



**WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026  
TRANSFIGURATION 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**

USHERS: Bowe Hanson

Thomas Hanson

LITURGIST: Charley Babcock

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

### **Next Week**

USHERS: Nancy Oetinger

Jim Oetinger

LITURGIST: Mimi Haggerty

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

"On the Mount of Transfiguration, God the Father spoke from the cloud. In the darkness of Calvary, God the Father was silent. But in both, the Son was being revealed as the Savior of the world." — Warren Wiersbe

"The Transfiguration was a glimpse of the ending of the story. It was the trailer for the movie of the Kingdom of God." — N.T. Wright

"The mountain is not where we live; it is where we are fueled for the valley. We do not go up to stay; we go up to see, so that we can come down and serve." — Billy Graham

"To see the glory of God is to be changed by it. You cannot stand in the sun and not be warmed." — St. Augustine

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord, where glory shines like the sun.

**We gather in the radiance of God's presence, our hearts filled with wonder.**

On this peak, the shadows of the world flee away and the Truth is revealed.

**We behold the light of Christ, the beloved Son, who calls us by name.**

Let us worship the One who is the Light of the World, both here and everywhere!

**Amen! Let us shine with the joy of the Lord!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Light, we confess that we often prefer the comfort of the shadows.

**We get used to the darkness of our own grudges, our worries, and our selfishness.**

On this mountain, your glory exposes the things we try to hide.

**Forgive us for when we try to keep your light for ourselves instead of sharing it.**

Forgive us for the times we refuse to listen to your Beloved Son.

**Wash us clean, Lord. Transform our hearts as we prepare to follow you into the valley of Lent. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In Christ, the veil is lifted. We are seen, we are known, and we are forgiven! Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**



**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of Glory, you have showered us with the light of your grace and the riches of your love. We bring these gifts to you now—not out of obligation, but out of joy. Use these offerings and our very lives to kindle hope in dark places and to feed those who hunger for your peace. May we descend from this mountain ready to serve, shining with the radiance of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**... God of Majesty, let your light shine! ...**

**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**

**Jesus, the Light of the World**

**COOMBS**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Sprog and Bruce Clark  
In loving memory of Beanie.*

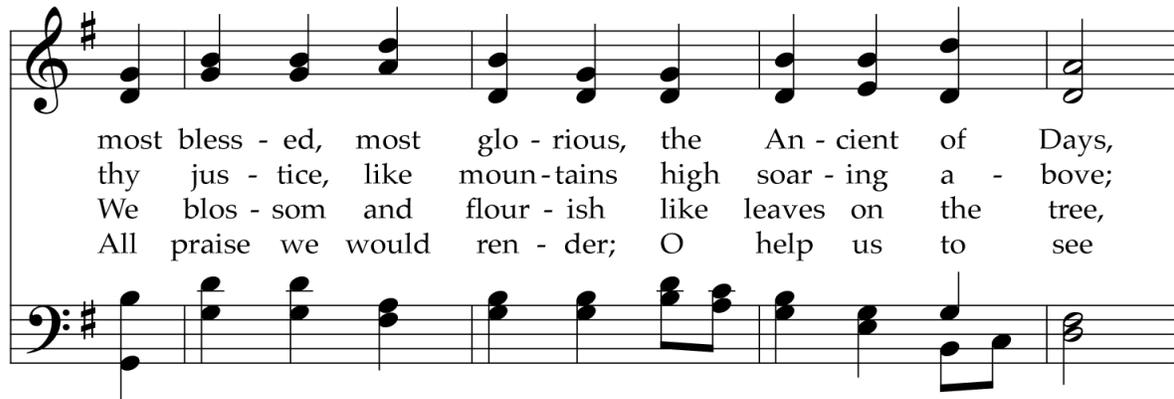
## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

# Jesus, the Light of the World

Mrs. James Vincent Coombs, 1898

Arranged

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1. All ye saints of light pro-claim, Je-sus, the light of the world; Life and mer-cy  
2. Hear the Sav-ior's ear-nest call, Je-sus, the light of the world; Send the Gos-pel  
3. Why not seek Him then to-day, Je-sus, the light of the world; Go with truth the  
4. Come, con-fess Him as your king, Je-sus, the light of the world; Then the bells of



*Refrain*



in His name, Je-sus, the light of the world.  
truth to all, Je-sus, the light of the world. We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light,  
nar-row way, Je-sus, the light of the world.  
Heav'n will ring, Je-sus, the light of the world.



Come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright; Shine all a-round us by day and by night,



Je-sus, the light of the world.



**Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Matthew 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

## **GIVING AND SERVICE ....**

**EASTER TREAT COLLECTION** Beginning **TODAY**, drop individually-wrapped candy, non-sugary snacks (fruit roll-ups, gummies), stickers or other non-edible treats for Easter Egg-stravaganza (Saturday, March 28) in the tubs in the narthex/Fellowship Hall. **Continues through Sunday, March 22.**

**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.

**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 today, 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.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The church office will be closed **Monday, February 16**, for Presidents' Day.

**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.

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** The morning will feature a Taizé service, **10am, Sunday, February 22.**

### **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

In preparation for the series, the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee recommends the following resources:

 -"Christian Nationalism is neither Christian nor Patriotic," a sermon by Lutheran Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee (use the QR code to view)

 -"The Seven Mountains Mandate: Exposing the Dangerous Plan to Christianize America and Destroy Democracy" by Matthew Boedy

**Continues Sundays, March 1 and 8.**

 **POTLUCK DINNER AND ADULT/KID QUIZZO** Bring your favorite dish (please no church kitchen prep or excessive cleanup), and 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.** Use the QR code to register.

 **PALM SUNDAY PAGEANT REGISTRATION** Kids – present the story of Palm Sunday through word and song! Held 10am, Sunday, March 29. Open to children of all ages. Use the QR code for details and to register. Continues through Sunday, March 1.

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

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	<b>Thursday, February 19</b>
09.00am- Wallingford Winds	06.30pm- Bell Choir
09.30am- Chancel Choir	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Worship	<b>Friday, February 20</b>
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Saturday, February 21</b>
11.30am- Can You Hear Me Now?	<b>Sunday, February 22</b>
<b>Monday, February 16 - President's Day</b>	09.00am- Bell Choir
10.00am- Bible Study	09.30am- Chancel Choir
<b>Tuesday, February 17</b>	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Deacons	11.00am- Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday</b>	11.30am- Ed Council
07.30pm- Ash Wednesday Service	11.30am- Christian Nationalism part 1
	04.00pm- Potluck and Quizzo

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