



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025
4TH 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

TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

LITURGIST: Lisé Meloy

USHERS: Polly Sacco Ezzell

Ken Ezzell

COMMUNION SERVERS: Chris Fox

Nancy Oetinger

Jim Oetinger

Carol Freidinger

Judy Kenworthy

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

Next Week

LITURGIST: Jenny Miller

USHERS: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

*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, 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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table
(Verses 1-4)

WELCOME TABLE

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)

OPENING SENTENCE

Luke 18:15-17

NRSV NT 81

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold, as we receive the bread together - representing our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you - representing our personal experience of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. We do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

*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 READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

NRSV NT 175

SERMON

ANTHEM

The Last Words of David

R. Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia, amen.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Our savior was sent to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed. It is our joy to join Christ in this work.

God through Jesus Christ calls us forward to join the work of discipleship. Are you willing to accept the invitation?

If you would like to become a member of this congregation or to find out more about WPC please reach out to Pastor Taylor or Pastor François.

OFFERING

Walk Worthy

G. Sprunger



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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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

SENDING

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.

*HYMN OF CHALLENGE #769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*CHARGE, 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 Dave and Shirley Rudd
in celebration of both their birthdays*

Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

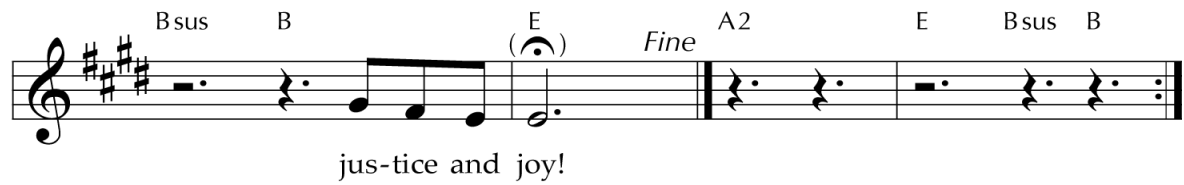
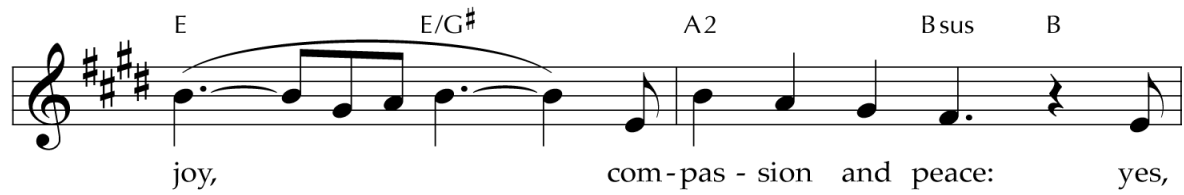


for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain



KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am today, 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 today, 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.

PRIME TIME Hear Pennsylvania founder William Penn (portrayed by Doug Thomas) speak about his Frame of Government, the Commonwealth’s first written constitution which sought to limit the power of government and could be amended by the people, **Tuesday, February 11**. He will also talk about such fundamental freedoms as the right to free speech, religious tolerance and the right to trial by an independent jury. **Lunch starts at noon; the presentation, 12:30 pm.**

W.O.W. Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, February 12**, and a lesson led by Cyndi Lacroix on “For Everything there is a Season” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). Please come and bring a friend.

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. Use the QR code to register/host or sign up in Fellowship Hall (registration closes 11 a.m., Sunday, February 16). Interested in childcare at the church or have questions? Contact Chris Darr or Lisé Meloy.

END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS Join Laura Albany and Jen Haley from Amedisys Hospice, **11:30am, Sunday, February 23**, as they discuss the various levels of senior care, what each provides and when referrals are appropriate. They will also cover in-home services like home care, home health and hospice and briefly review financial resources to help with care costs. Presented as part of the Abilities Initiative's Aging series.

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. LifeWerks is requesting:

- Cereal (kids' and whole grain adult)
- Soups: Condensed (any kind); Chunky - Beef (any combo with potatoes and veggies), Chicken (any with noodles), Sausage (any type); Chowder (New England, corn); Italian Wedding, minestrone, lentil
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Canned vegetables, tomato paste
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo, BBQ sauce)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Household cleaning products (multi-purpose spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap)
- Skin care products (body lotion, hand cream, wet wipes)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, overnight)
- Bladder control products (medium, heavy-long pads)



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, February 02	Thursday, February 06
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
11.00am- Kids Café	Friday, February 07
11.30am- Sunday School Teacher's Lunch	06.00pm- Sprouts
Monday, February 03	Saturday, February 08
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	11.15am- Ballet Academy
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, February 09
07.00pm- WPC Connections	09.00am- Bell Choir
07.30pm- Worship Council	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Tuesday, February 04	10.00am- Worship
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	11.30am- Confirmation Class
Wednesday, February 05	
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	
07.30pm- Valley Voices	

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