



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 13TH, 2025
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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: Lin Floyd

USHERS: Polly Sacco Ezzell

Ken Ezzell

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Mike Meloy

LITURGIST: VER PICHER

USHERS: Jenny Montague

Todd Darr

Mary Lou Day

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship 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 AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has Made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will be people of courage in it!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us enter God's gates with bold hope and thanksgiving.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #196

All Glory Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

HYMN #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

(the congregation will sing verses 1, 2 and 3 in between dialogue)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. **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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:35-40

NRSV NT 83

ANTHEM

The Palms

G. Fauré

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay, are strewn this day in festal preparation. Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, e'en now the throng to welcome him prepare; join all and sing, his name declare, let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation, hosanna! Blessed is he who cometh to bring us salvation! His word goes forth and peoples by its might once more regain us from our degradation, humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness find restored the light, hosanna! Sing and rejoice O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing thou emancipation, through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem brings faith and hope to thee forever more.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus told his disciples: The greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. I am among you as one who serves.

Are you ready to serve alongside Jesus?

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

OFFERING



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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 the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:13-25

NRSV NT 88

CALL TO PRAYER, 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 #200 A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd CHRISTIAN LOVE
(congregation: verses 1 and 2, choir: verses 3 and 4, solo: verse 5)

*CHARGE- MOVING INTO THE DARKNESS OF HOLY WEEK

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Mimi Haggerty,
in celebration of John's birthday.*

Holy Week Activities

THE GOSPEL OF MARK Follow with Pastor François and Pastor Taylor as they read the Gospel of Mark, the shortest of the synoptic Gospels, **7pm, Wednesday, April 16**. The evening will afford a fresh and at times surprising perspective on the story we know so well.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Worship in the shadows of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as the Chancel Choir leads us through our annual Tenebrae service, **7:30pm, Thursday, April 17**. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

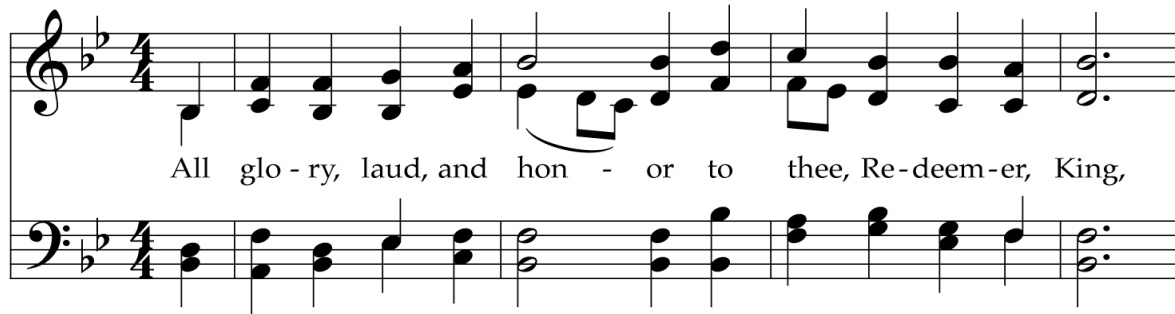
GOOD FRIDAY The sanctuary will be open throughout the day and evening for prayer and silent meditation, **9am-9pm, Friday, April 18**. You are invited to come in out of the noise and spend some time in the silence of the day. The labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall to center the spirit by walking the single, circuitous path.

EASTER SERVICES


8am Outdoor Service Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a service in the courtyard plus your favorite hymns accompanied by guitar, Bob Kenworthy preaching, and bagels and beverages in the Reception Room following the service.

10am Indoor Service Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a service featuring Bell Choir, TTBB quartet, Chancel Choir, Chapel Ringers and Pastor François preaching.

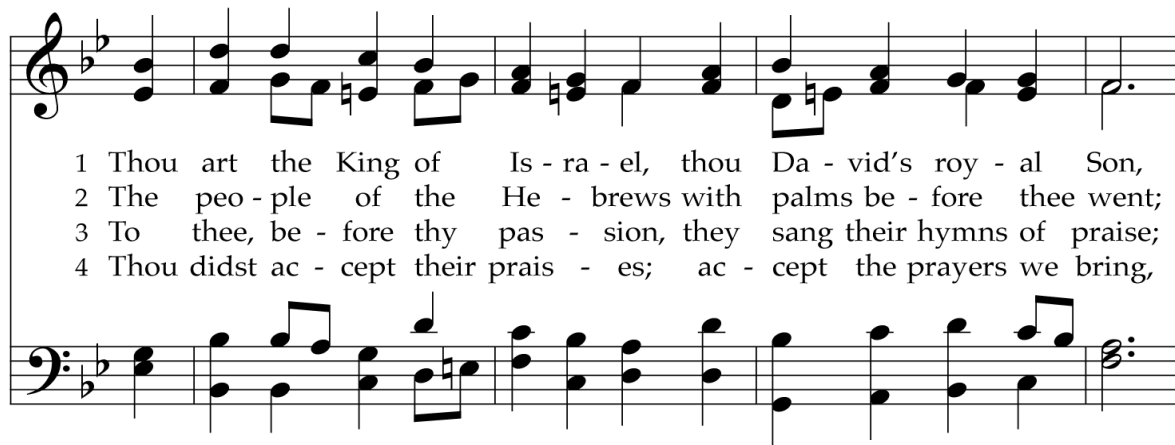
All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain


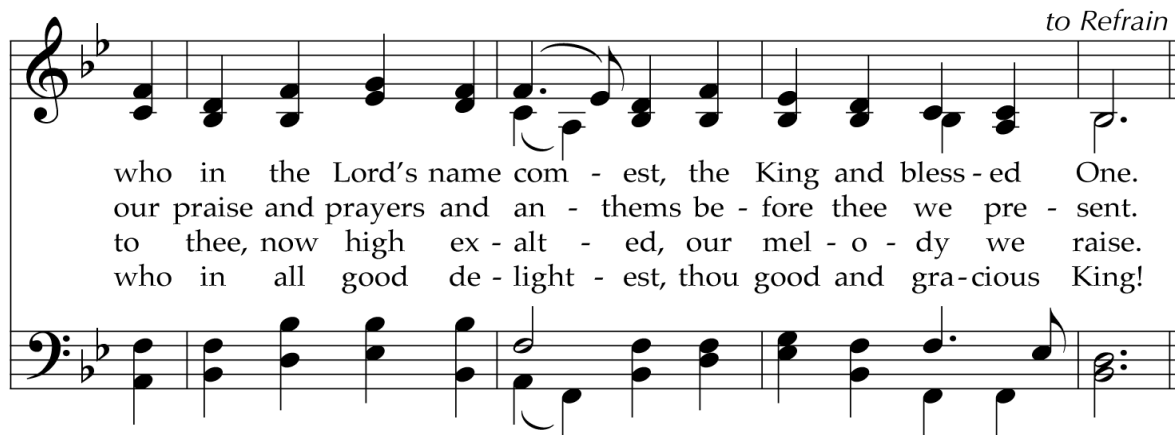
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,




who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!


to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.


197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna




1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an-cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



All 1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
All 2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
Choir 3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
Choir 4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
Solo 5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

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MUSIC: Paul Benoit, OSB, 1959, alt.
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CHRISTIAN LOVE
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Luke 19:35-40

³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Luke 23:13-25

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him." ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

2025 W.O.W. Retreat

Saturday, April 26

8 a.m.-4 p.m.



**WPC women – join for a day of relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation
at the IHM Conference Center in Bryn Mawr**

**Guest speaker – Sister Marie (of the IHM Center) on the topic
"Community:" A Wheel of Fortune?**

As Christians, community is who we are. We represent the values of Christ by the way we live.
Is it just a "wheel of fortune" in which we pick and choose how we live in different circumstances?
Is it something that just happens? What are the deterrents to true Christian community?
We will spend time in discussion/sharing, prayer/reflection, and, of course, some fun!

Cost – \$45 (continental breakfast and lunch included)

Reservation Deadline – Wednesday, April 16

Questions? Contact Chris Dearnaley (cowd.301@gmail.com)

Name_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone_____

Dietary Restrictions_____

Are you available to drive (Yes/No)

Cost – \$45 (cash or check)

Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line – W.O.W. Retreat

EASTER HAMS Have a ham you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Mark it "Deacons" and put it in the church refrigerator. **Continues through Friday, April 18.**

PALM SUNDAY CHILDCARE Please note our Nursery (12 months – Pre-K) and Sunday School (grades K-5) will open after the pageant. All children should proceed to the Reception Room for activities including a Palm Sunday movie, craft, coloring page and snacks.

CITYTEAM EASTER BOXES Help fill food boxes for those in need, **1-3pm, Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17.** The work will be completed at CityTeam, 634 Sproul Street, Chester.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO Join us in your Sunday best as we update our congregational photos inside the sanctuary and outside (weather permitting), **11am, Sunday, April 20.** It's been nearly 10 years since our last church-wide picture, and we want everyone, longtime members and new faces alike, to be part of this special keepsake. Let's celebrate Easter's joy together and capture our WPC family's love and fellowship. Don't miss it – we can't wait to see you there!

EASTER EGG HUNT Kids age birth-11 are invited to an Easter egg hunt, **11am, Sunday, April 20.**

OPIATE USE DISORDER EPIDEMIC David Metzger, Ph.D., a Research Professor and Director of the HIV Prevention Research Division in the Department of Psychiatry of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss the Opiate Use Disorder epidemic, providing insights on our local epidemic here in Philadelphia and surrounding communities, **Wednesday, April 23.** He has more than 40 years of experience researching effective harm reduction strategies in people who inject drugs. **Potluck supper – 6:30pm; talk – 7:15pm.**

RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Media Food Bank is requesting:

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| -Cereal | -Canned fruit |
| -Canned meat/seafood (chicken, tuna, salmon) | -Canned vegetables |
| -Broth | -Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo) |
| -Salad dressing | -Cooking oil, vinegar |
| -Sugar, flour | -Snacks (crackers, chips, cookies) |
| -Baby items (baby food, diapers, pull-ups, wipes) | -Feminine hygiene products |
| -Pet food (dog/cat; wet/dry) | -Empty egg cartons |
| -Beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, juice boxes, shelf-stable milk) | |
| -Personal care items (deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes/toothpaste) | |
| -Household essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent) | |

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday	Wednesday, April 16
09.00am- Pageant Rehearsal	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.00pm- A Reading of the Gospel of Mark
10.00am- Worship	Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday
10.00am- Palm Sunday Pageant	06.00pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	06.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.15am- Chapel Ringers	07.30pm- Maundy Thursday Service
Monday, April 14	Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	Saturday, April 19
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	08.00am- Easter Sunrise Service
Tuesday, April 15	09.00am- Bell Choir
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Deacons	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.00am- Easter Egg Hunt

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