



**WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 31ST, 2024
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER SUNDAY - 10AM**

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

“Easter” comes from the old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter we stand in light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church, proclaiming his good news through Word and Sacrament. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the “Lord and giver of life.” In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life, in which we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11)...

The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year, and the good news we proclaim on this day is the very heart of the gospel. Easter Sunday is something like the keystone of an arch—the top and center stone upon which all others lean and depend—in terms of both its theological significance and its relation to other festivals and seasons. Theologically the faith we proclaim and the life we live depend on the affirmation, celebration, and proclamation of Christ's resurrection...

As with Christmas, Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost...

In this most joyful season, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith—that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. (Book of Common Worship, PCUSA)

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in Christ, this is the day the Lord has made. This Easter day. This resurrection day.

This is the day the Lord has made. Unlike any other day!

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Let all creation be amazed!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter Celebration
Wallingford Winds

K. Larsson

LITANY FOR EASTER

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*EASTER PRAYER

*EASTER HYMN #231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES / EASTER PAGEANT

Our Children tell the Good News Easter Story

Hail Jesus, you're my king! Your life frees me to sing!

I will thank you all my days, so let's raise our Easter praise!

Hail Jesus, you're my king! Your life frees me to sing!

You have conquered death for us, so lift your hands and praise Jesus!

Hail, hail, Lion of Judah, how powerful you are! Let your heart and spirit be stirred!

Shout out loud "Happy Easter"!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

All Creatures of Our God and King
Bell Choir

M. Ryan

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All knowing, all powerful, all loving God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of the risen Lord of life, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

NRSV NT 129

ANTHEM

Empty Grave

arr. E. Hogan

Wipe away those tears, child. There's no need to cry. Stand up on your feet, now. Lift your head up high. Don't wait 'til tomorrow to lay down your sorrow. Freedom is here today. Wipe away those tears, child. Put down your shame. Oh, I see an empty grave. I hear the heavens waking, angels in jubilation. That stone's been rolled away. I feel the darkness breaking. I bet the devil's shaking. Somebody celebrate. I see an empty grave! Wipe away those tears, child. Go and tell the news. What started in the garden was finished in the tomb. It's all reversed, the apple, the curse, three days in the ground. Christ our Lord is risen. Death could not hold Him down! Oh, I see an empty grave. I hear the heavens waking, angels in jubilation. That stone's been rolled away. I feel the darkness breaking. I bet the devil's shaking. Somebody celebrate. I see an empty grave!

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

This is the day that life overcame death. This is the day that love vanquished hate.

Our risen Lord waits with open arms to welcome you to new life in him, from this day forth. We would love to have you join us on the journey as we follow the risen Christ.

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

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Alleluia, Christus Surrexit

F. Anerio

Alleluia. Christus surrexit a mortuis primitiae dormientium. Alleluia. Quoniam per hominem mors et per hominem resurrectio mortuorum. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our compassions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, One God, now and forever. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PEACE

Thank you to Noelle Coker, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.



Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

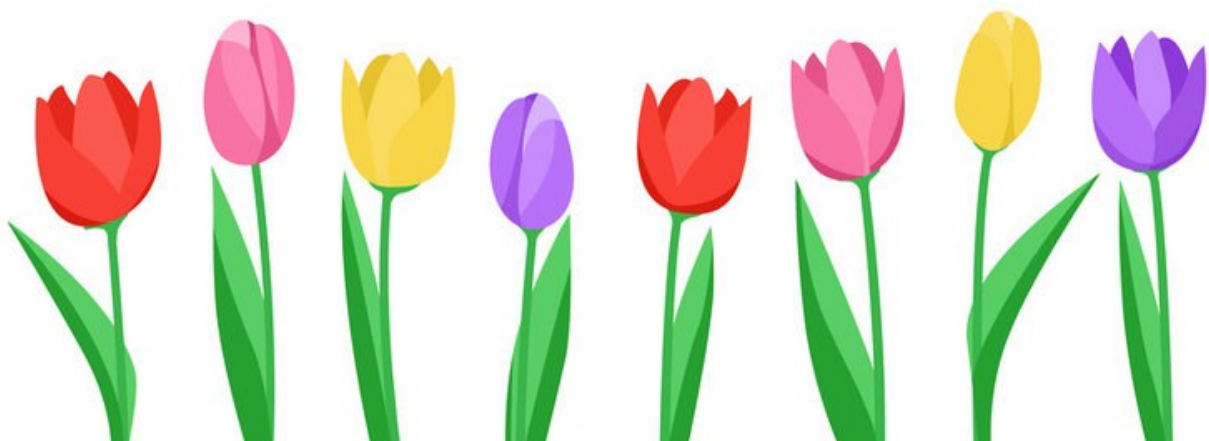
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 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
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EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias



Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”





Easter Flowers



Given By	Dedication
Jon Bauer	In Memory of Belle and Pete Bauer
Gail and Bruce Clark	In Memory of Parents and Grandparents
Sally Clyde	In Honor of My Family
Diane Corbett	In Honor of Loved Ones
Todd and Chris Darr	In Memory of Our Parents
Mary Lou Day	In Memory of Loved Ones
Chris Dearnaley and Joe Benvenuto	In Honor of all our Family and Friends

Easter Flowers

Given By	Dedication
Walter M. Dunham	In Memory of Ernest and Elizabeth Dunham
Roger and Carol Freidinger	In Honor of Our Family
Helene Furlong	In Honor of Family and Friends
Fred and Mary Ann German	In Memory of Loved Ones
Lisa and Scott Higgins	In Honor of Dave Garrett
Don Killian	In Memory of Allen and Pauline Killian
Cathy Kilpatrick	In Memory of Harry





Easter Flowers

Given By	Dedication
Henry and Leslie Krowchenko	In Memory of Linda Selm
The Miller Family	In Honor of Friends and Family
The Montague Family	In Honor of Archie Paul and Alva Hayes, because they are amazing!
Louise Rowland	In Memory of Common Sense In Honor of My Family
Scott Sawyer	In Honor of Tony and My Family
The Sawyer Family	In Memory of Loved Ones
Tony and June Tolomeo	In Memory of Our Parents
Earl Varney	In Memory of The "two lips" of Mina Hale Varney



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Today is the last day to donate – use the envelopes in the pews or the QR code.

EGG HUNT Children ages birth-11 are invited to an Easter egg hunt **TODAY** after the service. Meet in the Courtyard.

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be **closed April 1** for Easter Monday.

FOOD INSECURITY Hear about efforts in Chester and the Philadelphia region, **Wednesday, April 3**, to fight food insecurity by providing food and services and working with communities to make healthy food available to those in need. The speakers will be Ellie Crowell (Delaware County Program Director, Share Food Program) and Tiffany Kea (Operations Manager, Chester Eastside, Inc.). **6:30 p.m. – potluck supper; 7:15 p.m. – talk.**



SPROUTS SCAVENGER HUNT AND GAME NIGHT Kids – start outside with a scavenger hunt (weather permitting), **6 p.m., Friday, April 5**, then move indoors for Sardines, Fruit Basket and more! Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5 (children younger than Kindergarten are invited if they are accompanied by a parental figure). Use the QR code to register by noon, Thursday (April 4) .

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.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11 a.m., Sunday, April 7**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to kids age 4-11.

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.

PRIME TIME Hear Founding Father John Dickinson (portrayed by Doug Thomas), **Tuesday, April 9**, speak about helping lead the opposition to the Stamp Act and galvanizing colonial resistance by penning “Letters From a Pennsylvania Farmer.” **noon – lunch; 12:30p.m. – talk.**



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.

W.O.W. Join for refreshments, **7 p.m., Wednesday, April 10,** and continue our study of the Gospel of John and Jesus’ seven “I AM” statements.

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

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| -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 | |

NAPKINS Have any size decorative napkins (cocktail or luncheon, open or unopened packages) you aren’t using? Please leave them in the kitchen for coffee hour.

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday	Wednesday, April 03 (cont.)
08:00 am- Outdoor Easter Service	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
09:00 am- Chapel Choir	06:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice
09:30 am- Bell Choir	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
09:40 am- Wallingford Winds	Thursday, April 04
09:50 am- Chancel Choir	06.30 pm- Bell Choir
10:00 am- Worship	07.00 pm- Chancel Choir
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	07:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
Monday, April 01 - Office Closed	Friday, April 05
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	06:00 pm- Sprouts
07:00 pm- WPC Connections	Saturday, April 06
Tuesday, April 02	08:00 am- BSA First Aid Meet
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, April 07
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
07:30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	10:00 am- Worship
Wednesday, April 03	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	11:00 am- Kids Café
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	11:30 am- Church History Class
03:00 pm- Flute Lessons	01:00 pm- BSA 228
	01:00 pm- Electronic Sign Open House

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