



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026
ASH WEDNESDAY

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

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

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*Those who are able, please stand.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE HYMN

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES and the MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY

OPENING HYMN #218

Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1-3)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:9b-20, and 23

NRSV NT 154

^{9b}For I have already charged that all men, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin,
¹⁰as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands, no one seeks for God.
¹²All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong; no one does good, not even one."
¹³"Their throat is an open grave, they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is
under their lips." ¹⁴"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." ¹⁵"Their feet are swift to
shed blood, ¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷and the way of peace they do not know."
¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes." ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it
speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole
world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For no human being will be justified in his sight by
works of the law, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
²³All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

HOMILY

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

HYMN OF RESPONSE #218

Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 4-5)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

CALL TO CONFESSION

The world tells us to be invincible. We are told to hide our cracks, to polish our lives, and to carry our own weight without stumbling. But tonight, we stand before the truth. Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; that we are, every one of us, made of the same fragile dust.

We have tried to be our own gods. We have tried to save ourselves.

Tonight, we stop trying. We stop the performance. We acknowledge that our hearts are often stone and our hands are often empty.

We bring no gifts to buy God's favor, for a broken and contrite heart is the only sacrifice God desires.

Let us be honest in the silence about the ways we have wandered, trusting that the One who formed us from the dust is the same One who will never let us go. Let us confess.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-4, 7-8, 10-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;**
so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁷**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

¹⁰**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

MOMENT OF SILENT REPENTANCE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HYMN #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

*RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! For the Law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh cannot do - by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh.

**As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
Hallelujah, Christ bore our burden!**

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dead Man's Will

Sam Beam

*Give this stone to my brother Because we found it playing in the barnyard Many years ago
Give this bone to my father He'll remember hunting in the hills When I was ten years old
May my love reach you all I lost it in myself and buried too long Now that I come to fall Please
say it's not too late Now that I'm dead and gone
Give this string to my mother It pulled the baby teeth She keeps inside the drawer Give this
ring to my lover I was scared and stupid not to ask For her hand long before
May my love reach you all I lost it in myself and buried too long Now that I come to fall Please
say it's not too late Now that I'm dead and gone*

218

Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

Your Only Son

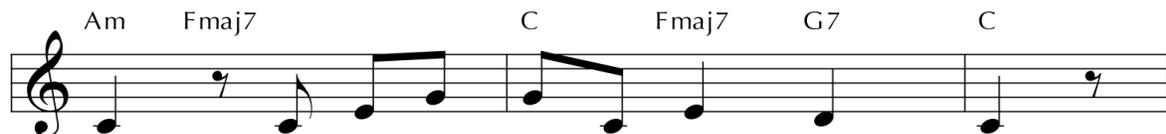
Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



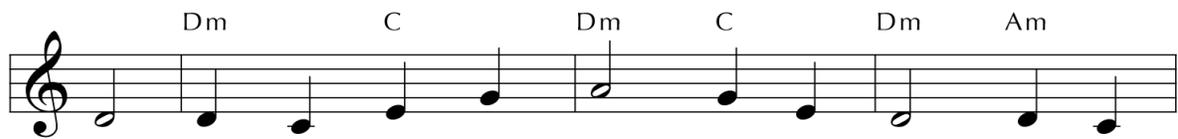
ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



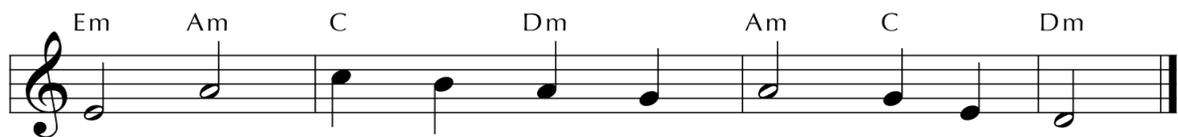
soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."