

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MARCH 15TH, 2026  
FOURTH 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, or sync your Bluetooth enabled hearing aids to our sound system. Scan the QR code for instructions.



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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, ACTING HEAD OF STAFF: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

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## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

USHERS: Bowe Hansen

Thomas Hansen

LITURGIST: Lin Floyd

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

### **Next Week**

USHERS: Carol Freidinger

Roger Freidinger

LITURGIST: Don Holloway

COFFEE HOUR: WOW

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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***A community where all who seek God are Welcome...***



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, in humility consider others better than yourselves. - Philippians 2:3

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence.

**And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

**And uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**Let us worship the Lord!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #697

Take My Life (verses 1-4)

HENDON

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we enter this season of Lent knowing that we often prefer the surface of things to the depth of your truth. We confess that we have avoided the quiet and the mirror.

**Forgive us for the ways we have distracted ourselves from our own hearts.**

We admit that we carry habits that do not serve your love, and we hold onto old ways because they are familiar, even when they no longer bring life.

**We long to be made new, yet we are afraid of what we must let go.**

Look upon the parts of us that feel worn out or hollow. See the places where we have grown cold toward our neighbors or ourselves.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God. Do not just mend us; transform us.**

In the stillness of this Lenten journey, remind us that your mercy is the ground beneath our feet.

**Renew a right spirit within us, that we may walk toward the light of your grace. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, here's the good news: The same God who invites us into this quiet Lenten season is the one who meets us with a grace that never runs out. God doesn't look at our mess and walk away; instead, God sees who we are becoming and is ready to make all things new. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. We aren't defined by our past, but by the love that puts us back together. 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.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jesus, I Come

T. Smith

**WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-8

NRSV NT 197

<sup>1</sup>If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

ANTHEM

My Song in the Night

Carl Schalk

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night, Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight. Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see? My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus, by Saviour, my song in the night? Be near me Lord Jesus, the darkness draws near, With You beside, I have nothing to fear, My love, my life, my only light, O Jesus my Saviour, my song in the night.

SERMON

Wait, Is That A Log in My Eye?

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

HYMN OF RESPONSE #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

I Am Thine, O Lord

L. Smith



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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

**Dear Lord, Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise. 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 #288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

\*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 the Sawyer Family,  
In memory and celebration of loved ones.*

## Take My Life

697

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

# Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 빛으시고 채우소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

## SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*  
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*  
*Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.*  
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, and  
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, and  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

The image shows a musical score for the song "JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION". It consists of two staves of music in the key of D major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics "un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be" with guitar chords G, Em, F#m, and Bm above it. The second staff contains the lyrics "loved as to love with all my soul." with guitar chords E, E7, A, E, A, and A7 above it. A bracket spans the last two notes of the second staff, and the text "to Stanza 4" is written above it.

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be  
loved as to love with all my soul.

*to Stanza 4*

## GIVING AND SERVICE ....

**EASTER HAMS** Have a ham you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons **beginning Sunday, March 22**. Mark it "Deacons" and put it in the church refrigerator. Continues through Wednesday, April 1.

**LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS** Bob and Diane Gerlach are "retiring" after 15 years of keeping the WPC grounds in tip-top shape. Thanks doesn't even begin to cover our appreciation. Their tasks will now fall to contractors and volunteers. Contractors will handle the leaves and pruning; Louise Rowland will assume responsibility for the flower beds. Polly Sacco Ezzell has graciously agreed to help, but a few more hands would be most welcome on an "as needed basis." Like to pitch in – call/text Louise (925-270-9418). If you are downsizing and no longer in need of your gardening equipment, let her know!

**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**.

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA FOOD DONATIONS** Please bring canned goods/non-perishable items for the Red Wagon.

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

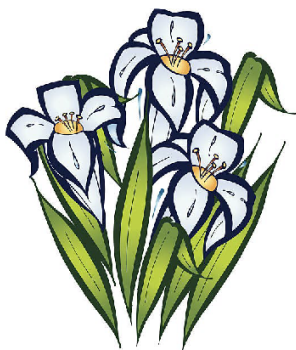
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| -Cereal/oatmeal                          | -Peanut butter/grape jelly                 |
| -Canned fruit/applesauce                 | -Canned chicken                            |
| -Canned fish                             | -Canned vegetables                         |
| -Rice                                    | -Side dishes (Lipton, Knorr)               |
| -Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) and wipes | -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**.

# Easter Flowers

Spring flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter



## Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils

In honor or memory of a loved one or share as a gift

Lilies (6-inch pots/6-9 blooms)	\$10
Tulips (6-inch pots/assorted colors)	\$ 8
Daffodils (6-inch pots)	\$ 8

**Place this form with payment in the offering plate,  
return to the office or drop in the church mailbox**

**Deadline – Thursday, March 26**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10    # of Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8    # of Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8

Free Will Gift \_\_\_\_\_                      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: In Honor/In Memory of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

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Memo line – Easter Flowers



## THIS WEEK AT WPC ....

**PALM SUNDAY PAGEANT PRACTICE** Readers-only rehearsals will be held **11am today, March 15.**

**THE DANGER AND HERESY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE** Conclude the three-part series led by Dr. Manfred Brauch, author and retired president/professor, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Theological Seminary), **11:30am today, Sunday, March 15.** The session will have special emphasis 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. Childcare will be available.

**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.**

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

**DAY OF SERVICE INTEREST MEETING** Like to help plan next year's Day of Service? Join **11:15 am, Sunday, March 22**, to offer your ideas and involvement to make the event even more meaningful. The session will involve recruiting volunteers and table leaders, brainstorming about organizations WPC could support and discussing items and service projects for 2027. Thanks for everyone's time for this year's successful event – join us as we begin dreaming and planning together for next year!

**PALM SUNDAY PAGEANT PRACTICE** An all-cast rehearsal (readers and chorus) will be held **11am, Sunday, March 22**.

**"THE BOOK OF HOPE"** In a continuation of this year's theme, "Embracing Hope: Loving like Jesus amidst Chaos," explore Jane Goodall's "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times," Wednesday, April 22. She has long seen reason to have hope for us and for all the inhabitants of our world. Dessert and coffee – 6:45pm; presentation – 7pm. Contact Walt Kaminski to order the book – the cost is approximately \$8. **Cutoff – Sunday, March 22**.

**EASTER EGG STUFFING** Like to stuff eggs? Help fill the 3,000+ orbs for the Easter Egg-stravaganza, **4 pm, Wednesday, March 25**.

**YOUTH GROUP EGG STUFFING AFTER PARTY** Help fill eggs for the Easter Egg-stravaganza, then stay after for a pizza party, **4-6:30pm, Wednesday, March 25**. Contact Pastor Taylor to RSVP.

**STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT** Michael Meloy will discuss the current state of our environment, including climate change, the intersection of energy policy with environmental protection, important regulatory and policy developments that have occurred in the past year and market dynamics such as the proliferation of data centers that are having profound environmental impacts, **Wednesday, March 25**. Michael recently retired from full-time practice as an environmental lawyer in which he was able to combine his engineering training and legal skills to assist clients in a broad range of environmental matters. He is a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and remains engaged in a number of matters on a pro bono basis. **Dessert and coffee – 6:45pm; presentation – 7:00pm**.

**HIDE EASTER EGGS** Enjoy donuts, bagels and beverages, then hide the orbs, **8:30am, Saturday, March 28**. Helpers of all ages needed! Rain date – 11:30am, Sunday, March 29.

**PALM CROSSES** Help make palm crosses to distribute on Palm Sunday, **9am, Saturday, March 28**. No experience necessary – lessons on the spot! Enjoy a continental breakfast at 9am, followed by cross making at 9:45am. Meet in the Reception Room.

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA** Kids – hunt for the 3,000+ eggs hidden around our grounds, **10am, Saturday, March 28**. Start with a short program by Pastor Taylor, then divide into age groups to seek the elusive orbs. Photo ops with the Easter bunny. Open to children ages 0-11. Rain date – 1pm, Sunday, March 29. Please bring canned goods/non-perishable items for the Red Wagon.

**PALM SUNDAY** Join as we begin Holy Week together, **10am, Sunday, March 29**. Through song and the waving of palms, start the journey from Hosanna to “He is Risen” by celebrating Jesus' kingship and the Triumphal Entry.

**PALM SUNDAY PAGEANT** The Palm Sunday service will include the children telling the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem as the crowd cried out Hosanna!

**PALM SUNDAY CHILDCARE** Following the pageant, all children should go to the Reception Room for activities including a Palm Sunday movie, coloring page and snacks.

**CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE** On **Sunday, March 29th at 3pm** the "Concerts for a Cause" series at Wallingford Presbyterian Church continues with an afternoon of music for voice, flute and piano. Featuring "The Deepest Desire" by Jake Heggie, and other works ranging from Mozart to Brahms to Mouquet, the program offers something for everyone! The beneficiary of this concert is Project W, part of The Community Foundation, where they believe that through collective compassion, dedication and thoughtful giving, we can help women and families in our community thrive.



**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** Appetizers in one location, dinner in another, desserts in a third – a fun way to get to know or reconnect with other WPC adults, **4:30-9pm, Saturday, April 11**. Attend all three or just come for the first course. Each person will be assigned an app, side dish or dessert to compliment the meal and asked to contribute \$10 to offset the costs. Use the QR code to register/host or sign up in Fellowship Hall. Registration closes 11am, Sunday, April 5. Interested in childcare at the church or have questions? Contact Chris Darr or Lise Meloy.

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	<b>Thursday, March 19</b>
09.30am- Chancel Choir	06.30pm- Bell Choir
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Friday, March 20</b>
11.00am- Pageant Rehearsal	<b>Saturday, March 21</b>
11.30am- Christian Nationalism part 3	01.30pm- Abilities Initiative Meeting
12.00pm- Chapel Ringers	<b>Sunday, March 22</b>
<b>Monday, March 16</b>	09.30am- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Bible Study	10.00am- Worship
<b>Tuesday, March 17</b>	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.30pm- Deacons	11.00am- Pageant Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	11.15am- Day of Service Interest Meeting
01.30pm- Stephen Ministry	12.00pm- Chapel Ringers
02.00pm- Blood Drive	
07.30pm- Book Look	

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