



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 18TH, 2026  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

# 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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, ACTING HEAD OF STAFF: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

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TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

LITURGIST: Lisa Higgins

USHERS: Bowe Hansen

Thomas Hansen

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

### **Next Week**

LITURGIST: Frank Noyes

USHERS: Heather Warley

Ellis Warley

COFFEE HOUR: Worship 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

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." — Martin Luther King Jr.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." — Martin Luther King Jr.

"But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Why do we come here this morning?

**To offer our praises to the Living God!**

Who is the God we serve?

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the God who is LOVE!**

If we were not here, what would happen?

**All of creation would praise Him! The stones would cry out!**

But we are here, so what shall we do?

**Cry out with joy, and sing out with love, to the One who saved us!**

**We will stand and sing!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess the brokenness of our world and our own roles in it. We have stayed silent in the face of injustice and remained comfortable while others are oppressed. Forgive us, Lord. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us the courage to dismantle prejudice within us and the strength to challenge inequity around us. Grant us the will to seek a world where justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. 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.*

## ANTHEM

Home By Another Road

Mark A. Miller

You taught my heart what love can be, so I'm headed back home by another road. I once was bound, but now am free, so I'm headed back home by another road. The lights are on, the welcome warm, as we're headed back home by another road. There's room for every person born as we're headed back home by another road. Join me now, the road is wide, all God's children side by side, where justice will shine and love abide, we're headed back home by another road, yes, we're headed back home by another road. God's people on the move again, and we're headed back home by another road. The power of love has made us kin, and we're headed back home by another road. Join me now, the road is wide, all God's children side by side, where justice will shine and love abide, we're headed back home by another road, yes, we're headed back home by another road. Still worshipping we're on the way, and we're headed back home by another road. We'll hold each others hearts this day, and we're headed back home by another road. Join me now, the road is wide, all God's children side by side, where justice will shine and love abide, we're headed back home by another road, yes, we're headed back home by another road.

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 3:13-30

NRSV OT 822

### SERMON

The Fourth Man in the Fire

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

In the Room

Leonard, Raine & Coleman

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

### OFFERTORY

Prelude in E-flat BWV 876

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**

Loving Father, we come before You today with open hands. We acknowledge that every breath we take, every talent we possess, and every resource in our care is a gift from Your hand. You are the source of all things, and we are simply stewards of Your abundance. We dedicate these gifts back to You, recognizing that it was Yours before it was ours. May it be used for Your glory and according to Your will. Amen.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER 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 glory forever. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing  
(verses 1 and 3)

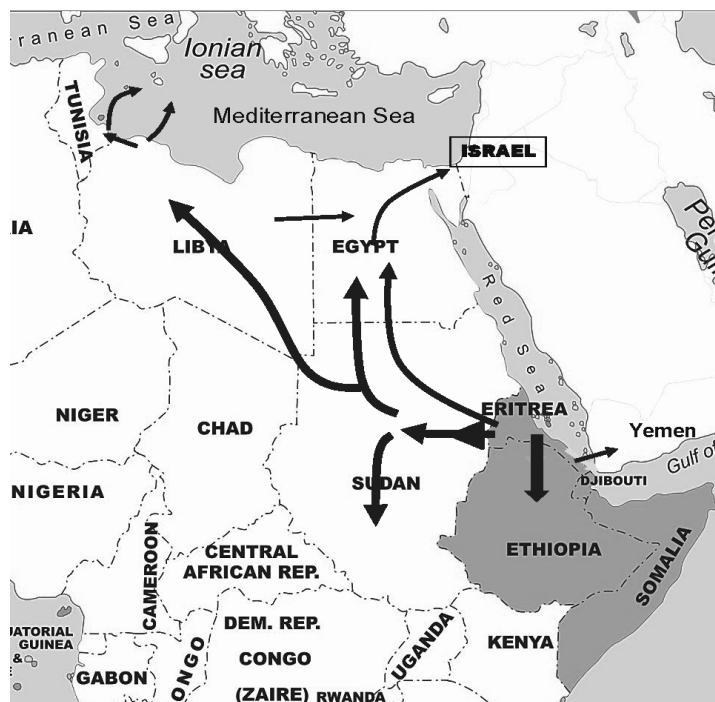
LIFT EVERY VOICE

**\*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 Eva and Beckett Guinn,  
in loving memory of Joseph Lukachik, Dido.*

**THE FLOW OF FLIGHT  
FROM ERITREA**



### **Daniel 3:13-30**

<sup>13</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. <sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, pipe, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

<sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary <sup>20</sup>and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup>So, the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup>Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup>But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." <sup>25</sup>He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god." <sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup>And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. <sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." <sup>30</sup>Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

# 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's  
 2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a-round me, it looked so  
 bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
 track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

# 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had the  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## 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.

**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.

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

**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**.

**KIDS CAFÉ** Kids – meet Pastor Taylor in the choir room, **11 am, Sunday, February 1**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to children age four and older.

**CHAPEL CHOIR** Kids – meet in the choir room to practice “Shine Jesus Shine,” **9 am, Sunday, February 8**, then sing it during the 10am service. Open to children age four and older.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** Bring a few cans of soup for the Red Wagon, **10am, Sunday, February 8**, then settle in for the game.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, February 8**, for breakfast, games, discussion and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12. Meet in the Youth Room.

## 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/South Media 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:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| -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:

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|------------------------------|--|
| -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

<b>Sunday, January 18</b>	<b>Thursday, January 22</b>
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, January 23</b>
<b>Monday, January 19 - MLK Day</b>	<b>Saturday, January 24</b>
10.00am- Day of Service	<b>Sunday, January 25</b>
12.00pm- Youth Group After Party	09.00am- Bell Choir
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Deacons	10.00am- Worship
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- BookLook	11.00am- Annual Meeting

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