



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 3RD, 2024
THIRD 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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” – Matthew 22:34-40

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.***

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17

THE MESSAGE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in Christ, we come to be nourished by the Word of God.

We seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit

We come to be challenged by the commandments.

We seek the guidance of God, the Creator.

We come to be surprised by Jesus, our Savior.

We seek the foolishness of Christ, the crucified.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #411

God Is Here Today

DIOS ESTA AQUI

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it.

Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us.

Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.

Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out slavery to sin, and has brought us into the community of faith.

Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

Thanks be to God!

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

NRSV NT 166

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

During the season of Lent, the invitation to discipleship is not always easy to hear. "Take up your cross," "follow my commandments." At WPC we are willing to sit in this discomfort, yet sing to God with joy in our hearts as we walk the journey of discipleship.

If you are ready to be challenged by God in Christ and find joy here, we invite you to join us on the journey of faith.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY



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

Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. 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

THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward to the table, where you will receive the bread and cup. Dip the bread into the cup and eat. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you. Individual cups of juice are also available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Just As I Am

Gustafson

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, Thy love unknown hath broken ev'ry barrier down, now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we glorify your name –

for the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing;

for the grace of Christ and the power of the Spirit;

for the gift of faith and the joy of service;

for the life of the world and the hope of new creation.

Thanks and praise to you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

*CHORAL AMEN #558

Amen

AMEN

*PEACE

Thank you to Walt Kaminski, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by François Lacroix,
celebrating Cyndi's birthday, giving thanks to God!*

Exodus 20:1-17 - from The Message, by Eugene Peterson

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am God, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of a life of slavery.

³No other gods, only me.

⁴No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever, whether of things that fly or walk or swim. ⁵Don't bow down to them and don't serve them because I am God, your God, and I'm a most jealous God, punishing the children for any sins their parents pass on to them to the third, and yes, even to the fourth generation of those who hate me. ⁶But I'm unswervingly loyal to the thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter; God won't put up with the irreverent use of his name.

⁸Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Work six days and do everything you need to do. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to God, your God. Don't do any work - not you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your servant, nor your maid, nor your animals, not even the foreign guest visiting in your town. ¹¹For in six days God made Heaven, Earth, and sea, and everything in them; he rested on the seventh day. Therefore God blessed the Sabbath day; he set it apart as a holy day.

¹²Honor your father and mother so that you'll live a long time in the land that God, your God, is giving you.

¹³No murder.

¹⁴No adultery.

¹⁵No stealing.

¹⁶No lies about your neighbor.

¹⁷No lusting after your neighbor's house - or wife or servant or maid or ox or donkey. Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbor's.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

God Is Here Today

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Dios está aquí

Capo 2: (D) E (A7) B7 (Bm) C#m (D7) E7 (G) A

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) B7 (D) E (D7) E7 (G) A

as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) B7 (D) E (A/C#) B/D# (Bm) C#m (D/A) E/B

as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) A (A7) B7 (D) E

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

Amen

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Leon Roberts, 1981; arr. Hanan Yaqub, 1998
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AMEN (Roberts)

Music © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

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 An evening of fun games to play together, like Pictionary Air and bingo (prizes for bingo champs!), **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 superfame” (New York), **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20.** Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is \$5.50.

EASTER EGG STUFFING Like to stuff eggs? Help fill the 3,000+ orbs for the Easter Egg-stravaganza, **4 p.m., Wednesday, March 20**. Can't make it to the church - we'll bring the eggs and candy to you. Call Walt Kaminski (610-334-2025) for details.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA Kids – hunt for the 3,000+ eggs hidden around our grounds, **10 a.m., Saturday, March 23**. Start with a short program by Pastor Taylor, then divide into age groups to seek the elusive, candy-filled orbs. Photo ops with the Easter bunny. Rain or shine! Open to children ages 0-11.

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

- Pancake mix/syrup
- Cereal/Cream of Wheat/oatmeal
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Canned soup
- Canned chicken/tuna/salmon/mackerel
- Side dishes/boxed mac & cheese
- Stuffing/rice/mashed potatoes/dried beans
- Pasta/pasta sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Canned pasta/chili
- Salad dressing
- Packaged cookies and snacks
- Water
- Pampers/pull-ups/baby wipes
- Adult wipes

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, March 03	Wednesday, March 06 (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	06:30 pm- W@W Board Game Night
11:00 am- Kids Café	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
11:15 am- Easter Pageant Rehearsal	Thursday, March 07
Monday, March 04	07:30 pm- BSA 2019/277
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	Friday, March 08
07:00 pm- WPC Connections	Saturday, March 09
Tuesday, March 05	01:00 pm- BSA 228
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, March 10
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
07:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	10:00 am- Worship
Wednesday, March 06	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11:15 am- Easter Pageant Rehearsal
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	01:00 pm- BSA 228

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