



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026
5TH 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

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Jenny Montague

Helen Picher

LITURGIST: Noelle Coker

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

Next Week

USHERS: Bowe Hanson

Thomas Hanson

LITURGIST: Charley Babcock

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

*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

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty... He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge." - Psalm 91:1-4

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

"Real prayer comes from the heart. It is the language of a lover to the Beloved. It is a child talking to a father. It is a heart-to-heart talk. In the same way that a small child cannot draw a bad picture, so a child of God cannot offer a bad prayer." – Richard Foster, Prayer

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord opens His arms and calls us by name.

We come to rest in the embrace of our God.

Lay down your burdens; leave your worries at the door.

We exchange our weariness for His perfect peace.

In the stillness of prayer and worship, let us draw near to the One who loves us.

We are held, we are heard, and we are home.

Let us worship God!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, we confess that we often wander far from Your side. We try to carry our own burdens, forgetting that Your arms are open wide. Forgive us for the times we have chosen worry over prayer, and for the silence we have kept instead of seeking Your face. Draw us close once more. Hold us in Your mercy and teach our hearts to rest in You alone. Amen.

***RESPONSE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (VASEL)**

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION "Shine Jesus Shine"/"This Little Light"/"Lord I Lift Your Name"
Chapel Choir

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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

NRSV NT 205

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters. ²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

SERMON

The Unbroken Whisper

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

ANTHEM

Sit Down Servant

arr. L. Twine

Sit down, servant! I can't sit down! My soul's so happy, Lord, I can't sit! Sit down, sit yourself right on down. Sit down, sit you better sit down. No! I can't sit. No! I can't quit. I've got to sing Hallelujah Glory Hallelu. I can't hush. I've got to sing Hallelujah Amen. No! I can't eat. No! I can't sleep. I've got to sing Hallelujah Glory Hallelu. No! I can't grouch. I can't slouch. I've got to sing Hallelujah Amen. Sit down, servant! I can't sit down! Sit down, servant, Glory Hallelujah. Sit down, servant! I can't sit down! My soul's so happy, Lord, I can't sit! Sit down, servant! Glory Hallelujah. Sit down, servant, sit down!

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY



This Little Light of Mine

arr. M. Hayes

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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

Generous God, we offer these gifts as a sign of our trust in You. Take what we give and use it to extend Your reach to those in need. May these offerings help the weary find rest and the broken feel Your loving embrace. Amen.

PRAYER 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 glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

SWEET HOUR

*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 Jeremy, Allie and Becket Guinn,
in celebration of Eva's 12th birthday!*

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May

3

calls me from a world of care And bids me at my
 wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and
 I thy con - so - la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's

6

Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known!
 faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
 loft - y height I view my home and take my flight:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten
 And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and
 This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er-



12



found re - lief, And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare
 trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care,
 last - ing prize, And shout, while pass - ing through the air,



By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
 "Fare - well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!"



PRAYER

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

최 짐 맡은 우리 구주



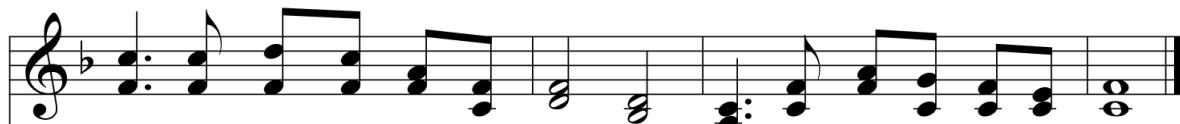
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

GIVING AND SERVICE

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.

LifeWerks is requesting:

- Cereal (kids' favorites)
- Jam or jelly (strawberry or other berries)
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)
- Soup (any brand of Chunky soups)

Most requested:

- Any chicken and noodle
- Any beef and vegetable
- Chicken Pot Pie or Dumplings
- Chicken and Sausage Gumbo
- Italian Wedding
- New England Clam Chowder
- Canned vegetables (collard or mixed greens)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Snack bars
- Paper Products (napkins, toilet paper, tissues)
- Skin care products (shampoo, body lotion or cream, wet wipes)

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.

CHAPEL CHOIR Kids – meet in the choir room to practice “Shine Jesus Shine,” **9 am today, 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 today, Sunday, February 8**, then settle in for the game.

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

PRIME TIME Brett Peters, curator of the American Swedish Historical Museum, will talk about early Swedish settlement in the Delaware Valley, **Tuesday, February 10**. He will focus on the creation, duration and fall of the New Sweden Colony; expansion of Swedish and Finnish settlements throughout the region and the role that New Sweden colonists played in the development of Philadelphia and the greater Philadelphia area. **Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

W.O.W. Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, February 11**, and a lesson led by Barb Demos.

 **SPROUTS SHARING GOD'S LOVE** Spread God's love for us by making Valentine's Day cards for our homebound church members and friends, **5pm, Friday, February 13**. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? – DEALING WITH THE SILENCE OF GOD We're taught that prayer is a conversation, but what do you do when the other side goes quiet? "Can You Hear Me Now?" is a raw, honest exploration of the seasons when God feels distant and the silence feels deafening. Join us, **11:30am, Sunday, February 15**, as we move past the platitudes and learn how to navigate the "dark night of the soul" without losing our footing – or our faith. Led by Pastor Taylor.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Join for a service of worship and quiet reflection, **7:30pm, Wednesday, February 18**. Before we can celebrate the light of Easter, we must first be truthful about our own shadows. Ash Wednesday is a "reality check" for the soul – a communal moment to lay down our masks, acknowledge our humanness and admit that we are made of "dust." Through song, silence and the ancient sign of ashes, we will confront our brokenness and the reality of our mortality, not to leave us hopeless, but to prepare our hearts for the Lenten journey ahead. Come as you are – bringing nothing but your need – as we surrender our "borrowed breath" back to the One who loves us in our frailty.

THE DANGER AND HERESY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE Participate in the three-part series beginning **11:30am, Sunday, February 22**. Led by Dr. Manfred Brauch, author/Professor Emeritus of Biblical Theology and past President, Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University. The February 22 session will be an introduction and overview of the following:

- What is "Nationalism?"
- What is "Patriotism?"
- What is the Problem with Nationalism?
- Was the US founded as a "Christian Nation?"
- What is "Christian Nationalism?"
- The Quest for Power and Control: White Supremacy

Continues Sundays, March 1 and 8.



POTLUCK DINNER AND ADULT/KID QUIZZO Bring your favorite dish (please no church kitchen prep or excessive cleanup), or candy to donate for the Egg-Stravaganza, then divide into adult/kid teams for the game, **4-6pm, Sunday, February 22**. A Quizzo expert will call the questions. Use the QR code to sign up on Church Center.

YOUTH GROUP ESCAPE ROOM Meet at Sproul Lanes (745 West Sproul Rd, Springfield) for a Prison Break escape room, **5:30-7:30pm, Saturday, February 28**. Contact Pastor Taylor to register.

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 8	Wednesday, February 11
09.00am- Chapel Choir	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.00pm- WOW
10.00am- Breakfast Club	Thursday, February 12
10.00am- Worship	06.30pm- Bell Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	07.15pm- Wallingford Winds
11.00am- Wallingford Winds	07.45pm- Chancel Choir
11.30am- Peacemaking Movie Follow Up	Friday, February 13
Monday, February 9	05.00pm- Sprouts
10.00am- Bible Study	Saturday, February 14
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Sunday, February 15
07.30pm- Session	09.00am- Wallingford Winds
Tuesday, February 10	09.30am- Chancel Choir
12.00pm- Prime Time	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Communications Meeting	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	11.30am- Can You Hear Me Now?

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