



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025
7TH 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: Bud Fury

LITURGIST: Barb Demos

USHERS: Dottie Celebre

Kristine Mulhorn

COFFEE HOUR: WPC Connections

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Cary McHugh

LITURGIST: Cyndi Lacroix

USHERS: Ken Ezzell

Polly Sacco Ezzell

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

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

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.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #480

Take Me to the Water

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Wyatt Santomieri

Nolan Santomieri

*PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal and apostolic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

WELCOME

Wyatt and Nolan have been received into the one holy universal and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them a member of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ.

With Joy and thanksgiving we welcome them into the body of Christ. Alleluia! Amen!

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

I've Been 'Buked An' I've Been Scorned

arr. Taylor

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of the Most High God, we have received grace in good measure— spilling out and running over. **Thanks be to God.**

Now go and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. **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.***

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-38

NRSV NT 64

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Do you desire to have a closer relationship with the Lord by living in community with others seeking that closer relationship as well? If so, we invite you to walk with us. We welcome you into this community of faith.

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 Francois.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

His Eye is On the Sparrow

arr. A. Cracauer

Why should I feel discourage? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is he. His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy and I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.



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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 God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. 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

*CLOSING HYMN #539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

*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 Pat and Phil LaBorie
in celebration of their first Wedding Anniversary*

The Session of the Wallingford Presbyterian is calling for a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held on **Sunday, March 9, 2025** following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the search process for the next Senior Pastor Head of Staff.

Morning Has Broken

664

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

We Will Go Out with Joy

539



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

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, Sunday, February 23**. The cost is \$19. Hernandez will be speaking at WPC Sunday, March 2, and will sign copies following his talk.

END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS Join Laura Albany and Jen Haley from Amedisys Hospice, **11:30am today, 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.

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.

W.O.W. (WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD) Join for conversation, **7 pm, Wednesday, March 5**, then attend the Ash Wednesday service together.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Join for a Taizé-themed service with the imposition of ashes, **7:30pm, Wednesday, March 5.**



SPROUTS SPEND, SAVE, SHARE Kids – use Sprouts “dollars” and see how to SSS, **6pm, Friday, March 7.** The money you choose to share will be made real by our Mission and Service committee and donated to different charities which WPC supports. Dinner included. Open to children grades K-5.

Use the QR code to register.



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.

BOOKLOOK Discuss “The Lighthouse” by P.D. James, “a secure and secluded retreat for the rich and powerful becomes the setting for an unsettling series of murders. Part of the bestselling mystery series that inspired ‘Dalgliesh’ on Acorn TV.” (Amazon), **7:30pm., Wednesday, March 19.** Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$6.

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 23	Thursday, February 27
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Breakfast Club	07.00pm- Youth Group
10.00am- Worship	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
11.00am- Wallingford Winds	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
11.30am- Abilities Presentation	Friday, February 28
Monday, February 24	Saturday, March 01
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	11.15am- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Staff Meeting	03.30pm- BSA Pack 228 Meeting
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, March 02
Tuesday, February 25	09.00am- Wallingford Winds
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Trustees	10.00am- Worship
Wednesday, February 26	11.00am- Coffee Hour
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.00am- Kids Café
03.30pm- Brass Lessons	03.00pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice
07.30pm- Valley Voices	

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