



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 19TH, 2025
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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.



Friendship Pew Pads can be found in each row.

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.



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-4:30pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

MINISTER 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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

LITURGIST: Helen Picher

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

Next Week

LITURGIST: Mimi Haggerty

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

*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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. – Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., African-American civil rights leader, was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. A Baptist minister and peace activist, Dr. King was a voice for equal rights for African Americans and others. Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1983, his birthday was designated a national holiday in the United States, observed on the third Monday in January.)

On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered a pivotal speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The words, which have come to be known as the “I Have a Dream” speech, inspired the crowd of more than 300,000 people who made the march on Washington to advocate for civil rights. Dr. King spoke fervently of a day when all God’s children would join hands and walk together as sisters and brothers.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

All you searching for something that lasts,

All you hungry for meaning,

All you thirsting for knowledge,

All you seeking a blessing,

Come home to God.

Here, we find forgiveness and healing,

Here, we find a community of care,

Here, we find truth that is solid,

Here, we sing with angels and pray with sinners and saints.

Here, we find a home.

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER – A Pastoral Prayer by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (1956)

*OPENING HYMN #624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(verses 1, 3 and 5)

TOULON

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER LITURGY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Summer and Landen George

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER - Megan George

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BAPTISM

WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We are so happy you are part of our church family!

*RESPONSE TO THE BAPTISM HYMN #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

We Shall Overcome

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call us forth, O God, to tend the places of beauty long forgotten, to plant gardens in the deserts of hurt, to pick flowers of hope when others see only despair. Take us deep within and let us discover some boldness for action, some rest for our weariness, some healing for our wounds. Let forgiveness flow like a gentle river, and let our tables overflow with bounty and friendship. Let memories linger like fragrant roses and our hearts be connected to the wellspring of your love and grace. God of all life, deepen our walk with you we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is merciful and gracious, full of forgiveness, abounding in love and over-flowing with blessing. Let us receive the gift of forgiveness and live this day with hope and strength to love.

Through 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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

NRSV NT 174

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

SERMON

ANTHEM

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Overcome

arr. M. Hayes

We shall overcome, someday; Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome someday. Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way, thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee. Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land. We are marching on to victory, Hallelujah! We are marching till victory is won!

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. T. Smith



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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

Loving and generous God, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

CLOSING 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.

*CLOSING HYMN #372

O for a World

AZMON

*BENEDICTION AND PEACE

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by the Allie, Jeremy, Eva and Beckett Guinn in loving memory of Joseph Lukachik.

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.

486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

O for a World

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one - world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
Text © 1990 Medical Mission Sisters

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KIDS SING Kids – meet in the choir room, **9am today, Sunday, January 19**, to learn “We Shall Overcome/This Little Light of Mine” in honor of MLK Sunday, then perform the song during the 10am service.

MOON BOUNCE The moon bounce from last night’s Chili Cook-off will be available for the kids to enjoy **today, Sunday, January 19**, during coffee hour.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS Join with Pastor François, **11:30am today, Sunday, January 19**, for a chance to hear more about our church and its mission/ask questions about being a Presbyterian. Meet in the Reception Room.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed **Monday, January 20**, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ANNUAL MEETING Receive reports, review financial and benevolence statements, receive the 2025 budget and elect members of the Nominating Committee. Held at the close of worship, **Sunday, January 26**.

STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT WPC member Michael Meloy, who recently retired from an environmental law practice, will discuss the state of our environment in 2025, including climate change, emerging contaminants, the health of our rivers and streams and the intersection of energy policy with environmental protection, **Wednesday, January 29**. He will touch on future policy directions from the new Administration and what individuals can do to help the planet. **Potluck supper – 6:30pm; presentation – 7:15pm**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS LUNCH Join Pastor Taylor for lunch, fellowship and time to connect with your questions, needs, comments and ideas for the coming months, **11:30am, Sunday, February 2**. Meet in the Reception Room.

SPROUTS VALENTINE NIGHT Kids – talk about God’s wonderful love for us and make Valentine’s Day crafts to take home and cards for our homebound church members and friends, **6pm, Friday, February 7**. Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE Enjoy a delightful afternoon of classical love songs for Valentine's Day, **3 pm, Sunday, February 16**, and make a difference in our community. The performance will feature Brahms "Liebeslieder Walzer," or "love song waltzes" with soprano Sue Gerace, alto Kerry Ann Erickson-Felps, tenor Bryan Hoyos and bass Josef Samargia, accompanied on four-hand piano by Lee Hagon-Kerr and Gina Giachero. The suggested donation is \$15, benefitting PFLAG Media, an organization that advocates for LGBTQIA+ people and those who love them.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IMMIGRATION Copies of “The Truth about Immigration: Why Successful Societies Welcome Newcomers,” by Zeke Hernandez, will be available for sale during Coffee Hour, **Sunday, February 16 and 23**. The cost is \$19. Hernandez will be speaking at WPC Sunday, March 2, and will sign copies following his talk.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Save the date (**Saturday, February 22**) – the Progressive Dinner is a great way to meet or reconnect with other WPC adults. Childcare will be provided as needed. Watch for details and sign-up info.

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

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat/seafood (chicken, tuna, salmon)
- Canned vegetables
- Broth
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Salad dressing
- Cooking oil, vinegar
- Sugar, flour
- Snacks (crackers, chips, cookies)
- Beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, juice boxes, shelf-stable milk)
- Baby items (baby food, diapers, pull-ups, wipes)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Personal care items (deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes/toothpaste)
- Household essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent)
- Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry)
- Empty egg cartons



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE Southern California is facing multiple uncontrolled fires, exacerbated by strong winds and dry conditions. Tens of thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate and more than 57,000 homes are threatened.

PDA is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources in the aftermath of the fires. So far, we are aware of one Presbyterian church destroyed (Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church) and several more are threatened. We will know more once the fires are contained and evacuation orders have been lifted. We pray for all lives affected, for swift containment and the safety of first responders. Follow the QR code to donate.

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, January 19	Thursday, January 23
09.00am- Chapel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
11.30am- New Members Class	Friday, January 24
Monday, January 20	Saturday, January 25
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	11.15am- Ballet Academy
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	05.00pm- BSA Pinewood Derby
Tuesday, January 21	Sunday, January 26
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Deacons	10.00am- Breakfast Club
Wednesday, January 22	10.00am- Worship
10.00am- Fellowship of Friends	11.00am- Annual Meeting
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Coffee Hour
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	
06.00pm- BSA Pinewood Derby Weigh-In	
07.30pm- Valley Voices	

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