



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 20TH, 2025
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER DAY

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: Mike Meloy

LITURGIST: VER PICHER

USHERS: Jenny Montague

Mary Rose

Todd Darr

Mary Lou Day

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship Council

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Tony Tolomeo

LITURGIST: Cyndi Lacroix

USHERS: Helen Picher

Mary Lou Day

COFFEE HOUR: 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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Hang out your Hallelujahs! The tomb is open, the Roman guard gone, death defeated. The Holy One of life walks again, comforting the troubled, healing the sick, forgiving the sinners, spreading the gospel through the lips and lives of those made new. – Rita Snowden

GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are witnesses to these things:

that Christ died, hanging on a cross; that God raised him from the dead on the third day; that he is coming again in glory to reign.

This is the good news we tell to all the world:

Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

BELL ANTHEM

A Day to Rejoice

M. Mazzatenta

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 (12 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

Ode to Joy

Beethoven

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 65:17-25	NRSV OT 696
GOSPEL READING	John 20:1-18	NRSV NT 114
MUSICAL OFFERING	How Great Thou Art	arr. D. Forrest

EASTER THOUGHTS

MISSION AND MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

God shows no partiality. All who desire to follow in the way of Jesus must be messengers of his peace, agents of healing, and ambassadors of his love. If you seek to follow Jesus in this way you are invited to the family of Christ, which spans space and time.

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	Alleluia	Mozart, arr. G. Filkins
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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*CLOSING HYMNS #232	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	EASTER HYMN
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Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

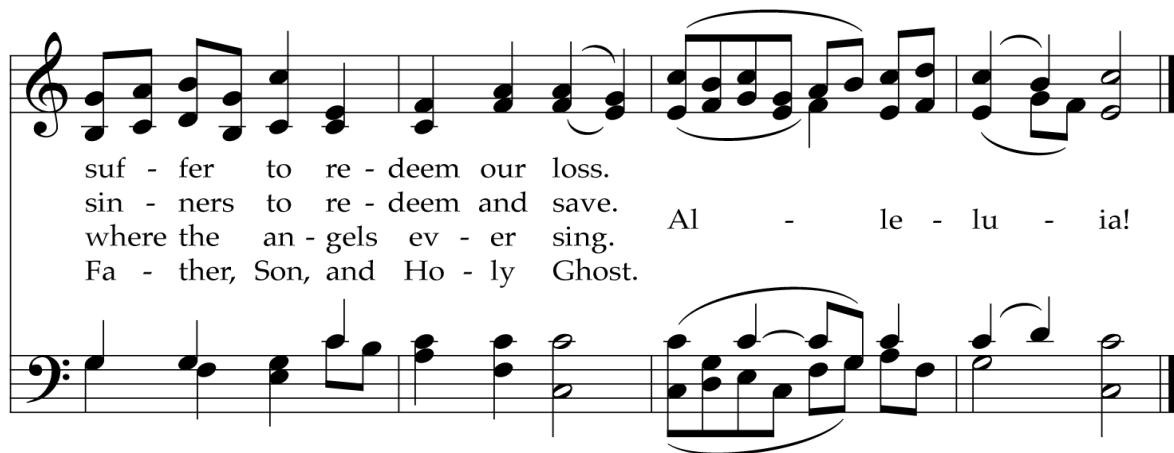
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION



The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



EASTER FLOWERS

Given By	Dedication
Jon Bauer	In Memory of Belle and Pete Bauer
Joanne Callahan	In Memory of Jean Daniels
Sally Clyde	In Memory of Bill Clyde, and all loved family and friends
Mary Lou Day	In Memory of loved ones
Chris Dearnaley	In Memory of loved ones
Rosanna Denney	In Memory of George Denney
Walt Dunham	In Memory of Ernest and Elizabeth Dunham
Roger and Carol Freidinger	In Honor of our family
Helene Furlong	In Honor of my parents, John R. and Helene M. Furlong
Fred and Mary Ann German	In Memory of loved ones

EASTER FLOWERS

Lisa and Scott Higgins	In Honor of our parents
Don Killian	In Memory of Allen and Pauline Killian
Cathy Kilpatrick	In Memory of Harry Kilpatrick
Henry and Leslie Krowchenko	In Memory of Linda Selm
Cyndi and François Lacroix	In Honor of our church family
Jenny Montague	In Honor of Archie Paul and Alva Hayes
Frank Noyes	In Honor of granddaughters Ella and Charlotte
Mary Rose	In Memory of Anthony, Debra and Ken
Louise Rowland	In Honor of loved ones
Tony and June Tolomeo	In Memory of our parents
Earl Varney	In Memory of Mina Hale Varney

COVID-19 TESTS COVID-19 tests are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for your use.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO Join us in your Sunday best as we update our congregational photos inside the sanctuary and outside (weather permitting), **11am today, 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 today, Sunday, April 20**.

W.O.W. RETREAT Forms are available in the narthex and on the table outside the church office. The registration deadline has been extended to **today, Sunday, April 20**.


CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed **tomorrow, Monday, April 21**, for Easter Monday.

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**.

PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB SALE Tried and true perennials, native plants and annuals along with carefully curated, planted containers and troughs offered for sale, **5-8pm, Friday, May 2 and 8am-1pm, Saturday, May 3**. Proceeds support community organizations – payment by cash, check or credit card. Held in WPC parking lot – rain or shine. Friday night – Zac's Hamburgers food truck will have fare for purchase.

 **SPROUTS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** WPC's grounds will be turned into a water park full of slip and slides, sprinklers, little pools, water balloons and more as we end the year with a SPLASH, **6pm, Friday, May 2**. Cookout included – parents, please bring a side to share. Use the QR code to register.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, May 4**, for breakfast, a discussion about the week's video and games. Open to students grades 6-12.

 **FAMILY BINGO PIZZA LUNCH** Bingo and pizza for families of all ages, **11:30am-12:30pm, Sunday, May 4**. The event is free of charge, with prizes for the winners. Sign up during April 27 Coffee Hour or use the QR Code.

CALLING ALL GRADS If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. **Deadline – Monday, May 12.**



SCOUTING AMERICA TROOP 2019 PLANT SALE Order collections, perennials, seeds and mats and more. Proceeds will help fund summer camp at Resica Falls and other troop adventures. Use the QR code to order. **Deadline – Thursday, May 15.**

ABILITIES INITIATIVE CHILDREN'S SERIES After Time with Young Disciples, (**Sundays, June 8, June 22, July 13 and July 27**), kids in grades K-5 are invited to the Reception Room to explore differences related to vision, hearing, speech and physical abilities through books, discussions and other fun activities. The purpose is to educate our children on sharing basic knowledge and compassion regarding individual diversity. We can't wait to see you there.

VBC Kids – spend a week at Camp Firelight with stories, crafts and songs based on the Bible verse “Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in You.” (Psalm 56:3), **6-7:30pm., Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18.** End the week with a hot dog dinner and closing program. Open to kids ages 4-11 (grouped by age for stories/crafts).

MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE FUNDING Funds from the church budget are made available to the Mission and Service Committee to minister to the broader community – locally, nationally and internationally. The most recent donations are:

- Sprouts Spend, Save, Share (\$155)
- The America Team for Displaced Eritreans (\$1000)
- Broad Street Love (\$1000)
- CityTeam Bridge House (\$1000)
- Chester Eastside (\$2500)
- Team Making a Change (TMAC) \$2500)

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 20 - Easter Sunday	Thursday, April 24
08.00am- Easter Sunrise Service	02.00pm- Stewardship
09.00am- Bell Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- BSA 227/2019
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, April 25
11.00am- Congregation Photo	01.00pm- WCNS WineDown
11.00am- Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 26
Monday, April 21	08.00am- W.O.W Retreat
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	11.15am- Ballet Academy
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, April 27
Tuesday, April 22	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	10.00am- Worship
07.00pm- Trustees	11.00am- Coffee Hour
Wednesday, April 23	11.30am- Worship Council
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.30am- Confirmation Class
06.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	
07.30pm- Valley Voices	

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