



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MARCH 2ND, 2025  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

# 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: Cary McHugh

LITURGIST: Cyndi Lacroix

USHERS: Ken Ezzell

Polly Sacco Ezzell

COMMUNION SERVERS: Lisé Meloy

Jenny Montague

Cyndi Lacroix

Don Killian

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

### **Next Week**

CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Clark

LITURGIST: Jenny Miller

USHERS: Nancy Oettinger

Mary Rose

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

\*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

Let us give witness to the Lord as King.

**Let the earth quake!**

Praise the name of the Lord.

**We serve a Lord of justice and righteousness!**

Sing the praises of the Lord.

**The Lord our God is holy!**

**Let us worship God.**

PRELUDE

Mountain of the Sun  
Wallingford Winds

R. Grice

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
(verses 1 and 4)

ST. DENIO

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:29-35

NRSV OT 81

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*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 9:28-43

NRSV NT 69

### SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD                      Go Up to the Mountain of God                      M. Helman  
Go up to the mountain of God where Christ transfigured shines as the morning star. Gaze in awe and wonder upon the beauty of Jesus the Lord: alleluia! Go up to the mountain of god and speak with prophets Moses, Elijah. Join with all the angels and saints in praising the incarnate Word: alleluia! Go up to the mountain of God and hear the loving Father proclaiming: This is my beloved Son. Hear his word and follow his way. Alleluia! God up to the mountain of God and there renew your faith in the Song of God. May your life of faith reflect the light of Christ in the world. Alleluia!

## 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)

### INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

## 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

### MISSION AND MINISTRY

#### 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.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERING

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

arr. M. Hogan

Tyler Gibson



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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 are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. 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 OF CHALLENGE #192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE JESUS SHINE

\*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 Mark and Lindsay Gursky  
in celebration of Casey and Luke's 11th Birthday*

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.

### **Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)  
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)  
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)  
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)  
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.



(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)  
 A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

**Luke 9:28-43**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. <sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.



**PALM SUNDAY PAGEANT REGISTRATION** Kids – reenact the exciting story of Jesus entering Jerusalem as all the people cry out HOSANNA!

Use the QR Code to register.

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

**PARENT MEETING** While the youngsters are enjoying Kids Café, **11:15am today, 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.

**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 today, Sunday, March 2**. The presentation will be followed by coffee and dessert, books for sale (\$19) and signing by the author.

**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.

**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.

**PRIME TIME** Lindsey Bonaventure, Community Outreach Coordinator for Acts Retirement Life Communities (Granite Farms Estates and Lima Estates) will demystify CCRCs (continuing care retirement communities) by discussing different senior living options and how to start your search, **Tuesday, March 11. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

**MEDICARE WEBINAR** Learn about eligibility, the enrollment process, different parts of Medicare coverage, costs and how to choose the best plan for individual needs, **6pm, Wednesday, March 12.** To register, call (610) 534-6880 for the link.

**ROSE VALLEY FOLK VARIETY SHOW** Bring a snack to share (chips, wine and beer included) and sit at the table saved for WPC, **Friday, March 14.** The cost is \$5. Meet at the Old Mill (doors open at 7:15pm).

**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. Chester Eastside is requesting:

- Pancake mix/syrup
- Oatmeal
- Canned fruit/applesauce
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Canned meats (chicken)
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, beans)
- Canned soup (condensed, ready to serve)
- Dry pasta/pasta sauce
- Canned pasta/chili
- Boxed mac & cheese/side dishes
- Stuffing/rice/mashed potatoes

<b>WPC Week at a Glance</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 02</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 05</b>
09.00am- Wallingford Winds	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
09.30am- Chancel Choir	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
10.00am- Worship	07.00pm- WOW
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Ash Wednesday Service
11.00am- Kids Café	07.30pm- Valley Voices
11.15am- Parent Meeting	<b>Thursday, March 06</b>
03.00pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
<b>Monday, March 03</b>	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	<b>Friday, March 07</b>
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	06.00pm- Sprouts
07.00pm- WPC Connections	<b>Saturday, March 08</b>
07.30pm- Worship Council	11.15am- Ballet Academy
<b>Tuesday, March 04</b>	<b>Sunday, March 09</b>
05.00pm- Pancake Dinner	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	11.00am- Meeting of the Congregation
	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.30am- Confirmation Class

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