





APRIL 5TH, 2026 - 10AM
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER DAY
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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*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

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" – St. Augustine

"Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death. Victory is ours, through him who loved us." – Desmond Tutu

"Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him; today I am quickened with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him."
– Gregory of Nazianzus

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL ANTHEM

Easter Joy

arr. K. L. Buckwalter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The shadows of night are all chased away;

The light of the Lord has brought a new day!

From the darkness of death, Christ rises in might;

We walk in His life and we shine in His light!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

*OPENING HYMN #233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We admit that we sometimes live in the dark. We hold onto old grudges and let our fears grow cold. We forget that You have already won the victory over death. Forgive us for the times we choose to dwell on the shadows instead of the light, that we prefer our path, rather than yours. And help us to leave our heavy burdens at the empty tomb. Fill us with the brilliance of Your Resurrection light, That we may live as people of the New Day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! He is RISEN from the dead! The darkness has no power over the Light of the World. Because Christ is risen, death is defeated and your sins are washed away. You are forgiven, you are free, and you are invited into a life that never ends.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*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.***

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

NRSV NT 33

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

ANTHEM

Early in the Mornin' on Easter Day

J. Parker and L. Larson

Glory hallelujah, hear the angesl sing! Let every voice on earth praise the risen King. Jesus is alive; The stone was rolled away early in the mornin' on Easter day. Mary arrived at third day's dawn; Early in the mornin' on Easter day; But the body of the Lord was already gone; Early in the mornin' on Easter day. The angel said to have no fear. "Jesus is alive, and He is not here!" Glory hallelujah, hear the angels sing! Let every voice on earth praise the risen King. Jesus is alive; The stone was rolled away early in the mornin' on Easter day. "Mary, whom do you seek? And dear Mary, why do you cry?" "Master, Lord, is it You? My dear Master, you are alive!" Glory hallelujah, hear the angels sing! Let every voice on earth praise the risen King. Jesus is alive; The stone was rolled away early in the mornin' on Easter day.

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON The Victory You Didn't Earn: *How the Empty Tomb Still Speaks* Rev. Taylor Cornelius

ANTHEM

I Will Make A Way!

T. Trenney

Behold! I will do a new thing! Everything old has passed away. See, everything old has become new. I will make a way in the wilderness. I will make rivers in the desert. See, everything old has become new. Do not remember the former things or consider the ways of old. Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new. I will make a way in the wilderness. I will make rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness; the desert shall be a pool. See, everything old has passed away. I will make a way in the wilderness. I will make rivers in the desert. Everything old is passed away. I will make a way!

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. T. Quigley



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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

Holy and Living God, We are so grateful for this You on this bright Easter morn. Thank You for the sunshine, the songs, and the earth-shattering news of your resurrection! We bring these gifts to You now with joy and gratitude in our hearts. Use them, Lord, to spread Your brilliant light into every dark corner of our world. Help us to take the joy we feel right now and share it with everyone we meet this week. We are Your "Easter People," and we can't wait to see what You'll do next! In the name of the Risen Christ, Amen!

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

... Risen Lord Jesus, **Shine your light into the darkness!** ...

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 #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - ening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

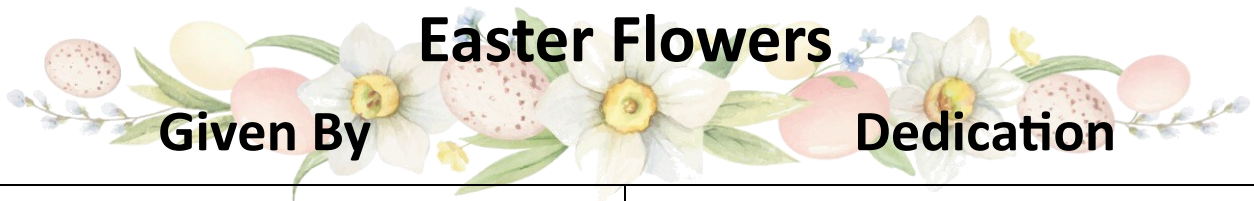
who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION




suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "suf - fer to re - deem our loss. sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia! where the an - gels ev - er sing. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

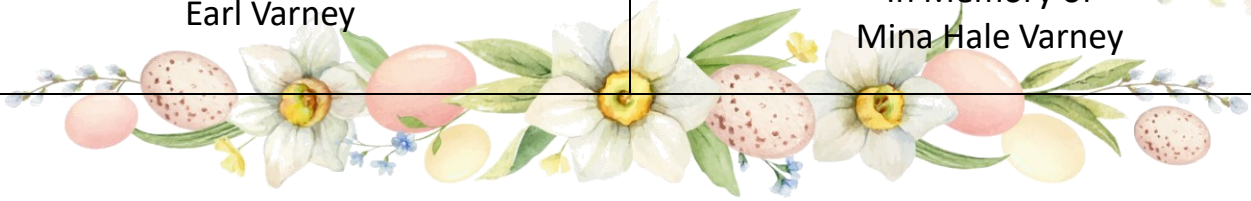
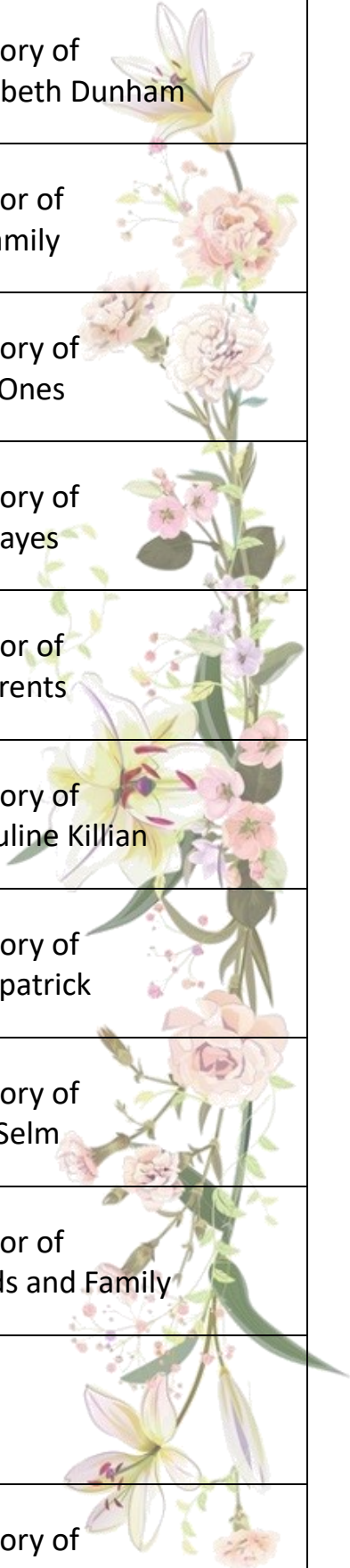


Given By

Dedication

 <p>The Allan Family</p>	In Honor and Memory of Loved Ones
 <p>Jon Bauer</p>	In Memory of Bell and Pete Bauer
 <p>Bruce and Gail Clark</p>	In Memory of Our Parents
 <p>Sally Clyde</p>	In Honor and Memory of Friends and Family
 <p>Arnold and Jane Cooper</p>	With Thanks and Easter Greetings from London
 <p>Mary Lou Day</p>	In Memory of Loved Ones
 <p>Christine Dearnaley</p>	In Honor and Memory of Loved Ones
 <p>Rosanna Denney</p>	In Memory of George Denney
 <p>Deb Dunbar</p>	In Memory of Jeff Draine

Walter M. Dunham	In Memory of Ernest and Elizabeth Dunham
Carol and Roger Freidinger	In Honor of Our Family
Fred and Mary Ann German	In Memory of Loved Ones
Alva Hayes	In Memory of Don Hayes
Lisa and Scott Higgins	In Honor of Our Parents
Donald Killian	In Memory of Allen and Pauline Killian
Cathy Kilpatrick	In Memory of Harry Kilpatrick
Henry and Leslie Krowchenko	In Memory of Linda Selm
Pat and Phil LaBorie	In Honor of Beloved Friends and Family
Louise Rowland	
Earl Varney	In Memory of Mina Hale Varney



THIS WEEK AT WPC

EASTER EGG HUNT Kids – stay for the egg hunt following the Easter service, **11am, Sunday, April 5**. Open to all children up to age 11.



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 today, Sunday, April 5**. Interested in childcare at the church or have questions? Contact Chris Darr or Lise Meloy.

WOW Join for refreshments, **7pm, Wednesday, April 8**, and a lesson led by Karen Emmons.



SPROUTS BIBLE BINGO Play Bible Bingo together – winners get to choose a prize, **5pm, Friday, April 10**. Enjoy games, eat dinner and end with a devotional, Bible story and song. Open to children grades K-5. Use the QR code to register.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

YOUTH GROUP PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT Join for a fun photo scavenger hunt across the WPC campus, **11:30am, Sunday, April 12**. Whoever takes a picture of all the items on our list within the time frame wins a prize! Open to youth grades 6-12.

PRIME TIME Jerry Frost, the emeritus Jenkins Professor of Quaker History and Research at Swarthmore College, will speak about the role of Presbyterians in the Revolutionary War and Pennsylvania's part in the debate over independence, **Tuesday, April 14. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**



SPRING CLEANUP Lend a hand to help tidy up the beds and spread mulch, **9am-noon, Saturday, April 18**. Bring your own shovels, rakes and gloves. Light refreshments included. Use the QR code to sign up.

2026 W.O.W. Retreat

Saturday, April 25

8 a.m.-4 p.m.



**WPC women – join for a day of relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation
at the IHM Conference Center in Bryn Mawr**

**Guest speaker – Sister Marie (of the IHM Center)
on the theme “Launch into Deep Waters”**

Our usual playlets and large and small discussion groups

Cost – \$45 (continental breakfast and lunch included)

Reservation Deadline – Wednesday, April 15

Questions? Contact Chris Dearnaley (cowd.301@gmail.com)

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Are you available to drive (Yes/No)

Cost – \$45 (cash or check)

Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line – W.O.W. Retreat

GIVING AND SERVICE

LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS Louise Rowland and Polly Sacco Ezzell are now responsible for the flower beds on the church property and are seeking volunteers to “pitch in” as needed. They are also looking for some gardening equipment (especially if you are downsizing and no longer need it). Like to help/donate? Call/text Louise (925-270-9418).

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

- Dry cereal (cinnamon toast crunch, honey bunches of oats)
- Pancake syrup
- Applesauce
- Canned meat/seafood (corned beef, beef stew, sardines)
- Canned vegetables (mushrooms, beets, lima beans)
- Rice (jasmine, basmati)
- Grits
- Dried kidney beans
- Condiments (mayonnaise, relish)
- Cooking staples (vegetable oil, white sugar, salt)
- Beverages (large bottles of juice, juice boxes)
- Snacks (crackers, protein bars, dried fruits)
- Baby items (baby food in pouches or jars, diapers size 4 and 5)
- Tampons
- Household essentials (toilet paper, dish detergent)
- Pet supplies (wet dog food, wet/dry cat food)
- Egg cartons



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.**

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday	Wednesday, April 8
08.00am- Sunrise Service	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
09.00am- Bell Choir	07.00pm- WOW
09.30am- Chancel Choir	Thursday, April 9
10.00am- Worship	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, April 10
Monday, April 6	05.00pm- Sprouts
10.00am- Bible Study	Saturday, April 11
07.00pm- Connections Meeting	04.30pm- Progressive Dinner
Tuesday, April 7	Sunday, April 12
07.00pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	09.30am- Chancel Choir
	10.00am- Breakfast Club
	10.00am- Worship
	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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