



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MARCH 1ST, 2026  
SECOND 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: Jenny Miller

Rick Miller

LITURGIST: Don Holloway

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

### Next Week

USHERS: Pat LaBorie

Phil LaBorie

LITURGIST: Jenny Montague

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

\*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

"If we again ask the question: 'Why does God allow evil and suffering to continue?' and we look at the Cross of Jesus, we still do not know what the answer is. However, we now know what the answer is not. It cannot be that He does not love us. It cannot be that He is indifferent or detached from our condition. God takes our misery and suffering so seriously that He was willing to take it on Himself." – Tim Keller

"The victory of the cross is not that God bypasses the problem of evil, but that He allows the full weight of the world's darkness to converge upon one point—upon Jesus—and there, He exhausts its power. Evil spent itself on Him, and it came up empty. The Resurrection is the shout that the darkness has done its worst, and Love is still standing." – NT Wright

"The Son of God suffered unto death, not that men might not suffer, but that their sufferings might be like His. He does not explain the cross; He takes it up. He does not explain the darkness; He enters it. The triumph of Christ is not that He removed the thorns from the world, but that He wore them." – CS Lewis

### GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;  
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.***

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said that: "For God so loved the world

**that He gave his one and only Son**

that whoever believes in Him

**shall not perish but have eternal life."** Let us praise the God who saves!

\*OPENING HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving Lord, while you loved us enough to go to a cross on our behalf, we go about our days living as if we belonged only to ourselves. Instead of embodying your love, we often lose our patience, judge others, and indulge our greed. With pride, we think of ourselves better than others, and put our needs first. We are sorry, Lord. Transform our hearts to be fruitful with the fruits of the spirit, so that each day we could be more kind and loving as you are to us. In Jesus' name, 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.*

## WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 16: 7-13, 33

NRSV NT 110

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

<sup>33</sup>I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!"

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

J. Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God so loved the world.

SERMON

The Problem of Evil

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

arr. C. Sullivan



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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

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You've blessed us beyond our deserving. May our offerings be pleasing to you and may you use them to further your Kingdom of peace here in this world. Amen.**

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism is graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. - W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please hold, as we receive the bread together - representing our corporate experience of God.  
You may drink the cup as it comes to you - representing our personal experience of God.*

#### CLOSING PRAYER

### **SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

#### \*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 Nancy and Jim Oetinger  
for our granddaughters.*

## 634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

## Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

**GIVING AND SERVICE ....**

**EASTER TREAT COLLECTION** 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.**

**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
- Novelty pencils/erasers
- Squishies
- Small notebooks
- Slap bracelets
- Keychains
- Crayons
- Birthday party bag trinkets
- Stickers
- Other small kid-friendly items

**RED WAGON** WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Chester Eastside is requesting:

- Cereal/oatmeal
- Canned fruit/applesauce
- Canned fish
- Rice
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) and wipes
- Peanut butter/grape jelly
- Canned chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Side dishes (Lipton, Knorr)
- Male and female personal hygiene products



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** Millions of people around the world lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The work done through causes supported by OGHS – disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change and immigration/migration and refugees – serves individuals and communities in need, providing people with safety, sustenance and hope. Use the pew envelopes or QR code. **Continues through Sunday, April 5.**

## 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 AV 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 TODAY** is the last day to register for the Palm Sunday pageant. Held 10am, Sunday, March 29. Open to children of all ages. Use the QR code for details and to register.

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

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

Attend part two of the series led by Dr. Manfred Brauch, **11:30am today, Sunday, March 1**. The session will be 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.

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 next Sunday, March 8.** Childcare will be available.

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

**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** Readers-only rehearsals will be held **11am Sunday, March 8 and March 15**.

**PRIME TIME** Delaware County historian Keith Lockhart, well known for his weekly column in the Delaware County Times, will present “Delco Then and Now” using pictures he has accumulated through the years, **Tuesday, March 10. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

**W.O.W.** Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, March 11**, and a lesson led by Shirley Rudd.



**SPROUTS MOVIE NIGHT** Watch “Joseph: King of Dreams” with popcorn, **5pm, Friday, March 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 (and send the link to friends to register, too).

**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.

**ROSE VALLEY FOLK VARIETY SHOW** Bring a munchie to share (beer, wine and snacks included) and sit at the table saved for WPC, **8pm, Friday, March 20**. The cost is \$5. Meet at the Old Mill – **doors open at 7pm.**

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	<b>Thursday, March 5</b>
09.00am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, March 6</b>
11.00am- Kids Café	<b>Saturday, March 7</b>
11.30am- Christian Nationalism part 2	<b>Sunday, March 8</b>
<b>Monday, March 2</b>	09.30am- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Bible Study	10.00am- Breakfast Club
07.00pm- Connections	10.00am- Worship
<b>Tuesday, March 3</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	11.30am- Pageant Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>	11.30am- Christian Nationalism part 3
	12.00pm- Chapel Ringers

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