



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

# 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

*WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS!* “The season of Lent consists of the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. The six Sundays within this span of weeks are not numbered among the forty days of Lent, Because each Sunday is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection on the first day of the week. For this reason, we refer to them as Sundays “in Lent” instead of Sundays “of Lent.”) Throughout the history of the church, this penitential season has been a time of preparation for baptism, reconciliation with God and neighbor, the renewal of spiritual disciplines, and reflection on the mystery of Christ’s dying and rising.... Linked with baptism, filled with spiritual challenges, yet surrounded and sustained by divine grace, Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness set the pattern for the church’s Lenten journey... May these forty days of Lent equip and prepare you to celebrate new life in Christ during the fifty days of Easter.” (Connections, Worship Companion)

### GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

NRSV NT 34

CALL TO WORSHIP

The time is fulfilled; the reign of God has come near. Repent, and believe the good news!

**Lead us in your truth, O God of our salvation.**

We come to worship the Beloved, the true child of God, with whom God is well pleased.

**Help us to know your ways, O God, and teach us your paths.**

Siblings in Christ, let us follow Jesus on the Lenten path.

**We come to worship and to follow.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN #392

Jesus, We Are Here

JESUS, TAWA PANO

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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.*

**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.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.

**Teach us your commandments: help us to turn from evil in its many guises and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, a sanctuary of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*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.***

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

NRSV OT 7

## SERMON

\*ANTHEM                      Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days                      Kenneth T. Kosche  
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay. As thou, with Stan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea evermore in life and death, O Lord, with us abide. Abide with us 'till life is overpast, an Easter joy we may attain at last!

**MISSION AND MINISTRY**

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

In this season of Lent, we travel into our own wilderness, confront our own mortality, and search for the coming of God.

What is the wilderness in your soul?

How are you longing for good news?

What is the repentance you are being called to this season?

At WPC we think it's ok to ask questions, together as a community and independently. We would love your company on the journey to discover the answers God has in store for us.

## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (with J.S. Bach Fugue no.2)      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

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. Amen.**

### SENDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #775      I Want Jesus to Walk with Me      WALK WITH ME

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Thank you to Helene Furlong, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

# Jesus, We Are Here

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*Jesu, tawa pano*

1 Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus,  
1 Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su,

Leader: Wel - come, Je - sus.

Mam - bo Je - su.

we are here; we are here for you.  
ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.

2 Savior,... 3 Teacher,... 4 Spirit,...

When coming to worship involves long and possibly dangerous travel, "we are here" voices a powerful commitment as well as a desire to build community with those who have gathered. Some of that meaning can be grasped if this song is sung in parts, especially in the original Shona.

TEXT and MUSIC: Patrick Matsikenyeri, 1990

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JESUS, TAWA PANO

Irregular

# I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

**Mark 1:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

<sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."



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

**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



**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.

**Last day to register - Sunday February 25.**

**MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS** Join Pastor Taylor for “Preparing Our Hearts: Lent in Art,” **today, 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.** Please note – “Barbie” is not a kids’ movie (it is rated PG-13) and is geared towards teens through adults.

**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.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10 a.m., Sunday, February 25**, for breakfast, a discussion about the week’s video and games. Open to students grades 6-12.

**YOUTH GROUP** Come for Quizzo and a campfire with s’mores, **4:30 p.m., Sunday, February 25**. Open to students grades 6-12.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES** Mike Meloy will discuss the complexities of federal and state environmental justice initiatives, **Wednesday, February 28**, focusing in particular on the history of issues in Chester, including the decision to build the largest trash to steam plant in the United States within the city. **Potluck starts at 6:30 p.m.; the program, 7:15 p.m.**

**SPROUTS SPEND, SAVE, SHARE** Kids – use Sprouts “dollars” and see how to SSS, **6 p.m., Friday, March 1**. Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5

**EASTER PAGEANT PRACTICE** The first practice to assign parts and read and sing through the script, **11:15 a.m., Sunday, March 3**.

**BOARD GAME NIGHT** Bring your favorite board game to share and play, **Wednesday, March 6.**  
**Potluck – 6:30 p.m.; games, 7:15 p.m.**

**UNDERSTANDING THE LAST THIRD OF LIFE** To launch the Aging Series, WPC members Shirley Rudd and Michelle George will delve into its multifaceted aspects, **11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 10**, exploring various stages, types and discernible signs of aging. The dialogue will spotlight ageism – its definition, prevailing research and, most importantly, our collective efforts at WPC to combat it. The session aims to equip you with invaluable insights into not only your personal aging journey but also that of your loved ones. The program, presented as part of WPC's Abilities Initiative, will be held in the Reception Room.

**PRIME TIME** February's snowed-out speakers have been rescheduled for **Tuesday, March 12.** Detectives from Delaware County CID will talk about current trends in fraud and ways to avoid being victimized. **Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30 p.m.**

**ROSE VALLEY FOLK VARIETY SHOW** Laugh along with your WPC members and friends on the stage and in the audience, **8 p.m., Friday, March 15.** Bring a snack to share (chips, pretzels, wine and beer included) and sit at the table saved for WPC. The cost is \$5. Meet at the Old Mill (doors open at 7 p.m.)



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Sign up to give blood, **2-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 13.** If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation (donate two units of red blood cells during one donation). To schedule an appointment – scan the QR code or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)

**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 super fame” (New York), **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20.** Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is \$5.50.

**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.

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 21 (cont.)</b>
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	06:30 pm- BSA 228
10:00 am- Worship	06:30 pm- Barbie Screening
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
11:30 am- Monthly Conversations	<b>Thursday, February 22</b>
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	06:30 pm- Bell Choir
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	07:30 pm- Chancel Choir
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	07:30 pm- BSA 2019/277
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	<b>Friday, February 23</b>
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	<b>Saturday, February 24</b>
07:30 pm- Deacons	<b>Sunday, February 25</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	09:00 am- Bell Choir
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	10:00 am- Breakfast Club
03:00 pm- Flute Lessons	10:00 am- Worship
03:30 pm- Brass Lessons	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
	03:00 pm- Concert for a Cause

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