



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 27TH, 2025
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: Tony Tolomeo

LITURGIST: Cyndi Lacroix

USHERS: Helen Picher

Mary Lou Day

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

Next Week

CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS: Mary Lou Day

Cyndi Lacroix

Jim Oettinger

Jenny Montague

COFFEE HOUR: Ed 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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise! – Clarence W. Hall

Unless you are running away from him or running toward him, you actually don't really know who he is. – Tim Keller

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Friends in Christ, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Life, we know that Christ has bought us back from the grave, but still we prefer to walk in the way of sin and darkness. As we sin, our hearts echo the crowd that cried "crucify him." We prefer to feed our pride, greed, anger, judgment, grudges, and selfishness rather than feeding the goodness within us. Renew in us a clean spirit, O Lord, so we may walk in newness of Life. May your Resurrection power transform our hearts to be open, contrite, loving, and compassionate by the work of your sanctifying Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Christ has triumphed over sin and death, so we can be freed and forgiven! Know that you are redeemed, loved, and justified by your Risen Savior! **We are forgiven and free – Alleluia!**

*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.

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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

NASB

ANTHEM

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

A. Ridout

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord for he is kind: for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God: for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. He with all commanding might, filled the newmade world with light: for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. He the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run: for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. The horned moon to shine by night, mid her spangled sisters bright: for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need: for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. Amen!

SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION

He Is Risen Like He Said

arr. T. Fetke

MOMENT FOR MISSION

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

M. Cox and J. Hatton



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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**

Risen Lord, we offer these gifts from the heart, in gratitude for your great gift to us, new life in Christ Jesus. Bless them and help them to further your mission of love and resurrection life in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 #236**

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

***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 Earl Varney
in loving memory of Mina Hale Varney.*

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

The Strife Is O'er

236

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst.
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee: Al - le - lu - ia!

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

Luke 24:1-12 (NASB version)

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in gleaming clothing; ⁵and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why are you seeking the living One among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, ⁷saying that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise from the dead." ⁸And they remembered His words, ⁹and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now these women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. ¹¹But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe the women. ¹²Nevertheless, Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and when he stooped and looked in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

PNC update, April 27, 2025

Good morning,

The Pastor Nominating Committee, the PNC, wanted to report on our progress to find a new pastor. This will be a regular alphabet soup of a report. The MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile) – basically a job description -- is now live on the CLC—the Church Leadership Connection--the Presbyterian Church (USA) service to help congregations find pastors. We already have over 30 PDP's (Personal Discernment Profiles) from potential candidates for initial review. The PNC is now deciding whether to request a full application from these candidates.

So how did we get here and what comes next? The Congregation elected the 10 of us to the PNC on March 9. We had our kickoff meeting on March 12, meeting with representatives of the COM--the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Philadelphia--which is guiding us through this process. We now meet weekly on Sunday evenings.

Our first task was to draft the MDP—job description. We were given a form to complete and questions to answer, and we were able to do that with extensive use of the Mission Study Team report that you all contributed to a few months ago.

We submitted the MDP to Session and it was approved in a few days, on April 6. Then, our Clerk of Session submitted it to the COM, who approved it on April 13. We then uploaded it onto the CLC website job bank, and it had to be approved again by COM. It was released to the public on the CLC website on April 17. If anyone knows of potential candidates in their networks, please refer them to the website, or ask us for a copy of the MDP.

What happens now? The CLC has sent us 25 “matches”, that is, pastors who they know are looking for a new position. (Although, these pastors don't know that their information was sent to us.) In addition, pastors who are checking the website can send their own info to us, and we have received 8 of those so far. We are reviewing all of these and then, after discussion and discernment, we will invite some candidates to submit full applications. We will then review those applications and decide if we want to proceed further. In addition, we can request more “matches” from the CLC if we feel like we need more options.

We will keep you posted but note that we will not have much to say while we reflect and consider the possibilities before us, being guided by the Holy Spirit and your prayers.

Many thanks to our hardworking PNC: Ken Kerr, co-moderator, Michelle George, Erin Vaccone, Bob Kenworthy, Don Killian, Shirley Rudd, Anna Warley, Ben Drane, and Lise Meloy. Our goal is still to call someone before Francois retires, but that is, literally, in God's Hands...

Thank you

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

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.**

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.

PAPER SHREDDING AND DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT Protect your identity and get rid of unneeded medications, **9am-noon, Saturday, May 10.** Free and open to the public. Held at Upland Park (280 6th Street, Brookhaven).

PRIME TIME Lenny Davidson, former owner of the Neon Museum in Philadelphia, will talk about old store signs in Philadelphia, focusing heavily on neon signs, **Tuesday, May 13. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

W.O.W. Spring Dinner Enjoy our potluck appetizer, salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6 m, Wednesday, May 14.** Bring a dish to share and a chair. All women in the congregation are invited.



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.**

BOOKLOOK Discuss “Nudge” by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein, a New York Times bestseller about how we make [everyday] choices and how we can make better ones, using dozens of eye-opening examples and drawing on decades of behavioral science research.” (Amazon), **7:30pm, Wednesday, May 28.** Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.

SPRING CLEANUP Lend a hand to help tidy up the beds and spread mulch, **9am to noon, Saturday, May 31.** Bring your own rakes and gloves, light refreshments included.

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 27	Thursday, May 1
09.30am- Chancel Choir	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- BSA 227/2019
11.30am- Worship Council	Friday, May 2
11.30am- Confirmation Class	05.00pm- Providence Garden Club Plant Sale
Monday, April 28	06.00pm- Sprouts
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	Saturday, May 3
10.00am- Staff Meeting	07.30am- Providence Garden Club Plant Sale
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.15am- Ballet Academy
Tuesday, April 29	01.00pm- Flute Recital
01.00pm- Stephen Ministers Meeting	Sunday, May 4
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	09.30am- Chancel Choir
Wednesday, April 30	10.00am- Breakfast Club
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Valley Voices	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	11.00am- Kids Café
	11.30am- Family Bingo Pizza Lunch

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