



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 24TH, 2024
PALM TO PASSION 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.

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

Palm/Passion Sunday is, by design, a day of drama and paradox, of triumph and tragedy. As the service begins, a crowd gathers, waving branches and shouting “Hosanna” (Hebrew for save us), and wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of Christ’s passion unfolds, the shouts of praise turn into demands for his death. Jesus is handed over to be mocked, tortured, and killed; the crown he receives is one of thorns. Jesus’ death and resurrection cannot be separated. God’s way of glory leads through the grave.

This pattern of worship (Palm to Passion) at the beginning of Holy Week has ancient origins, dating to at least the fourth century reflecting the theological, pastoral, and liturgical wisdom of the early church. -- (Book of Common Worship)

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PROCLAMATION INTO THE CHURCH

Mark 11:1-11

THE MESSAGE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Lectern side) **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Pulpit side) **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(All) **Hosanna in the highest!**

WORD

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.

*ANTHEM

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

R. Cooney

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

NRSV OT 681

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

NRSV OT 565

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

NRSV NT 197

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:1-15:47

NRSV NT 51

ANTHEM

What Wonderous Love is This?

arr. M. Hayes

What wonderous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wonderous love is this, O my soul! What wonderous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul; to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus enters Jerusalem in a way that subverts the paradigm of military parades, earthly might, and worldly honor. He invites us to follow him in this way of peace.

If you are looking for an imperfect community seeking to be faithful to Jesus, there is room for you here. Some days, like Peter we falter. But we have found that the journey is better together. Join us.

To find out about becoming a member of this congregation in support of our mission and ministry please contact Pastor Francois or Pastor Taylor.

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

CHARGE

*Thank you to Earl Varney, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by the Sally Clyde,
In loving memory of Bill Clyde.*

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL


Rory Cooney

Verse Response



Sing ho - san - na to the cho - sen one!

Refrain



Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,
sing ho - san - na to the cho - sen one!

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1. When they heard that Jesus was coming, **Sing hosanna to the chosen one!** All the people went out to meet him. **Sing hosanna to the chosen one! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!**
2. Spread their cloaks and branches before him, **Sing hosanna to the chosen one!** Children sang with palm branches waving. **Sing hosanna to the chosen one! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!**
11. Friend in death, who wake us to new life, **Sing hosanna to the chosen one!** Friend in life, we sing glad hosannas. **Sing hosanna to the chosen one! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!**

Mark 11:1-11, The Message

¹When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: ²"Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Master needs him, and will return him right away.'" ⁴They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. ⁵Some of those standing there said, "What are you doing untying that colt?" ⁶The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. ⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted. ⁸The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. ⁹Running ahead and following after, they were calling out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in God's name! ¹⁰Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in highest heaven! ¹¹He entered Jerusalem, then entered the Temple. He looked around, taking it all in. But by now it was late, so he went back to Bethany with the Twelve.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹Thank God because he's good, because his love never quits. ²Tell the world, Israel, "His love never quits."

¹⁹Swing wide the city gates - the righteous gates! I'll walk right through and thank God! ²⁰This Temple Gate belongs to God, so the victors can enter and praise. ²¹Thank you for responding to me; you've truly become my salvation! ²²The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the capstone! ²³This is God's work. We rub our eyes - we can hardly believe it! ²⁴This is the very day God acted - let's celebrate and be festive! ²⁵Salvation now, God. Salvation now! Oh yes, God - a free and full life! ²⁶Blessed are you who enter in God's name - from God's house we bless you! ²⁷God is God, he has bathed us in light. Festoon the shrine with garlands, hang colored banners above the altar! ²⁸You're my God, and I thank you. O my God, I lift high your praise. ²⁹Thank God - he's so good. His love never quits!

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Plot to Kill Jesus

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

The Anointing at Bethany

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Peter's Denial Foretold

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit?" ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Jesus before the Council

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶²Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Chapter 15

Jesus before Pilate

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Hands Jesus over to be Crucified

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

The Death of Jesus

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

The Burial of Jesus

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.



Holy week

Walk with us from Palm Sunday to Easter



Palm to Passion Sunday Service

10 a.m., March 24

Recall the story of Jesus' last week from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Passion of Good Friday

New Members Class

11:30 a.m., March 24

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. Hear about our church and its mission and ask questions. Meet in the Reception Room.



Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m., March 28

Worship in the shadows of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Communion will be served.

Good Friday

9 a.m.-9 p.m., March 29

You are invited to come in out of the noise and spend some time in the silence of the day.

The sanctuary will be open for prayer and contemplation.



Good Friday

9 a.m.-9 p.m., March 29

The labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall to center the spirit by walking the single, circuitous path.



Easter Sunday, March 31

Indoor and Outdoor Services



8 a.m.

Outdoor Service

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a service in the courtyard and your favorite Easter hymns accompanied by guitar. Pastor Taylor preaching.

10 a.m.

Indoor Service

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a service featuring:

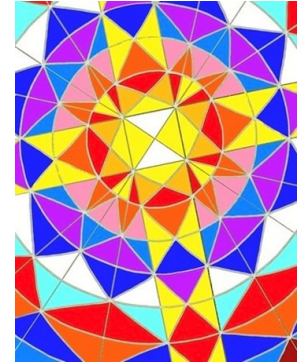
Brass

Wallingford Winds

Bell Choir

Chancel Choir

Pastor François preaching



Easter Pageant

(part of the 10 a.m. service)

Our children will present a pageant based on the gospel of Matthew.

Childcare

Sunday School for grades K-5
opens following the pageant

18 months – pre-K

open 8 a.m.-noon



Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m.

Kids birth-11 are invited to a mini egg hunt after the service.

**He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Matthew 28:6**

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.**

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10 a.m., Sunday, March 24**, for breakfast, a discussion about the week’s video and games. Open to students grades 6-12.

EASTER PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL Meet in the Sanctuary, **11:15 a.m., Sunday, March 24**, for the dress rehearsal.

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, **today, 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.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA Rescheduled **today, 3 p.m., Sunday, March 24**. Start with a short program by Pastor Taylor, then divide into age groups to seek the elusive, candy-filled orbs. Open to children ages 0-11. **Arrive at 2pm** to help hide the eggs, helpers of all ages needed!

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

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 West Rose Tree Road, Media, is hosting a paper shredding event, **9-11 a.m., Saturday, April 6**. It is free and open to the public and everything shredded will be recycled.

HISTORY OF WPC WALKING TOUR Ever wonder how our church began? Church historian Roger Demos will conduct a walking tour, **11:30 a.m., Sunday, April 7**, to see where the church building started and how and why it has grown and changed over the last 144 years. Learn about the way the chapel built on the corner of Brookhaven and Avondale roads became the Wallingford Presbyterian Church of today.



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.

ELECTRONIC SIGN UPDATE The Electronic Sign Committee is moving ahead with version 2 of the sign. Version 2 is just like the original electronic sign but without a header on top that says “Wallingford Presbyterian Church.” (That header be on a separate sign along Avondale Road). The Electronic sign will still have the stone-façade pillars so it will fit in with the church building. Presenting version 2 offers the best chance to break the stalemate with the township. Before formally submitting version 2, we will be having 2 more open houses for neighbors to once again present the plan and answer any questions. The Open houses will be **Sunday, April 7 at 1 p.m.-3 p.m., and Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Although the open houses are for the benefit of neighbors, everyone is invited to attend.



SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES CAREGIVER ACADEMY Educational and informative programs for those fulfilling the role as family caregivers beginning **Tuesday, April 9.** The sessions are free of charge and held at Good Neighbor Senior Center, 1085 Hook Road, Sharon Hill. Use the QR code for more information.

REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS WPC bags will be available at coffee hour **TODAY.** Cost – one for \$10 or three for \$20.

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 24 - Palm Sunday	Wednesday, March 27 (cont.)
09:00 am- Chancel Choir	09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner
10:00 am- Breakfast Club	10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends
10:00 am- Worship	03:00 pm- Flute Lessons
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
11:00 am- Wallingford Winds	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
11:15 am- Easter Pageant Rehearsal	Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday
11:30 am- New Members Class	06.30 pm- Bell Choir
02:00 pm- Egg Hiding	07.00 pm- Chancel Choir
03:00 pm- Easter Egg-Stravaganza	07:30 pm- Maundy Thursday Service
Monday, March 25	Friday, March 29 - Good Friday
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	Saturday, March 30
10:00 am- Staff Meeting	Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday
07:30 pm- Chancel Choir	08:00 am- Outdoor Easter Service
Tuesday, March 26	09:00 am- Chapel Choir
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	09:30 am- Bell Choir
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	09:40 am- Wallingford Winds
07:30 pm- Trustees	09:50 am- Chancel Choir
	10:00 am- Worship
	11:00 am- Coffee Hour

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