

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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.

<u>Visitors</u> are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in. <u>WPC Directory</u> 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. <u>WPC Happenings</u> 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.



<u>Activity Packets</u> 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. Words and music printed for the hymns, Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A71731 *A community where all who seek God are Welcome...*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world. -Desmond Tutu

GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:1b-9

The Message

CALL TO WORSHIP Friends in Christ, the glory of God shines like a consuming fire. We see the glory of God in the face of the risen Christ. Still, out of the darkness of our life, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to Him, follow Him, Love one another.

*Opening Hymns #406	We Are Standing on Holy Ground	Holy Ground
Hymn #48	Rain Down	RAIN DOWN
Hymn #398	How Very Good and Pleasant	HOW VERY GOOD

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.

 MUSIC FOR MEDITATION
 Shine, Jesus, Shine
 CHAPEL CHOIR

 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
 *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,
 Glory 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

Sermon

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

God calls to us tenderly, inviting us to follow into a new covenant of generous love.

Are you ready and willing to follow?

We invite you and welcome you to join us on the journey of faith discovery.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY In the Presence of Jehovah with Near to the Heart of God arr. C. Berry



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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 AND THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Sending

*CHARGE

*ANTHEM Let Everything That Hath Breath Jeffrey Ames Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Declare His glory among the nations. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together. Hallelujah, bless his name for He's worthy to be praised. Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph! For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Come on and praise the Lord! Praise Him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance. Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands. Sing "Hallelujah", praise His holy name, for the Lord is worthy to be praised! Let's praise the Lord! Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. You oughta praise Him! *BENEDICTION

Now go tell the good news: the Lord of life and light is with us. Children of God! The very face of God shines upon you with beauty and blessing. God in peace. **Alleluia!**

Thank you to Bob Kenworthy, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

Mark 9:1b-9 (from The Message)

(Jesus, speaking to the crowd said) Some of you who are standing here are going to see it happen, see the kingdom of God arrive in full force." In a Light-Radiant Cloud ²Six days later, three of them did see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes.

³His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. ⁴Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

⁵Peter interrupted, "Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials - one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah." ⁶He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

⁷Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him." ⁸The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

⁹Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. "Don't tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you're free to talk."

John 1: 1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.



The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12–17) or Hebrews 12:22.

TEXT and MUSIC: Geron Davis, 1983

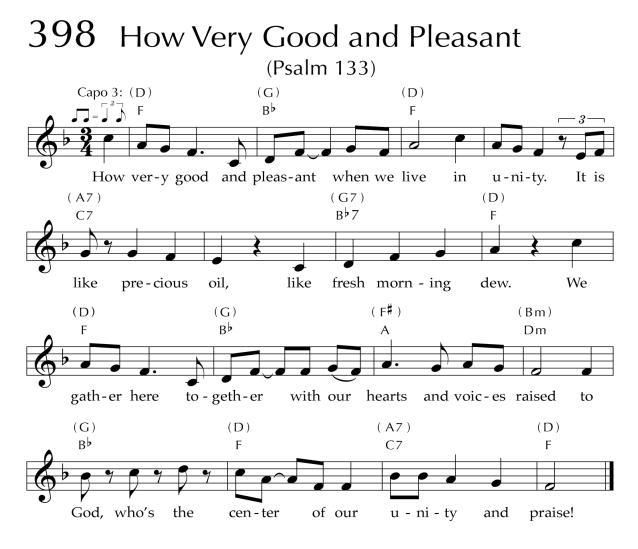
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HOLY GROUND Irregular



This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

TEXT: Jaime Cortez, 1991 MUSIC: Jaime Cortez, 1991; arr. John Carter, 2001 Text and Music © 1992 Jaime Cortez (Published by OCP) RAIN DOWN Irregular



This paraphrase draws on Psalm 133, one of the Songs of Ascent sung by pilgrims to Jerusalem. It adapts the original theme of national unity through shared worship on Mount Zion into a celebration of the unity God grants to those who come together in one place for worship.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Boertje, 1997 Text and Music © 1997 Barbara Boertje HOW VERY GOOD Irregular

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

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

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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). Use the QR code to register.

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.

FUSE COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS Come together for a meal and conversation about Chester's history and lasting effects on the families and culture in our communities, 6:30 p.m., **Tuesday, February 13**. The discussion will be guided by Devon Wells and Nancy Stern Scholem. The event will be held at Vittles Food Hall, 801 Sproul Street, Chester; doors open at 6 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.



寫說回 FREE MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS The Delaware County Health Department and Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center are offering free mammogram screenings, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, February 16, at the Wellness Center in Chester, 151 West Fifth Street. Scan the QR code for details.

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.

EASTER CANDY COLLECTION Beginning Sunday, February 25, drop individually-wrapped candy for Easter Egg-stravaganza in the marked tubs in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall to fill our 3,000+ eggs for the Saturday, March 23 event.

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.

BOOKLOOK Discuss *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by Michael Chabon, a *New York Times* bestseller described as "an excellent, hyperliterate, genre-pantsing detective novel that deserves every inch of its...blockbuster superfame" (New York), **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is \$5.50.

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 coulds." 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 11	Wednesday, February 14 (cont.)	
09.00 am- Chapel Choir	03:00 pm- Flute Lessons	
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons	
10:00 am- Worship	07:00 pm- Valley Voices	
11.00 am- Coffee Hour	07:00 pm- WOW	
Monday, February 12	07:30 pm- Ash Wednesday Service	
06:30 pm- BSA Pack 228	Thursday, February 15	
07:30 pm- Session	06:30 pm- Bell Choir	
Tuesday, February 13	07.30 pm- Chancel Choir	
11:00 am- PrimeTime Luncheon	07:30 pm- BSA 2019/277	
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Friday, February 16	
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	Saturday, February 17	
07:30 pm- Worship Council	Sunday, February 18	
Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday	09:30 am- Chancel Choir	
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10:00 am- Worship	
01:30 pm- Stephen Ministry	11.00 am- Coffee Hour	
	11:30 am- Monthly Conversations	

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