



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025
6TH 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

CHURCH OPENER: Dave Rudd

LITURGIST: Roger Demos

USHERS: Jenny Miller

Nancy Oettinger

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Bud Fury

LITURGIST: Barb Demos

USHERS: Dottie Celebre

Kristine Mulhorn

COFFEE HOUR: WPC Connections

*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

"If we have gained a true understanding of this Epistle [Romans], we have an open door to the most profound treasures of Scripture." – John Calvin (1509-1564)

"Romans is the true masterpiece of the New Testament, and the purest Gospel. It can never be too much or too well studied." – Martin Luther (1483-1546)

"In the Epistle to the Romans, Paul declares that when we believe that God, for Christ's sake, is reconciled to us, we are justified freely by faith." – Philip Melanchthon (1497-1560)

"Romans is the constitution of the Church." – Dr. Tony Evans (1949- Present)

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:16-17

NRSV NT 152

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

O praise the Lord with me,

Let us exalt God's name together!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #319

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS TO LIGHT: JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:8, 2:6-11

NRSV NT 152

HYMN OF RESPONSE #215 What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 1)

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my Soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:9-20

NRSV NT 154

HYMN OF RESPONSE #215 What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 2) WONDROUS LOVE
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:21-26, 5:1-2 NRSV NT 154

HYMN OF RESPONSE #215 What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 3) WONDROUS LOVE
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 7:14-21 NRSV NT 157

HYMN OF RESPONSE #215 What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 4) WONDROUS LOVE
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned. For we do not do what we want, but we do the very thing we hate. The sin that dwells within us is so pervasive, yet we neglect to reach out for your help in times of temptation. When we want to do what is right, sin lies close at hand. We ask for your forgiveness, Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! The Holy Spirit bears witness together with our spirits that we are children of God. We are forgiven and free! **Alleluia, thank you 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.

SERMON

ANTHEM

He Loved Me

Fettke

He chose me before the world was known. He chose me to be His very own. He made me, then let me choose my way. I chose to move away. He loved me when hope had taken wing. He loved me when I lost everything. He bought me; redemption's work was done through Jesus Christ, His Son. Who shall separate me from the love of God? Shall dreams of tomorrow, pain, or sorrow? Can the need of food or earthly possessions, the threat of war or man's oppression? In all these things victory is our reward. Victory is our reward through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Of this I am sure, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, not height, nor depth, nor any creature shall separate me from the love of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Lord, Speak to Me

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 DEDICATION

Generous and Gracious God, we acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have put us in charge as your trustees. Bless the gifts we now offer back to you, so that they may be used in the work of your Kingdom on this earth. Amen.

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.

SENDING

*HYMN #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Jack and Joké Williams
in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary*

319 Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

Shout to the North

E B A2

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing of the
 (2 Rise up,) wom - en of the truth. Stand and
 (3 Rise up,) church, with bro - ken wings; fill this

E B A2 E B

great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel
 sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing
 place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on

A2 E B A2

weak; in your bro - ken - ness, com - plete.
 power of our awe - some King of love.
 high; by God's grace a - gain we'll fly.

Chorus

E A B E

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the

A B E A B A B

east and the west. Je - sus is Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and

1, 3 E 2 E B

earth. 2 Rise up, earth.
 3 Rise up,

This praise and worship song comes from Delirious?, an English Christian rock and worship band. Although the style is new, the message is an enduring one: God will provide the strength we need to proclaim the good news of salvation to all parts of the world.

Bridge

We've been through fire; we've been through rain;

we've been re - fined by the power of your name.

We've fall - en deep - er in love with you.

You've burned this truth on our lips.

Coda

earth. He is Lord of heav - en and earth.

Romans 1:16-17 ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:8, 2:6-11 ⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth. ⁶For he will repay according to each one's deeds: ⁷to those who by patiently doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸while for those who are self-seeking and who obey not the truth but wickedness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹There will be anguish and distress for everyone who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹For God shows no partiality.

Romans 3:9-20 ⁹Both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin, ¹⁰as it is written: "There is no one who is righteous, not even one; ¹¹there is no one who has understanding, there is no one who seeks God. ¹²All have turned aside, together they have become worthless; there is no one who shows kindness, there is not even one." ¹³"Their throats are opened graves; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of vipers is under their lips." ¹⁴"Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." ¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ruin and misery are in their paths, ¹⁷and the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes." ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

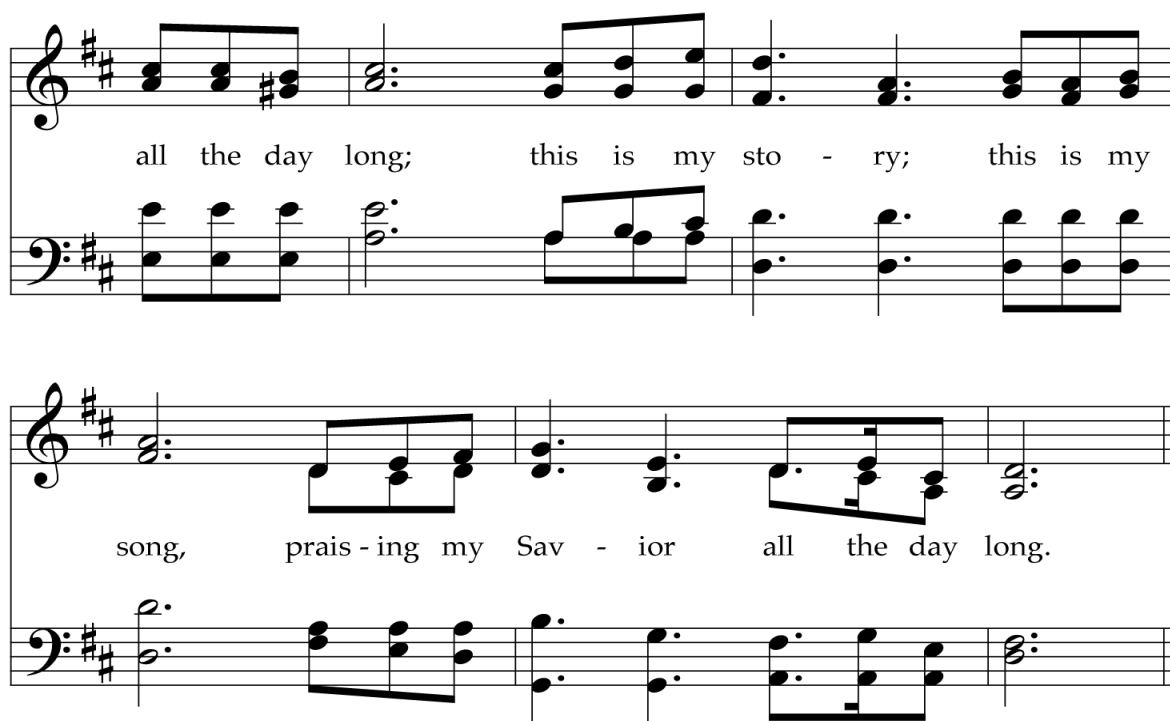


pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain


This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.



Romans 3:21-26, 5:1-2 ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Romans 7:14-21 ¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE Enjoy a delightful afternoon of classical love songs for Valentine's Day, **3pm today, 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, **today, February 16 and Sunday, February 23**. The cost is \$19. Hernandez will be speaking at WPC Sunday, March 2, and will sign copies following his talk.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER REGISTRATION The cut-off to register for the Progressive Dinner is during Coffee Hour **today, Sunday February 16th**.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed **tomorrow, February 17**, for Presidents' Day.

W.O.W. Rescheduled from last week, join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, February 19**, and a lesson led by Cyndi Lacroix on "For Everything there is a Season" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). Please come and bring a friend.

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 Design chalk murals in the Youth Room, **7-8:30pm, Thursday, February 27**.

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

PARENT MEETING While the youngsters are enjoying Kids Café, **11:10am, Sunday, March 2**, moms and dads are invited to discuss upcoming children's events and pageants, how parents can be involved and opportunities for those whose kids will move into youth group this fall. Meet in the Reception Room.

REAL ID TOWN HALL An information-only session, with PennDOT, Delaware County and federal representatives, to help prepare you assemble all the required paperwork. Held **3-5pm, Tuesday, March 4**, at Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Have breakfast for dinner, **5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, March 4**. The meal, sponsored by WPC Connections, will be prepared and served by Scouting America Troop 2019. A free will offering will be received to cover costs, with additional donations given to the Red Wagon.

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)

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, February 16	Thursday, February 20
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Worship	06.00pm- Troop 227 CPR
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
03.00pm- Concert for a Cause	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
Monday, February 17	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	Friday, February 21
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Saturday, February 22
Tuesday, February 18	11.15am- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Mission and Service	04.30pm- Progressive Dinner
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	Sunday, February 23
07.30pm- Deacons	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Wednesday, February 19	10.00am- Breakfast Club
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	10.00am- Worship
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.00pm- WOW	11.00am- Wallingford Winds
07.30pm- Valley Voices	11.30am- Abilities Presentation

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