



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 4TH, 2026
EPIPHANY 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

CHURCH OFFICE

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Polly Sacco Ezzell

Jenny Miller

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

Next Week

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

*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

"They followed the star and found the Savior. They came to Christ by the light they possessed. If you have but little light, follow that little light and it will lead you to Christ." – Charles Spurgeon

"The Magi's journey and the gifts they brought showed a perfect balance: the gold of an earthly king, the incense of a deity, and the myrrh for the one who would die. They didn't miss any part of who Christ was." – CS Lewis

"Wise men STILL seek Him." - anonymous

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS 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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.

The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

We shall not be afraid. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

All Glory Be To Christ

AULD LANG SYNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*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. After the lesson, children grades K-6 are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. The Nursery is open to children between 12 months and pre-K for the duration of worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School or the Nursery, please accompany them so that we may register your child.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-3, 14

NRSV NT 91

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

E. Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought, I missed of all but now I see, 'tis found is Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile, under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive, which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

NRSV NT 2

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶""But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

SERMON

Ver Picher

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION



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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

Precious Lord, your gift of your very self laid in a manger was at once humble and mighty. May these gifts mirror your humble gift, given from our hearts, that they might reflect the Christmas joy and light that you came to offer. Amen!

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)

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 glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

All Glory Be to Christ

1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;
 2. His will be done, his king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;
 3. When on the day the great I AM, the faith - ful and the true,

un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.
 who is him-self our dai - ly bread, praise him, the Lord of love.
 the Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new.

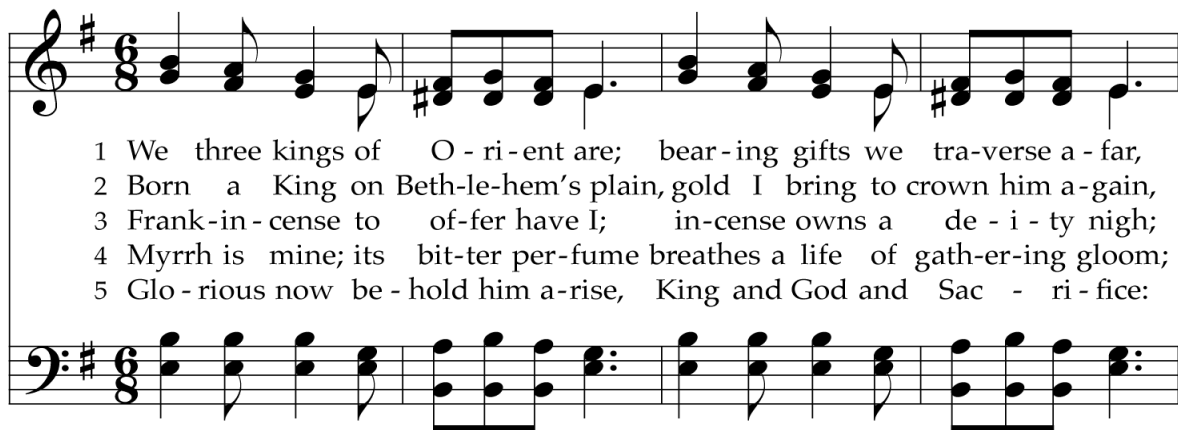
To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me, what is your life?
 Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price.
 Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light;

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn— all glo - ry be to Christ!
 We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet— all glo - ry be to Christ!
 and we shall ere his peo - ple be— all glo - ry be to Christ!

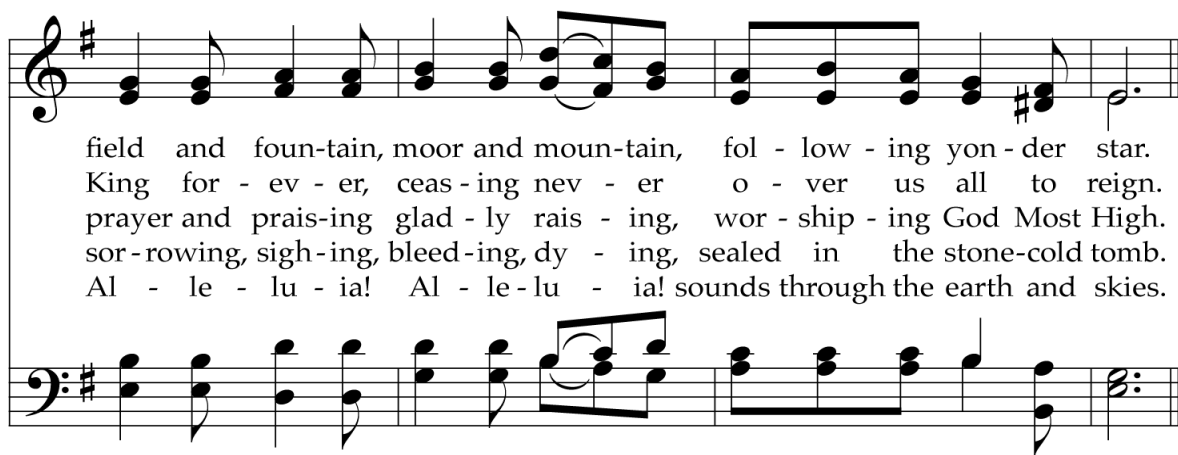
All glo - ry be to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing— all glo - ry be to Christ!

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

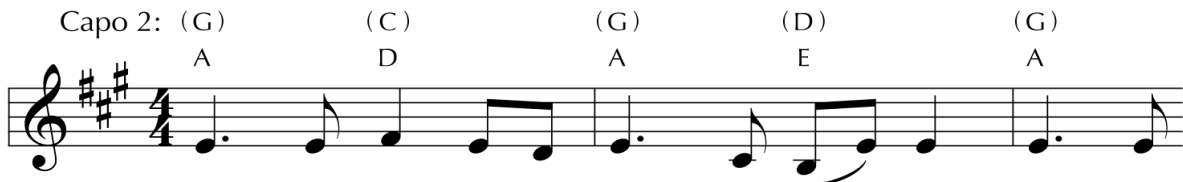

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

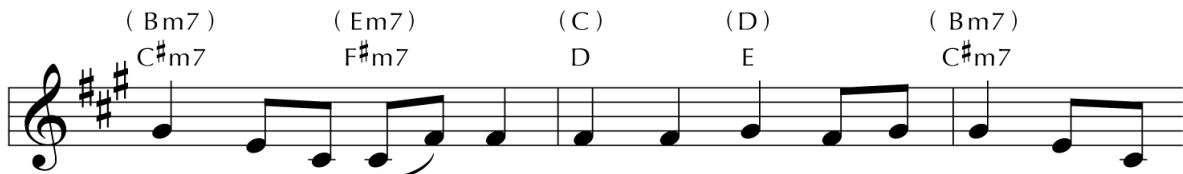
192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine



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



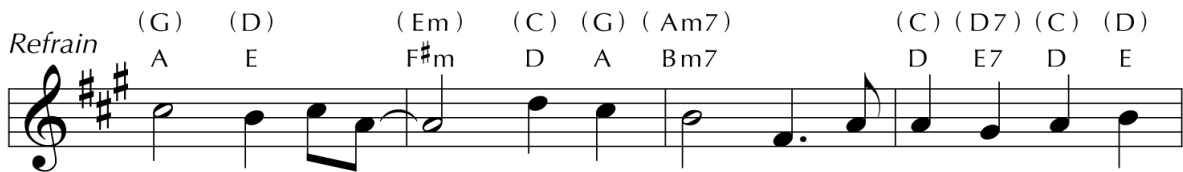
midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



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



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



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.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

(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.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

SNOW PROTOCOL As winter approaches, we want you to be prepared with information regarding possible church closings. Should inclement weather be predicted and the decision made to cancel the Sunday morning service, you will be advised by 8am via email and posts on the church Facebook and Instagram pages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES Sunday School resumes **TODAY** for Nursery (12 months - Pre-K) and grades K-6.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am, Sunday, January 4**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to children 4-11.



SPROUTS MURAL MAKING NIGHT Help create our very own children's mural on large canvases to hang in the Sanctuary, **5pm, Friday, January 9**. Play games, eat dinner and end with a devotional Bible Story and song. Open to children grades K-5. Use the QR code to register (and send the link to friends to register, too).



SPROUTS PIZZA VOLUNTEERS Offer dinner for the Sprouts by providing four large plain cheese pizzas **the second Friday of the month beginning Friday, January 9**. Have them delivered/drop them off in the WPC kitchen around 4:45pm. Use the QR for details and to register.

PHIL LABORIE ART SHOW Plan to attend the official opening of Phil's one-man art show, "The Land of the Giants," at Swarthmore Borough Hall (121 Park Avenue), **4-6pm, Saturday, January 10**. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Swarthmore Friends of the Arts. The show continues through Friday, January 30.

LOOKING AHEAD

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, January 11**, to eat breakfast, games, discussion and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12. Meet in the Youth Room.

BELLAPALOOZA Ring in the New Year with bell choirs from local churches, including WPC and Swarthmore Presbyterian, and The Baldwin School, **3pm, Sunday, January 11**. The groups will perform a mix of sacred and secular music, including some holiday favorites! Suggested donation – \$15, benefitting Keep Music Alive, a non-profit that helps promote access to music education in Delaware County.

PRIME TIME Listen to and sing along with the Legends Band (with our own Bud Fury on banjo and Diane Gerlach and Earl Varney on trombone), **Tuesday, January 13**. The 20+ piece ensemble performs traditional Big Band to contemporary favorites. **Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

WOW Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, January 14**, and a lesson led by Chris Jacobson.

BOOKLOOK Discuss “The Bonobo and the Atheist: In Search of Humanism Among the Primates” by Frans de Waal, in which the author argues “human morality is not imposed from above but instead comes from within. Moral behavior does not begin and end with religion but is in fact a product of evolution,” **7:30pm, Wednesday, January 21**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$9.50.

ANNUAL MEETING Plan to attend the annual meeting of the congregation to receive reports, review financial and benevolence statements, receive the 2026 budget and elect members of the Nominating Committee held at the **close of worship, Sunday, January 25**.

MOVIE NIGHT “AT THE RIVER” Watch and discuss “At the River: Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South,” a film chronicling the actions of several Presbyterian ministers in the South who spoke out during the Civil Rights Era and the consequences of those actions, **Wednesday, January 28. Pizza – 6pm; movie – 6:15pm**.

GIVING AND SERVICE

CAKES OF SOAP Donate full-size cakes of soap for the WPC Day of Service **TODAY through Sunday, January 18**.

Least Coin Look for the water jug in the Narthex (before church) and Fellowship Hall (during coffee hour) to deposit your least coins (loose change) for the WPC Day of Service. Continues through mid-January.

WPC DAY OF SERVICE DONATIONS For January, we are asking for full-size bottles of hand soap. Place in large bin outside the church office.

WPC DAY OF SERVICE An inter-generational opportunity to benefit others, **10am, Monday, January 19**. Package personal hygiene products for the Delco Domestic Abuse Project and Bridge Houses through CityTeam, weekend snacks for after-school club children at Chester Eastside and thank you cards/snacks for the Nether Providence Police Department/Garden City Fire Company.

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

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| -Cereal/oatmeal/Cream of Wheat | -Peanut butter/jelly |
| -Canned fruit (all varieties) | -Canned soup |
| -Canned fish (tuna, salmon, mackerel) | -Canned chicken |
| -Canned Vegetables (corn, carrots, peas, green beans) | -Rice (white and flavored) |
| -Knorr side dishes (all varieties) | -Stuffing/boxed mac & cheese |
| -Pasta and sauce (all varieties) | -Salad dressing (all varieties) |
| -Ramen noodles (family packs of six) | -Packaged cookies/snacks |
| -Personal hygiene products | |

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 4	Wednesday, January 7
09.30am- Chancel Choir	Thursday, January 8
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Kids Café	Friday, January 9
11.15am- Service Day Prep Meeting	05.00pm- Sprouts
Monday, January 5	Saturday, January 10
10.00am- Bible Study	Sunday, January 11
10.00am- Staff Meeting	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Connections	10.00am- Breakfast Club
Tuesday, January 6	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	11.00am- Coffee Hour
	03.00pm- Concert for a Cause: Bell-a-Palooza

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