



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025
5TH 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: Jenny Miller

USHERS: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

Next Week

LITURGIST: Roger Demos

USHERS: Jenny Miller

Nancy Oettinger

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

*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

"In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger – something better, pushing right back." — Albert Camus

"There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice." — John Calvin

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

Here in this place, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 66:1-4

NRSV OT 528

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Bell Choir

arr. M. Ryan

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, the promise is this: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home.

God's grace toward us has not been in vain! This is the good news we have received: in Christ's death and resurrection, we have been saved. 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

NRSV OT 64

SERMON

HYMN #840

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. L. 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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

K. Medema

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sing Out My Soul

L.A. Garrett

Sing out, my soul, your songs of joy! Sing as a happy bird will sing beneath a rainbow's lovely arch in early spring. Sing out, my soul! Think not of death, strive not for gold. Train your mind to feel content, what matter then how low your store? What we enjoy, and not possess, makes rich or poor. Sing out my soul! Sing out, my soul, your songs of joy! Sing as a happy bird will sing beneath a rainbow's lovely arch in early spring. Sing out, my soul!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Allie and Jeremy Guinn
in celebration of Eva's 11th Birthday*

Psalm 66:1-4

¹Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

²sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

³Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.'

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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-flect 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-pening 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.

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

it is well; it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in the key of B-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are 'it is well; it is well with my soul.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed **tomorrow, Monday, February 10th** for a staff planning day.

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, 12:30pm.**

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 BOOK SALE 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 11am, 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, February 23**, for a yummy breakfast, games and great discussion. Open to students grades 6-12.

YOUTH GROUP New day and time – **7-8:30pm, Thursday, February 27**. Watch for details.

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 09	Wednesday, February 12 (cont.)
09.00am- Bell Choir	07.00pm- WOW
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.30pm- Valley Voices
10.00am- Worship	Thursday, February 13
11.00am- Coffee Hour	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
11.30am- Confirmation Class	07.00pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, February 10	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Friday, February 14
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, February 15
07.30pm- Session	11.15am- Ballet Academy
Tuesday, February 11	Sunday, February 16
12.00pm- Prime Time	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	10.00am- Worship
Wednesday, February 12	11.00am- Coffee Hour
01.30pm- Stephen Ministry	03.00pm- Concert for a Cause
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	

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