



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 28TH, 2024
4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ANNUAL MEETING

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

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS! Today we celebrate the Amazing Grace of God through the work, mission and life of this congregation. Following our abbreviated worship service is the annual meeting of our congregation. It is our hope that as we meet we will come to a better understand that, "Whatever we do, in word and deed, we do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him."

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 43:18-19	NRSV OT 672
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*OPENING HYMN #39	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS
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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	I Need Thee Every Hour	R. Lowry, arr. M. Hayes
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 5:1-16	NRSV NT 4
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SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY	There is a Balm in Gilead	arr. William L. Dawson
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Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sinsick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all." (Refrain).



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 DEDICATION

For Earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals and plants, water air, and fire,
for Jesus who died and rose again, for the breath of life, we give thanks, O God.

**Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have
first given us, especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*TRANSITIONAL HYMN #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

CERTIFYING THE QUORUM

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

MISSION AND MINISTRY IN REVIEW

PASTOR'S REMARKS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REMARKS

REVIEW REPORTS FROM COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

CALL FOR THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATION – BRUCE CLARK, PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 FINANCIAL REVIEW

REVIEW OF THE 2024 BUDGET APPROVED BY THE SESSION

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PASTORAL TERMS OF CALL FOR 2024

ADJOURNMENT

SENDING

CHARGE

*CLOSING RESPONSE 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (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.

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with the worship service this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by David and Shirley Rudd,
in honor of David's 80th birthday on 1/24 and Shirley's 79th on 2/1.*



Scan this code to access the 2023 Annual Report.



CHURCH CENTER APP DIRECTORY Are you using the WPC online directory from your phone? It's a great way to connect with others, especially our newer members and friends. Not yet part of the directory? Download the Church Center app (available from the Apple App Store or Google Play). It is easiest to connect to the church on the app using location settings when you are at (or near) the building. See today's handout about ways to use the app/update your info and pics. If you are unable to access the directory, contact Nathan in the church office.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
B \flat F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E \flat B \flat Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
B \flat F E \flat Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
B \flat E \flat B \flat Cm F7 B \flat



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

Isaiah 43:18-19

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Matthew 5:1-16

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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.

SPROUTS VALENTINE NIGHT Kids – make a Valentine’s Day craft to take home and cards for our homebound members and friends, **6 p.m., Friday, February 2**. Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5.

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).

MOON BOUNCE The moon bounce from the Chili Cook-off will be available for the kids to enjoy **Sunday, February 4**, during coffee hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS LUNCH Teachers – join Pastor Taylor, **11.30 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.

QUIZZO NIGHT Study up on your trivia, then impress your friends, **Wednesday, February 7**. Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m., the program, 7:15 p.m.

EASTER PAGEANT REGISTRATION Kids – be part of WPC’s Easter Pageant, presented as part of the Sunday, March 31 Easter service. Practices after church – Sundays in March (beginning March 3). **Registration opens Friday, February 9** – watch for the link.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Bring a few cans of soup for the Red Wagon, **10 a.m., Sunday, February 11**, then settle in for the game. Donations will be collected in the Narthex.

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 28	Wednesday, January 31 (cont.)
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	03:00 pm- Flute Lessons
10:00 am- Breakfast Club	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
10:00 am- Worship	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
10:00 am- Annual Meeting	Thursday, February 01
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	07.30 pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, January 29	07:30 pm- BSA 2019/277
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	Friday, February 02
Tuesday, January 30	06:00 pm- Sprouts
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, February 03
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	Sunday, February 04
Wednesday, January 31	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10:00 am- Worship
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	11.00 am- Coffee Hour
	11:30 am- Sunday School Teacher Check-In

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