



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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: Nancy Oetinger

Jim Oetinger

LITURGIST: Mimi Haggerty

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

Next Week

LITURGIST: Don Holloway

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

*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

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God..." - 1 John 3:1-2

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ..." - Romans 8:16-17

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

For His names' sake. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, help us to remember who we are, that we are Your beloved children. Forgive us for the times when we act as if we belong to the world or just to ourselves. We confess that we have sinned against one another and you, by following our own ways instead of yours. Forgive our pride, forgive our selfishness, and transform us into your loving disciples. 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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kyrie
Bell Choir

C. Moglebust

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 Kings 19:9-13

NRSV OT 326

⁹At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

*TAIZÉ HYMNS #544
HYMN #814

Bless the Lord
In God Alone

BLESS THE LORD
MON AME SE REPOSE

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-11

NRSV NT 34

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

Voices

Roger Demos

ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem

John Knowles Paine

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY HYMNS #294
HYMN #842

Within Our Darkest Night
The Lord Is My Light

DANS NOS OBSCURITES
THE LORD IS MY LIGHT



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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, breathe Your blessing upon these gifts, that they might sow seeds of Your peace throughout the earth. Transform our very lives into a living offering, holy and pleasing to You, as we dedicate the fullness of our hearts to Your service. 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 #465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

***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 Pat and Phil LaBorie
In celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

SENDING

544

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first. The melody continues with the lyrics written below. The system ends with a double bar line.

This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To “bless God’s holy name” (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God’s providence will show us “the path of life” (Psalm 16:11).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)

Irregular

In God Alone

814

Mon âme se repose

In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

This prayer response based on Psalm 62:1, 5 comes from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France (see also no. 843). It is intended for repeated singing in either language (or both). It can also be used effectively as a recurring congregational response in a series of prayers.

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MON ÂME SE REPOSE
Irregular

294 Within Our Darkest Night

Dans nos obscurités

With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é -

dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way. With-in our dark-est night, you
teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al -

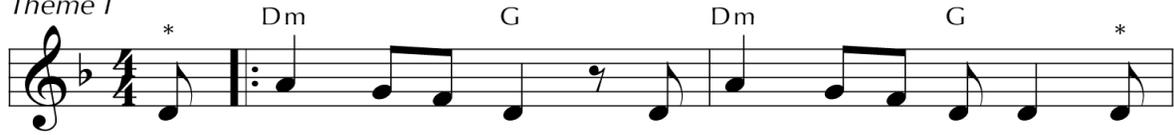
kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.
lu - me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais.

This Taizé chant can be used in several ways. Its inclusion in the Holy Spirit section connects the fire it celebrates with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. It might also be appropriate at evening services or as part of the Easter Vigil found in the *Book of Common Worship*.

842 The Lord Is My Light

(Psalm 27)

Theme I

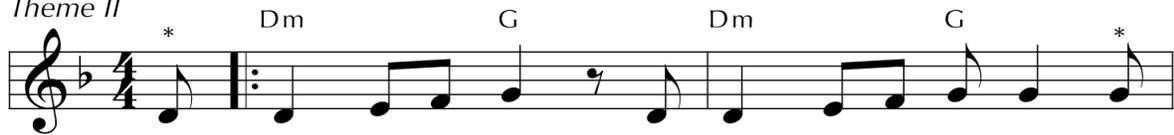


The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in



God I trust; in God I trust. The

Theme II



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in



God I trust; in God I trust. The

**Each of the two themes can be sung separately, either in unison or as a round.
The two themes can also be sung together.*

This adaptation of Psalm 27:1 from the Taizé Community provides an effective refrain for a responsive reading of the whole psalm. The two melodies can be sung either in harmony or as a round. The refrain can also be used on its own during congregational candlelighting services.

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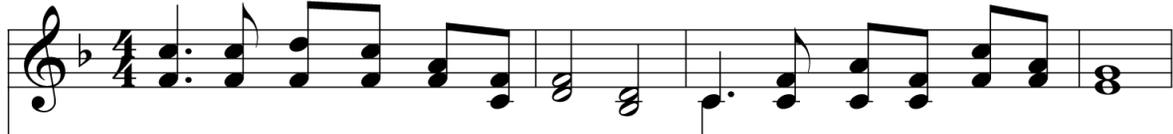
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THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Irregular

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주



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

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.

HEARING THE SERVICE With our new audio-visual equipment, we now have the capability to broadcast the worship service directly to hearing aids if they are Bluetooth enabled. Instructions are available at the AV desk at the rear of the sanctuary or speak to Walt Kaminski.



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.

THE DANGER AND HERESY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Participate in the three-part series beginning **11:30am today, 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. Childcare will be available.



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 today, Sunday, February 22**. A Quizzo expert will call the questions. Use the QR code to sign up on Church Center.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

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

PALM SUNDAY PAGEANT PRACTICE A readers-only rehearsal will be held **11am Sunday, March 8**.

FUSE SPRING COMMUNITY DINNER Enjoy an evening of food, games, conversation and fellowship, **6:30-8:30pm, Monday, March 16**, at Chester Eastside (301 East 9th Street, Chester). Sponsored by FUSE (Fellowship of Urban Suburban Engagement), a partnership between houses of worship (including WPC), community groups and non-profit organizations in Delaware County and the City of Chester. FUSE members are Christian, Jewish and Muslim; come from different racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and bring a range of cultural traditions to the table to connect with ourselves and our neighbors through our common humanity.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation (donate two units of red blood cells during one donation), **2-7pm, Wednesday, March 18**. To schedule an appointment, use the QR code or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

BOOKLOOK Discuss “I Was Anastasia” by Ariel Lawhon, **7:30pm, Wednesday, March 18**, “an enthralling feat of historical suspense that unravels the extraordinary twists and turns in Anna Anderson's 50-year battle to be recognized as Anastasia Romanov. Is she the Russian Grand Duchess or the thief of another woman's legacy? (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$6.

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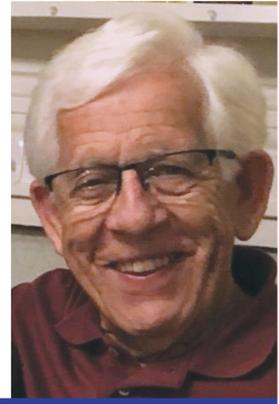
THE DANGER AND HERESY OF **CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM** IN HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Three Part Series with

DR. MANFRED BRAUCH

Dr. Brauch received the BA at Houghton College in 1963; the MDiv at North American Baptist Seminary in 1966; did graduate study at the University of Hamburg, Germany from 1966-1967; earned his Th.M. degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1968 and the Ph.D. at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario in 1971.

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SESSION 1: Feb 22

Introduction / Overview

Definitions / Problems:

- 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

SESSION 2: March 1

An exploration of "Christian Nationalism" across the centuries and its tragic consequences:

From the Roman emperor Constantine (323 CE) to its most recent manifestations in sectors of American Protestantism

SESSION 3: March 8

Special emphasis will be on the proclamation of OT prophets and the life and teaching of Jesus, in which understandings and uses of power—to control, restrict, oppress, exclude, manipulate—are decidedly rejected as contrary to the divine purpose for human life in community.

All sessions from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

WPC, 110 E. Brookhaven Road, Wallingford, PA

All sessions are FREE to attend



For more info please contact
Walt Kaminski at 610-334-2025

Dr. Manfred Brauch continued

Dr. Brauch, a native of Germany, came to the United States in 1953 and became a U.S. citizen in 1959. After completion of graduate study, he taught New Testament Interpretation at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1970 to 1978. He joined the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary as Academic Dean and Professor of New Testament, serving in that position from 1978 to 1987. From 1981 to 1983 he also served as Acting President of Eastern Baptist Seminary and its sister school Eastern College. In 1987 he returned to full-time teaching as the Maxwell Professor of Biblical Theology. He was appointed the Seminary's tenth President in 1989, leading the Seminary in that post until June 1997, when he returned to full-time teaching as Professor of Biblical Theology, serving in that capacity until 2004.

He has been visiting and adjunct professor at Loyola University and at North Park Theological Seminary (Chicago), the University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada), West Chester University (PA), Eastern University (PA), the Seminario Teologico Bautista (Santiago, Chile), the Moscow Baptist Theological Seminary (Russia), Carey Theological College (Auckland, New Zealand), and The Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary in Kumba, Cameroon, West Africa. He has been extensively involved in the life and ministry of local churches, as well as in service to the larger Christian community through Biblical Studies conferences, lay academies and continuing education events for professional and lay Christian leaders.

Dr. Brauch is the author of the books *Set Free to Be: A Study in Romans*, *Hard Sayings of Paul*, and *Abusing Scripture: The Consequences of Misreading the Bible*.

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 22	Wednesday, February 25
09.00am- Bell Choir	Thursday, February 26
09.30am- Chancel Choir	Friday, February 27
10.00am- Worship	Saturday, February 28
11.00am- Coffee Hour	05.30pm- Youth Group Escape Room
11.30am- Ed Council	Sunday, March 1
11.30am- Christian Nationalism part 1	09.00am- Chancel Choir
04.00pm- Potluck and Quizzo	10.00am- Worship
Monday, February 23	11.00am- Coffee Hour
10.00am- Bible Study	11.00am- Kids Café
10.00am- Staff Meeting	11.30am- Christian Nationalism part 2
Tuesday, February 24	
07.00pm- Trustees	

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