



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 21ST, 2024
FOURTH 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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:16-24

NRSV NT 240

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in Christ, scripture teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

He knows us and we belong to him.

He speaks, and we listen to his voice.

Come, let us worship God together in joy and thanksgiving.

*OPENING HYMN #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

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

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Joel Raney

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use they folds prepare. We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In faith we confess to God and one another.

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of bondage to fear, but rather the spirit of adoption. Our guilt has departed; our sin is blotted out, for we are God's beloved children – forgiven, loved, and free.

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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM/HYMN #801 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want CRIMOND

GOSPEL READING John 10:11-18 NRSV NT 103

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Brothers and sisters, siblings in the risen Christ, Jesus Christ stands before us, bestowing his grace, sharing his love, teaching us his truth and showing us the way.

If you would follow him – for the first time or for the hundredth time – come, for he waits to embrace you.

If you feel called to join the journey of discipleship with this congregation we would love to walk the journey of faith with you. For more information about joining this congregation please contact Pastor Francois and Pastor Taylor.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY The Lord's My Shepherd arr. J. Carter



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

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's; love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PEACE

*Thank you to Ashley Drane, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Pat and Phil La Borie,
in honor of their wedding.*

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

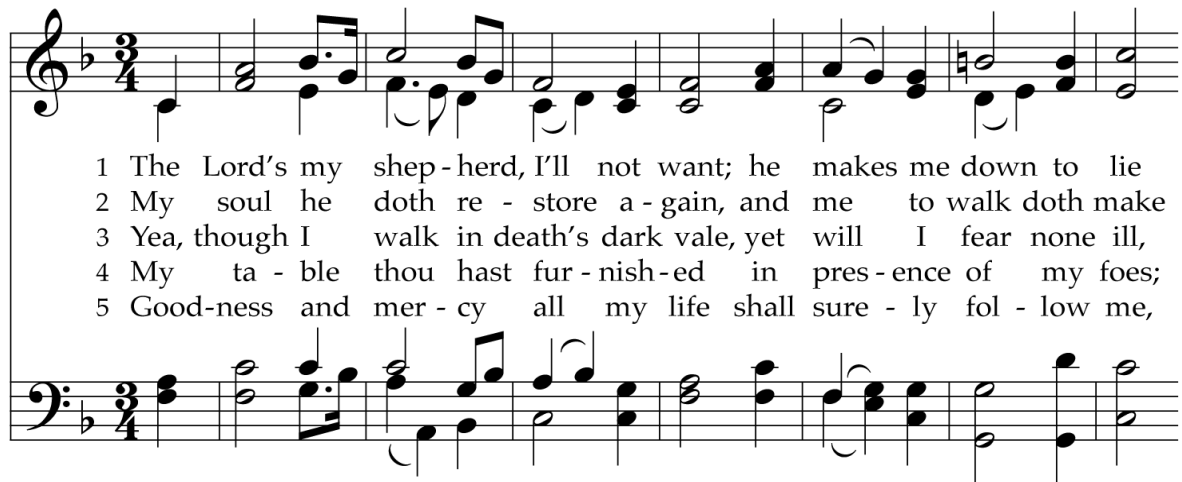
with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

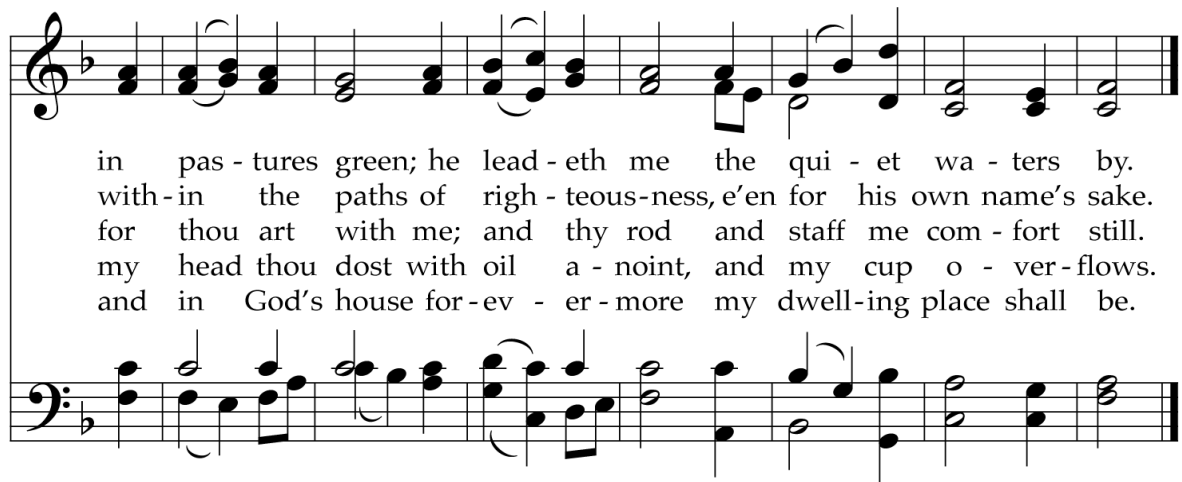
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)



1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,



in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.

TEXT: Scottish Psalter, 1650; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001;
 Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura

MUSIC: Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872; harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

CRIMOND
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1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

We Will Go Out with Joy 539



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andrew Donaldson and Hilary Seraph Donaldson, 2003
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WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY
 10.6.10.6 with refrain

John 10:11-18

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



WORLD AUTISM MONTH April is World Autism Month, an opportunity to understand how autism impacts WPC and the community at large, raise awareness about autism acceptance and promote inclusion and connectedness for people with autism. Use the QR code for more information.

SECOND CHANCE MONTH April is Second Chance Month, a nationwide campaign to raise awareness and unlock second chances for men and women who have paid their debt to society. Visit the WPC website for more information.

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

WEDDING CELEBRATION Plan to attend Coffee Hour, **11 a.m., today**, to celebrate Pat (Tillson) and Phil La Borie’s recent nuptials.



WALK WITH EASE A program developed by the Arthritis Foundation to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life. Held at Redwood Community Center (280 6th Street, Brookhaven), **1:30-3 p.m., Fridays through May 17**. Use the QR code for more information and to register.

YOUTH SUNDAY Our youth will serve as liturgists for the **Sunday, April 28** service.



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. Sign up using the QR code – deadline Saturday, April 27.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM Speakers from Planned Parenthood of Southeastern PA will update the broader legal issues, social issues and current challenges to Pennsylvanians accessing the full spectrum of reproductive health care services, **Wednesday, May 1**. They will also address the history of the church’s involvement in advocating for reproductive freedoms and share personal stories from their decades of work in this arena. The discussion will be followed by a Q & A. The speakers will be Dayle Steinberg (President and CEO), Marvin Marsh (retired Baptist pastor and board member) and Terry Marsh (spiritual accompanier). **Potluck at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7:15 p.m.**

SPROUTS END OF YEAR BBQ Kids – enjoy a cookout, obstacle course, games and crafts, **6 p.m., Friday, May 3**. Parents – please bring a side to share. The event is open to grades K-5 (children younger than Kindergarten are invited if they are accompanied by a parental figure)

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Miss Lee in the choir room, **11 a.m., Sunday, May 5**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to kids age 4-11.

PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE Select annuals, perennials grown by club members, shrubs, natives, plants from local nurseries and planted containers and troughs, **5-8 p.m., Friday, May 3 and 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 4.** Proceeds support community organizations and payment may be made by cash, check or credit card. The event will be held in the WPC parking lot, rain or shine, and Friday will feature Zac's Burgers food truck.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE Enjoy An Afternoon of A Cappella, **3 p.m., Sunday, May 5,** featuring the award-winning Haverford School Notables and Baldwin School B-flats performing a wide variety of music, from classical to music theater to jazz to pop, and everything in between. The suggested donation is \$15, with the concert benefiting Keep Music Alive, a Delaware County non-profit organization that seeks to help more children (and adults) reap the educational, therapeutic and social benefits of playing music.

W.O.W. SPRING DINNER All women in the congregation are invited to enjoy our potluck salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 8.** Bring a dish to share and a chair.

CALLING ALL GRADS If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. The deadline is **Monday, May 13.**

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.



MEDIA CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERTS American Voices, featuring Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, will be presented **7:30 p.m., Friday, May 17** and **4 p.m., Saturday, May 18.** The concerts will be held at WPC. Use the QR code for ticket information.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS The Abilities Initiative has added four new books to our library:

- Super Aging: Getting Older Without Getting Old (David Cravit and Larry Wolf)
- Neurodiversity Affirming Glossary of Key Vocabulary: (PDA Space Summer 2023 Edition) (Edgar Helen)
- What will happen to my Special Needs Child when I am gone: A Detailed Guide to Secure your Child's Emotional and Financial Future (Susan Jules)
- Every Brain is Beautiful: A Little Kids' Guide to Neurodiversity (Sara Furlong)

All are available to be checked out.

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, April 21	Wednesday, April 24(cont.)
09:30 am- Bell Choir	10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	03:00 pm- Flute Lessons
10:00 am- Breakfast Club	03:30 pm- Brass Lessons
10:00 am- Worship	06.30 pm- BSA 228
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	07:00 pm- Valley Voices
11:30 am- Session	Thursday, April 25
Monday, April 22	07:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	Friday, April 26
07:30 pm- Stewardship Council	Saturday, April 27
Tuesday, April 23	01:00 pm- George Denney Memorial Service
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, April 28 - Youth Sunday
07:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
07:00 pm- Trustees	10:00 am- Worship
Wednesday, April 24	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	12.00 pm- Elisa Muzzillo Flute Recital
09:00 am- WCNS Plant Sale	

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