



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024
5TH 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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"The Bible is the greatest of all books; to study it is the noblest of all pursuits; to understand it, the highest of all goals." — Charles C. Ryrie

"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education." - Theodore Roosevelt

"The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian."— A.W. Tozer

"In fact, the Devil is delighted when we spend our time and energy defending the Bible, as long as we do not get around to actually reading the Bible." - R. C. Sproul, Jr.

GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.**

I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.

**You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.
Let us come before God with praise!**

*OPENING HYMN #458

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

THY WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we know we need your light, as we so often tend toward the darkness. We confess that we'd rather hide in the shadows of our own selfishness and pride than step into the light of your unknown. Forgive us, and cleanse us. Shine your light on all of our weakness, so that you can be our strength. Amen.

WORDS OF COMFORT

*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.***

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:10-17

NRSV NT 213

ANTHEM

O Word of God Incarnate

W. How & F. Mendelssohn

O word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high, O truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age. The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine; and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you. O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest god to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace, till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 119:97-106

NRSV OT 568

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fugue in C

G. F. Handel



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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

Holy Lord, take these offerings and may they serve to spread your love, joy, light, and hope in our church, community, and world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism is graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

Invitation to the Table

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN # 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Spring Calendar
Dates are filling up fast!
Mark these on your calendar:

Easter Pageant Registration

opens Friday, Feb 9

W.O.W. Retreat

Saturday, Feb 10

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, Feb 11

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb 14

Concerts for a Cause

Sunday, Feb 25

Easter Pageant Practice

begins Sunday, March 3

Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 13

Easter Egg-stravaganza

Saturday, March 23

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28

Good Friday

Friday, March 29

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, April 13

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 28

Concerts for a Cause

Sunday, May 5

Pentecost/Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, May 19

Summer Sunday School

begins Sunday, June 2

Strawberry Festival

Monday, June 3

Music Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, June 9

VBC

Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12

Sprouts

first Friday of the month through May

Prime Time

second Tuesday of the month through May

WOW

second Wednesday of the month through May

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me.

Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

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I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

2 Timothy 3:10-17

¹⁰Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,
¹¹persecutions, *and* sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, *and* at Lystra;
 what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! ¹²Indeed, all who
 want to live in a godly way in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³But evil people and impostors
 will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴You, however, continue in
 the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned
them, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give
 you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is
 inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in
 righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man *or woman* of God may be fully capable, equipped for every
 good work.

Psalms 119:97-106

⁹⁷How I love Your Law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸Your commandments make me wiser
 than my enemies, for they are ever mine. ⁹⁹I have more insight than all my teachers, for Your
 testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰I understand more than those who are old, because I have
 complied with Your precepts. ¹⁰¹I have restrained my feet from every evil way, so that I may
 keep Your word. ¹⁰²I have not turned aside from Your judgments, for You Yourself have taught
 me. ¹⁰³How sweet are Your words to my taste! *Yes, sweeter* than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴From
 Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. ¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to
 my feet and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶I have sworn and I will confirm it, that I will keep Your
 righteous judgments.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS LUNCH Teachers – join Pastor Taylor, **11:30 a.m., today**, 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!

PRIME TIME Detectives from Delaware County CID will talk about current trends in fraud and ways to avoid being victimized, **noon, Tuesday, February 13**.

- Grandparent, romance scams

- Phishing, lottery, social media scams

- Home improvement fraud; home title theft

- E-Mail, cell phone, text scams

Lunch begins at noon; the program, 12:30 p.m.

W.O.W. Join for refreshments, **7 p.m., Wednesday February 14**, then attend the Ash Wednesday service together.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Begin Lent with a Taizé-themed service with the imposition of ashes, **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 14**.

MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS Join Pastor Taylor for “Preparing Our Hearts: Lent in Art,” **11:30 a.m., Sunday, February 18**, to explore themes such as temptation & repentance through the eyes of great artists. Gain a new perspective by contemplating varied biblical works of art to add fresh insight to the adventure and wilderness we experience in the 40 days leading up to Holy Week. Meet in the Reception Room.

BARBIE MOVIE The color of the night is PINK! Watch the movie on the big screen in the Reception Room, **Wednesday, February 21**. Please bring refreshments to share. **Refreshments, 6:30 p.m.; movie, 7 p.m.**

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE A romantic cabaret atmosphere and all your favorite love songs, from classic Tony Bennett to beloved Broadway songs to contemporary R&B, **3 p.m., Sunday, February 25**. Enjoy listening, dancing and light refreshments, with performers including baritone crooner Billy Baskinger, tenor duo Tyler & Nathan Gibson and R&B diva Sione Brown-Alexander. Suggested donation – \$15, benefitting PFLAG Media, an organization dedicated to supporting, educating and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

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.

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

- Cereal (kid and whole grain adult favorites)
- Broth (beef, bone)
- Soups
 - Condensed (any kind)
 - Chunky: Beef (any combo with potatoes and veggies), Chicken (any with noodles)
 - Sausage (any type), Chowder (New England, corn)
 - Italian Wedding, Minestrone, Lentil
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Canned vegetables, stewed tomatoes, tomato paste
- Salad dressing (any variety)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce)
- Household cleaning products (multi-purpose spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges/wipes)
- Paper goods (tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)
- Skin care products (body lotion, hand cream, Chapstick/lip gloss)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, overnight)
- Bladder control products (medium, heavy, long pads)

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, February 04	Wednesday, February 07 (cont.)
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
10:00 am- Worship	06:30 pm- W@W Quizzo Night
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
11:30 am- Sunday School Teacher Check-In	Thursday, February 08
Monday, February 05	06:30 pm- Bell Choir
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	07.30 pm- Chancel Choir
07:00 pm- WPC Connections	07:30 pm- BSA 2019/277
Tuesday, February 06	Friday, February 09
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, February 10
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	08:00 am- Women's Retreat
07:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	Sunday, February 11
Wednesday, February 07	09.00 am- Chapel Choir
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	10:00 am- Worship
03:00 pm- Flute Lessons	11.00 am- Coffee Hour

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