



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 7TH, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“Dance of the New Creation” by Sylvia C. Keesmaat

In the face of a culture of death,

a world of killing fields

a world of the walking dead

Christ is at the head of the resurrection parade

transforming our tears of betrayal into tears of joy

giving us dancing shoes for the resurrection party!

And this glittering joker

who has danced in the dragon’s jaws of death

now dances with a dance that is full

of nothing less than the fullness of God.

This is the dance of the new creation

This is the dance of life out of death!

And in this dance all that was broken,

all that was estranged,

all that was alienated.

all that was dislocated and disconnected:

is reconciled, comes home,

is healed, and is made whole.

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

Mark 16:1-8

NRSV NT 54

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Hope is alive... **A new age is dawning!**

Joy is alive... **Redemption is here!**

Love is alive... **Death cannot harm us!**

We are alive... **New life is within us!**

The church is alive... **God’s spirit is within us! God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you. God of revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you! Let us worship God!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration, and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

What will we do with this Good News? **We will be an Easter People – full of light, love, and joy! We will reach out with our hands and hearts to serve others and heal the world as we have been healed. We will forgive as we have been forgiven, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us!**

*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.

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION AND EASTER POEM

"The Seven Stanzas of Easter" -John Updike

Make no mistake: if he rose at all

It was as His body;

If the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecule reknit,

The amino acids rekindle,

The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
Each soft spring recurrent;
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled eyes of the
Eleven apostles;
It was as His flesh; ours.
The same hinged thumbs and toes
The same valved heart
That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then regathered
Out of enduring Might
New strength to enclose.
Let us not mock God with metaphor,
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded
Credulity of earlier ages:
Let us walk through the door.
The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,
Not a stone in a story,
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding of
Time will eclipse for each of us
The wide light of day.
And if we have an angel at the tomb,
Make it a real angel,
Weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair, opaque in
The dawn light, robed in real linen
Spun on a definite loom.
Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
For our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are embarrassed
By the miracle,
And crushed by remonstrance.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-22

NRSV NT 115

ANTHEM

Lift High the Cross

arr. L. Sateren

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim 'till all the world adore His sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as Thou hast promised, draw us unto Thee. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim 'till all the world adore His sacred name. Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim 'till all the world adore His sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the crucified for victory. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim 'till all the world adore His sacred name.

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN #236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY



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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Resurrected Lord, you make all things new! Breathe new life into us, our church, community and world! May these offerings bring healing and newness to all those who need it, so that we can participate in your Kingdom of Peace here on earth. In Christ's name we pray, 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 AND THANKSGIVING

God is with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God! You created the world by speaking life into being. You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life—that we might follow. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people. On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Thank you to Lisa Tolomeo-Higgins, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Frank Noyes,
in loving memory of Claire J. Brawn*

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

John 20: 19 - 22

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

The Strife Is O'er

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Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst.
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Today at 11 a.m. is the last time to sign up for the Progressive Dinner. Use the Church Center app, QR code or sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11 a.m., TODAY**, 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., TODAY**, 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10 a.m., Sunday, April 21**, for breakfast, a discussion about the week's video and games. Open to students grades 6-12.

YOUTH GROUP MINI GOLF AND ARCADE NIGHT Meet at Putt Putt Family Fun Center (5300 W Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights), **4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 28**, for mini golf and arcade time. Open to grades 6-12.

BOOKLOOK Discuss *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice*, by Bill Browder, "a financial caper, a crime thriller and a political crusade – the story of one man taking on overpowering odds to change the world and also the story of how, without intending to, he found meaning in his life." (Amazon), **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.50.

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

- Breakfast Food (dry cereal, hot cereal, shelf-stable milk)
- Canned Goods (canned fish, meat, vegetables, fruit)
- Pantry Staples (broth, cooking oil, vinegar, sugar, flour)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing)
- Snacks (crackers, chips, cookies)
- Beverages (coffee, tea, juice/juice boxes, hot chocolate)
- Personal Care (feminine hygiene items, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes/toothpaste)
- Baby Items (baby food, diapers, pull-ups, wipes)
- Household Essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry/dish detergent)
- Pet Food (dog/cat; wet/dry)

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, April 07	Wednesday, April 10 (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- Electronic Sign Open House
11:00 am- Kids Café	07:00 pm- WOW
11:30 am- Church History Class	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
01:00 pm- BSA 228	Thursday, April 11
01:00 pm- Electronic Sign Open House	06.30 pm- Bell Choir
Monday, April 08	07.00 pm- Chancel Choir
06:30 pm- Session	07:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
Tuesday, April 09	Friday, April 12
11:00 am- PrimeTime Luncheon	Saturday, April 13
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	09:00 am- CEI Board Meeting
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	05:00 pm- Progressive Dinner
07:30 pm- Worship Council	Sunday, April 14
Wednesday, April 10	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10:00 am- Worship
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
01:30 pm- Stephen Ministry	

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