



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 11TH, 2026
BAPTISM 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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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

LITURGIST: Tony Tolomeo

USHERS: Jenny Miller

Mary Lou Day

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

Next Week

LITURGIST: Lisa Higgins

USHERS: Bowe Hansen

Thomas Hansen

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

*Those who are able, please stand.

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

The Baptism of the Lord Sunday comes immediately following Epiphany. This Sunday is thought to be an Epiphany of a sort, but is also a Theophany, when the Divine is revealed to human beings in a visible or audible way. Here we have a Theophany - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all revealed to those on the banks of the River Jordan. Where God once revealed his Son by leading the Wise Men by the light of the star, he now reveals him again bursting forth from the River Jordan with a dove, and God's own voice.

"The baptism of Jesus is the moment when the new world begins to break through. It's the moment when the curtain between heaven and earth is drawn back and the two worlds, God's world and our world, are seen to be one." - NT Wright

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *From "Christ When You Were For Us Baptized" by Lutheran Hymn Project*
Christ, when for us you were baptized

God's Spirit on you came

As peaceful as a dove, and yet

As urgent as a flame

God called you, "My beloved Son"

You are God's servant true

Sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n

God's holy will to do

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord

Your cross on us be signed

That likewise in God's service we

May perfect freedom find

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #476

Crashing Waters at Creation

CRASHING WATERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we see your beauty, holiness, and love, and feel ashamed of the ways we've insulted that love with our sin. You ask us to forgive, yet we cling to grudges. You call us to surrender our lives, yet we act as if we are in charge. Instead of seeking humility, we take credit and boast. Instead of seeing others as better than ourselves, we find ways to prop ourselves up. Forgive us for being prideful and help us to remember who created the heavens and the earth. Make us humble and make us holy. Amen.

*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

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. M. Kastner & K. McChesney
ft. Lisé Meloy

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 3:7-8, 11-17

NRSV OT 195

ANTHEM

Take Me to the Water

Spiritual

Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized. I love Jesus. I love Jesus. I love Jesus, yes, I do. He's my Savior. He's my Savior. He's my Savior, yes, he is. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

NRSV NT 3

SERMON

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach



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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

Gracious God, as Jesus was immersed in the waters of the Jordan, we ask that you immerse these gifts in your Spirit. Use them to bring healing to the broken, food to the hungry, and the light of Christ to those in darkness. Just as you claimed Jesus as your own, claim these offerings for your holy work. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

... Merciful Lord, pour your waters of grace over us. ...

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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Christopher and Lisa, in celebration of their parents, Tony and June Tolomeo's 50th anniversary.

BAPTISM

476 Crashing Waters at Creation

Capo 1: (Em)
Fm (F#dim7)
Gdim7 (Em)
Fm

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

(D#dim7)
Edim7 (Em)
Fm

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -
thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of

(F#dim7)
Gdim7 (Em)
Fm (Am) (B) (Em)
Bb m C Fm

day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
chains of bond - age: chan - nel to a life made new.
veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness; make us whole.

Like the Thanksgiving Over the Water in the rite of Baptism, this text by a United Church of Canada minister recalls significant events in salvation history involving water. The final stanza is a prayer to Christ, the Living Water (John 4:10, 14), to quench our spiritual thirst.

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Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

SNOW PROTOCOL In the winter season, 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am today, 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 today, 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

YOUTH GROUP DAY OF SERVICE AFTER PARTY Volunteer at 10am for the WPC Day of Service, then stay after for a pizza party, **noon, Monday, January 19**. RSVP to Pastor Taylor.

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



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. Use the QR code to volunteer to set up/package items/clean up/deliver packages.

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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING Fish banks will be in each Sunday School room for children to bring an offering. For the spring, the money will be used to support summer campers at Chester Eastside.

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE Have some extra new/gently used kid's toys and trinkets? Place them in (or take them from) the red baskets in the Narthex and hallway. The list includes:

-Fidget toys	-Keychains
-Novelty pencils/erasers	-Crayons
-Squishies	-Birthday party bag trinkets
-Small notebooks	-Stickers
-Slap bracelets	-Other small kid-friendly items

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

-Cream of Wheat	-Cereal (Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Honey Bunches of Oats)
-Protein bars	-Bottles of juice (all varieties)
-Canned vegetables (spinach)	-Canned meat (corned beef, beef stew)
-Baby items (diapers size 5)	-Cooking staples (vegetable oil, honey, salt)
-Egg cartons	

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 11	Wednesday, January 14
09.30am- Chancel Choir	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
10.00am- Breakfast Club	07.00pm- WOW
10.00am- Worship	Thursday, January 15
11.00am- Coffee Hour	06.30pm- Bell Choir
03.00pm- Concert for a Cause: Bell-a-Palooza	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
Monday, January 12	Friday, January 16
10.00am- Bible Study	Saturday, January 17
07.30pm- Session	Sunday, January 18
Tuesday, January 13	09.30am- Chancel Choir
12.00pm- Legends Band	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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