dance in the rain. You are present whenever, in this broken world, hope is alive.

Thank you, God, for being present with us now. 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5,10

NRSV OT 861

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God in whom is power and compassion

We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space, shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.

God's power topples tyrants, and brings down walls of separation;

God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father, encouraging and caring for each of us.

We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land;

A human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief.

He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with courage and clarity, forgave his enemies and changed lives.

In his living, dying and rising again he showed love strong enough to save the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts and empowers us, opens the scriptures, opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. D. Wood



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*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

Bless in every way, O Lord the gifts here given. Enrich our ministries and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things we do not, finally, own. Amen.

ANTHEM

Down to the Water to Pray

traditional arr. Larry Harris

When I go down to the water to pray, studying about that good old way, and who will wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh, sister, let's go down, let's go down, come on down, oh sister let's go down, down to the water to pray. (Refrain). Oh, children let's go down, let's go down, come on down, Oh children let's go down, down to the water to pray. (Refrain). Oh, fathers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, mothers, let's go down, down to the water to pray. (Refrain). Oh, sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, sinners, let's go down, down to the water to pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #751

From the Nets of Our Labor

HAMILTON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Go, in the power of the Spirit

Go, and do not try to separate politics and prayer.

Go, not to escape, but to engage with God's world.

Go, to live hopefully, as people of resurrection.

May the God of peace inspire us, may the God of justice empower us, may the God of hope encourage us to live the Good News.

PEACE

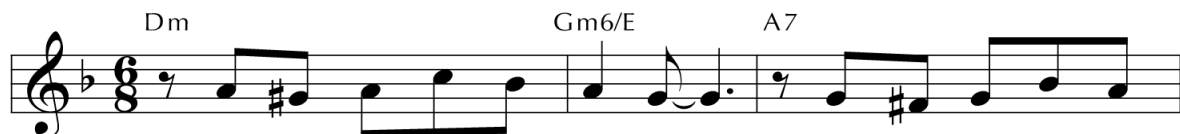
Thank you to Pat Tillson, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

751 From the Nets of Our Labor

We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; English trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood, and Raquel Gutiérrez-Achón, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

8.10.10 with refrain

boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me. By your
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to g

side I will seek oth - er seas.
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla,
 no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
 tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
 en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
 tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
 mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
 amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos,
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
 amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

Jonah 3:1-5,10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

FELLOWSHIP HALL WINDOWS Five of the current windows in Fellowship Hall are still available. If you would like one, contact Walt Kaminski by **8 a.m., TOMORROW (Monday, January 22)**. The replacement project begins later that morning.

STAFF PLANNING DAY The church office will be closed **Monday, January 22**, for a staff planning day, as Pastor François, Pastor Taylor, Lee, Nathan and Leslie spend the day looking ahead to the spring.

STOP GUN VIOLENCE Learn about a model program developed by the Delaware County District Attorney's Office and the City of Chester to reduce gun violence and its impact on our communities, **Wednesday, January 24**. The speakers will be Tanner Rouse (Delaware County First Deputy District Attorney) and Cyrise L. Dixon (CASA Community Violence Intervention Coordinator). **Potluck begins at 6:45 p.m., the program, 7:30 p.m.**

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10 a.m., Sunday, January 28**, for breakfast, a discussion about the week's video and games. Open to students grades 6-12.

ANNUAL MEETING Receive reports, review financial and benevolence statements, receive the 2024 budget and elect members of the Nominating Committee, **10 a.m., Sunday, January 28**. Held at the close of the worship service.

YOUTH GROUP Paint the mural in the youth room and do an on-site mission project, **4:30 p.m., Sunday, January 28**. Open to students grades 6-12.

CHILI COOK-OFF Bring your best pot of chili, then taste test and vote for your faves with \$, **5p.m., Saturday, February 3**. All money raised will be donated to the Red Wagon. Not a chili eater? Enjoy chicken nuggets, mac and cheese and salad. If you are not entering your chili, please bring an appetizer (last names A-H), salad (J-Q) or dessert (R-Z). There will be a bounce house for the kids. Appetizers begin at 5 p.m.; dinner, 5:45 p.m. Questions? Call Walt Kaminski (610-334-2025).

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS LUNCH Teachers – join Pastor Taylor, **11 a.m., Sunday, February 4**, for a light lunch and time to connect with your questions, needs, comments and ideas for the coming months. Meet in the Reception Room.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Miss Lee in the choir room, **11 a.m., Sunday, February 4**, for refreshments and to practice “Shine, Jesus, Shine” for Sunday, February 11. Open to kids age 4-11.

CHAPEL CHOIR Kids – meet Miss Lee in the choir room, **9 a.m., Sunday, February 11**, to rehearse “Shine, Jesus, Shine,” then perform during the 10 a.m. service. All children welcome!

PARENTS' ROOM The Parents' Room in the Narthex is outfitted with a couch and rocking chair; children's toys and books and a changing table stocked with diapers, wipes, hand sanitizer and water bottles. It also offers access to the sound system so moms and dads can listen to the service as they attend to their child's needs. Make yourself at home!

REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS Show the world how proud we are of our music ministry with reusable shopping bags emblazoned with "Make a joyful noise" and Wallingford Presbyterian info. They demonstrate to everyone involved in the program how much we appreciate them with a little extra funds for all those "nice to haves" and "if I could's." Available at Coffee Hour. Cost – one for \$10 or three for \$20.

CHANCEL FLOWERS 2024 The sign-up board for sponsoring Chancel Flowers in 2024 is live and posted in the Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and the dedication you would like printed in the bulletin. Suggested donation price is \$50. Payments will be collected at the beginning of each month. The church office will reach out with a reminder when your month is coming up.

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.

RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank.

Media Food Bank is requesting:

- Canned meats (corned beef, Spam, chicken, ham)
- Canned fish (salmon, sardines)
- Dry beans (red kidney, pinto)
- Bagged rice – no packets (white, brown, jasmine)
- Milk (evaporated, condensed, dry powdered, shelf stable (cow, almond, oat)
- Hot cereals – not instant (grits, Cream of Wheat)
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo)
- Cooking oil (vegetable, canola, olive)
- Vinegar (white, apple cider)
- Baking items (flour, sugar, honey)
- Snacks (nuts, dried fruit, crackers, snack bars)
- Personal hygiene (deodorant, shampoo, hand soap, bar soap, toothpaste)
- Feminine hygiene (thin and regular pads, liners, tampons)
- Egg cartons

WEATHER ALERT In the event of a potential storm which could affect worship or other church activities, please check our Facebook page or website for updates.

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, January 21	Wednesday, January 24 (cont.)
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	03:00 pm- Flute Lessons
10:00 am- Worship	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	06:45 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice
11:00 am- Monthly Conversations	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
Monday, January 22	Thursday, January 25
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	07:30 pm- Chancel Choir
10:00 pm- Staff Planning Day - Office Closed	07:30 pm- BSA 2019/277
6:00 pm- WCNS Speaker Series	Friday, January 26
Tuesday, January 23	Saturday, January 27
09:00 am- WPC Connections	02:00 pm- WCNS WineDown
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, January 28
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
07:30 pm- Trustees	10:00 am- Breakfast Club
Wednesday, January 24	10:00 am- Worship
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10:00 am- Annual Meeting
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	11:00 am- Coffee Hour

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