



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 10TH, 2024
FOURTH 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.

Words and music printed for the hymns, Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A71731

A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Strength and honor are her clothing, and she can laugh at the time to come.

– Proverbs 31:25

God is within her; she will not be toppled. God will help her when the morning dawns.

– Psalm 46:5

Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed at once.

– Matthew 15:28

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

– Proverbs 31:28

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent is not a time for being miserable,
but for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.

Loving God, in you we trust,

let us never fool ourselves.

Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance -
repentance for our indifference in face of the evil of the world,
repentance for personal sins which we gloss over as "mere foibles."

According to your loving kindness,

remember me, God of goodness and saving grace.

Lent is a time for joy; the exhilaration that comes -
from defying temptations,
from walking the narrow path,
from turning our face to the light that shines!

Make me to know your ways, O God, teach me your paths,

for you are the God of my salvation and my true joy.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, we come before you with our hearts open.

We come before you in need of forgiveness.

It is hard to take a good long look in the mirror.

But when we do, we can receive your mercy which is greater than our sin.

Hymn #423, verse 1

CONFESSION

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God 423

(Psalm 51)

1 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
2 ♯ Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence; ♯
3 Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -

ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
cast me not a - way from your pres - ence; ♯
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -

ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
cast me not a - way from your pres - ence ♯ and
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

new a right spir - it with - in me.
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
hold me with your free Spir - it.

The text here comes from Psalm 51:10–12, three verses that illustrate the pattern of parallels often found in Hebrew poetry. The first verse here centers on positive actions, the second on avoidance of negative actions, and the third on providing an improved spiritual condition.

TEXT: Para. John Carter, 1997

MUSIC: John Carter, 1997

Text and Music © 1997 Hope Publishing Company

SARADAY
Irregular

For the times we ignore the needs of loved ones so we can do what we want.

For the times we say a harsh word, judge someone, or gossip.

For the times we allow hate, ignorance, or apathy to live in our minds and hearts.

We ask for your forgiveness.

Hymn #423, verse 2

For the times we handle our anger and impatience poorly and take it out on others.

For the ways we subtly put others down and pump ourselves up through our speech and priorities.

For the ever-present greed we have to have more and more and more.

We ask for your forgiveness.

Hymn #423, verse 3

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

Numbers 21:4-9

NRSV OT 139

ANTHEM

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

arr. J. D. Moore

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by. There's a better home awaitin' if we try, Lord, if we try. I was singing with my sisters, I was singing with my friends and we all can sing together, 'cause the circle never ends. Oh, will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by. There's a better home awaitin' if we try, Lord, if we try. I was born down in the valley where the sun refused to shine. But I'm climbing up to the highland, gonna make that mountain mine! Oh, will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by. There's a better home awaitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:11-21

NRSV NT 94

SERMON

HYMN # 814

In God Alone

MON AME SE REPOSE

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO OFFERING

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

Holy Lord, bless these offerings, that they might bring joy where there is sorrow, provision where there is lack, healing where there is pain, and hope where there is fear. May your will be done - with not only these offerings, but with our very lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN LITANY

With holy reverence, we remember irreplaceable women, O God. We honor those who nurtured us and taught us to honor and love you, O God.

May their example of Christian faith help transform us into your image.

We honor those who come before us, those who stand with us now, and the generation of little ones who are full of wonder and inspire us to dream again!

Bless them, and nurture them, O God.

We pray for the women who feed the hungry, clothe the unclothed, befriend the lonely, and comfort the comfortless. We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as you love us.

May you continue to meet their needs as they minister to others.

We honor women grieving the loss of loved ones.

May you, O God, continue to comfort them with your Word, spoken and blessed. May we learn to encourage them as they have encouraged us.

We honor women who are pregnant, and those struggling with infertility.

May You shelter them and the children they bear under the shadow of your almighty Presence.

We honor our sisters throughout the world who need your spiritual, economic, and physical healing.

May you meet their needs, Holy One, according to your riches in glory, we pray.

We honor all the women who have gone before us, named and unnamed who led the way for many to have the rights we have today.

We give you thanks, O God.

We bless those who wept for us, rejoiced with us, wiped our tears, prayed for us, and laughed with us.

We give you thanks, O God.

We bless those who undauntedly sacrificed for us.

We give you thanks, O God.

We honor all the men who stand alongside and for these women. We bless those who encourage them to dream, who bring out the best in them, who help them bear their burdens, and who love them rightly, O God.

We thank you for them God. May You watch over and keep *all* your people with your care, gracious God. In the name of Christ who taught us to pray....

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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Thank you to Mary Lou Day, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Polly Sacco Ezzell,
for Ken's birthday.*

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

In God Alone

814

Mon âme se repose

In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

This prayer response based on Psalm 62:1, 5 comes from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France (see also no. 843). It is intended for repeated singing in either language (or both). It can also be used effectively as a recurring congregational response in a series of prayers.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991
Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

MON ÂME SE REPOSE
Irregular

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 E^b B^b7 E^b Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F B^b A^b B^b E^b

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:11-21

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Easter Flowers

Spring flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter



Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils

In honor or memory of a loved one or share as a gift

Lilies (6-inch pots/6-9 blooms)	\$9
Tulips (6-inch pots/assorted colors)	\$8
Daffodils (6-inch pots)	\$8

**Place this form in the offering plate, return to the office
or order through Planning Center**

Deadline – Thursday, March 21

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Lilies _____ x \$9 # of Tulips _____ x \$8 # of Daffodils _____ x \$8

Free Will Gift _____ Total \$ _____

Dedication: In Honor/In Memory of (circle one) _____

Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line – Easter Flowers

Abilities Initiative Questionnaire



The purpose of this questionnaire is to determine how we can better meet the needs of our congregation, especially as you or members of your family are aging. Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire so our committee can plan future presentations.

Age Group (circle) 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's

Do you have any of the following concerns for you or members of your family?
(please check off any that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Medical Concerns | <input type="radio"/> Social Isolation |
| <input type="radio"/> Mobility Concerns | <input type="radio"/> Vision Concerns |
| <input type="radio"/> Mental Health Concerns | <input type="radio"/> Hearing Concerns |
| <input type="radio"/> Cognitive Concerns | |

Have you contacted the deacon helper committee for assistance such as meals, rides to church activities, rides to medical appointments, companionship, etc.?

Do you have any suggestions for support groups in the church?


How have you benefited from the changes our committee have already implemented? (large font bulletin, expanded library with an emphasis on disabilities, chairs in the sanctuary) (please comment)

Please place in the offering plate or return to the office

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. OGHS supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People - all working in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. **Continues through Sunday, March 31.**

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., today, 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.**

 **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)

W.O.W. Join for refreshments, **7 p.m., Wednesday, March 13**, and continue our study of the Gospel of John and Jesus' seven "I AM" statements.

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.)

JENI PEDZINSKI PREACHING Welcome Jeni to the pulpit, **10 a.m., Sunday, March 17**, one of WPC's mission workers and the Director of Mission Mobilization for International Ministries.

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.

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**.

EASTER HAMS Have a ham you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Mark it "Deacons" and put it in the church refrigerator. **Last day to donate – Wednesday, March 27.**

PALM CROSSES Help make palm crosses, **Saturday, March 23**, to distribute on Palm Sunday. No experience necessary – lessons on the spot! Join at **9 a.m. for continental breakfast; 9:45 a.m. to make crosses.** Meet in the Reception Room.

HIDE EASTER EGGS Helpers of all ages needed to hide eggs, **9 a.m., Saturday, March 23.** Cute bunny ears, yummy donuts just for helpers!

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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS Presbyterians believe membership in the local congregation is a commitment made by every individual old enough to confess their faith in Jesus Christ and share in the fellowship, work and witness of the congregation. Membership is different from baptism or simply attending worship services. The sacrament of baptism unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God's family, the church, but not the local congregation. Attending regularly allows you to see what WPC is like and how we try to follow the teachings of Jesus. Membership at WPC is an opportunity and a commitment to share your time and talent with others while exploring and learning more about your faith in the context of this congregation.

The class, **11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 24**, will offer a chance to hear more about our church and its mission and ask questions. Meet in the Reception Room.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER Appetizers in one location, dinner in another, desserts in a third – a fun way to get to know or reconnect with other WPC adults, **5-9 p.m., Saturday, April 13.** Each person will be assigned an app, side dish or dessert to compliment the meal and asked to contribute \$10 to offset the costs. **Register by 11 a.m., Sunday, April 7** using the Church Center app, QR code or sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Interested in childcare at the church or have questions? Contact Chris Darr or Lisé Meloy.

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.

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, March 10	Wednesday, March 13 (cont.)
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	02:00 pm- Blood Drive
10:00 am- Worship	03:00 pm- Flute Lessons
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
11:15 am- Easter Pageant Rehearsal	07:00 pm- WOW
11:30 am- Aging Series: The Last Third of Life	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
01:00 pm- BSA 228	Thursday, March 14
Monday, March 11	06:30 pm- Bell Choir
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	07:30 pm- Chancel Choir
06:30 pm- BSA 228	07:30 pm- BSA 2019/277
07:30 pm- Session	Friday, March 15
Tuesday, March 12	Saturday, March 16
11:00 am- PrimeTime Luncheon	03:00 pm- BSA Blue & Gold
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, March 17
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
07:30 pm- Worship Council	10:00 am- Worship
Wednesday, March 13	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11:00 am- Wallingford Winds
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	11:15 am- Easter Pageant Rehearsal
01:30 pm- Stephen Ministry	

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 110 E. BROOKHAVEN RD, WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 19086
 WEBSITE: www.wallingfordpres.org PHONE: 610-566-1644
 EMAIL: OFFICE@WALLINGFORDPRES.ORG