



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 26TH, 2025
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
QUIET CONTRIBUTORS SUNDAY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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: Mimi Haggerty

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

Next Week

LITURGIST: Lisé Meloy

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

*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

"It's not how much we give, it's how much love we put into giving." – Mother Teresa

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-Maya Angelou

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting." -Brian Tracy

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:14-16

NRSV NT 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You that we have not done what is right, that we have withheld love, uttered harsh words, hurt others, neglected the needs of the poor, and have been greedy with wanting more and more. O Lord, we are slow to confess our sins and prone to wander. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but be merciful to us. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 28 says: Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him! We are forgiven and free – **praise be to God! Alleluia, Amen!**

*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.

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. L. Larson

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-4

NRSV NT 5

ANTHEM

The Ground

O. Gjeilo

Latin: Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. English: Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give us peace.

MEDITATION

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERING

Be Not Afraid

B. Dufford, arr. S. Mossing



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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

Gracious God, We offer our gifts, given from your abundance that they may be used to proclaim your love and to bring healing and hope to all who are in need. Amen.

HONORING QUIET CONTRIBUTORS

RESPONSIVE LITANY

God of all grace, we are so grateful for the ways your Spirit works in our church.

We thank you for giving us energy, intelligence, imagination and love to serve You!

May you bless all those who have blessed us, and inspire us to deeper service.

We are grateful for the call you put on our lives to serve others, for that is our greatest joy.

May our work for your Kingdom be so full of love that it feels more like rest, more like play!

May we devote more and more of our time, heart, and will to serving You.

Bless the angels that are among us, and may we too be a light that shines before others!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

CERTIFYING THE QUORUM

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

MISSION AND MINISTRY REVIEW

PASTOR'S REMARKS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REMARKS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

CALL FOR THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

2024 FINANCIAL REVIEW

REVIEW OF THE SESSION APPROVED 2025 BUDGET

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PASTORAL TERMS OF CALL FOR 2025

ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:1-4

¹Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.



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Your Only Son

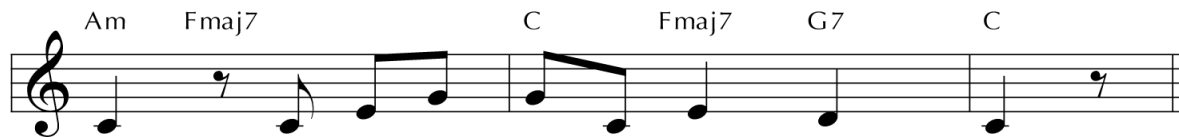
Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

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, **today, 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.**

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am, Sunday, February 2,** for songs, games and refreshments. Open to children 4-11.

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 grades K-5.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Bring a few cans of soup for the Red Wagon, **10am, Sunday, February 9,** then settle in for the game.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE Enjoy a delightful afternoon of classical love songs for Valentine's Day, **3pm, 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 Appetizers in one location, dinner in another, desserts in a third – a fun way to get to know or reconnect with other WPC adults, **4:30-9pm, Saturday, February 22.** Attend all three or just come for starters. Each person will be assigned an app, side dish or dessert to compliment the meal and asked to contribute \$10 to offset the costs. Watch for sign-up info. Interested in childcare at the church or have questions? Contact Chris Darr or Lisé Meloy.

AUTHOR ZEKE HERNANDEZ Hear Zeke Hernandez, author of “The Truth about Immigration: Why Successful Societies Welcome Newcomers,” discuss how immigrants positively impact local communities and the nation through job creation, investment and influence on technology and business innovation, **3pm, Sunday, March 2**. The presentation will be followed by coffee and dessert, books for sale (\$19) and signing by the author.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE BUS TRIP Visit the only national museum devoted exclusively to documenting African American life, history and culture, with more than 40,000 artifacts, **Saturday, March 8. Arrive by 7:45am, bus departs at 8am and returns by 5pm.** Cost – \$10 per person/max \$20 per family. To register – use the QR code, sign up during Coffee Hour or contact Louise Rowland.

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



CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE ASSISTANCE The Southern California wildfires have forced tens of thousands of residents to evacuate and threatened more than 57,000 homes. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources. We pray for all lives affected, swift containment and the safety of first responders. Use the QR code to donate.

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, January 26	Thursday, January 30
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Breakfast Club	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Annual Meeting	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, January 31
Monday, January 27	Saturday, February 01
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	11.15am- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Staff Meeting	07.30pm- WCNS Winedown
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, February 02
Tuesday, January 28	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	10.00am- Worship
07.00pm- Trustees	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Wednesday, January 29	11.00am- Kids Café
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.30am- Sunday School Teacher's Lunch
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	
06.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	
07.30pm- Valley Voices	

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