





APRIL 12TH, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
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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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

LITURGIST: Ashley Drane

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

⁹The Lord said to Moses, ¹⁰“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. ¹¹He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. – Leviticus 23: 9-11

"For as in the first fruits the produce of the entire year was consecrated, so the power of Christ's resurrection is extended to all of us... the rest of the dead will follow him, as the entire harvest does the first fruits." – John Calvin

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

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

The Firstborn of all Creation

Has become the First fruits of the Dead!

He has taken all our sin,

And given us His righteousness!

Hallelujah, we are free!

*OPENING HYMN #236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. We have been hypocritical, and prideful. O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

The Strife is O'er; The Battle Done

arr. V.C. Johnson

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-2, 11-18

NRSV NT 114

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

ANTHEM

Here's One

arr. Mark Hayes

Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one, here's one. Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin' up the road to glory. Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one. Talk about a child who's been forgiven, here's one. Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one. Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

NRSV NT 176

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

SERMON

It Was the Strangest Thing... [Part I]

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

HYMN OF RESPONSE #231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Resurrection Medley

arr. Mark Hayes



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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

Precious Lord, you mean everything to us. We thank you for all of our blessings, and we pray that these gifts would become blessings to others. May our very lives be an offering of praise to You! 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

Because He Lives!

GAITHER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

The Strife Is O'er

236

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

275 Because He Lives

Because I live, ye shall live also. John 14:19

WILLIAM J. AND GLORIA GAITHER

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -
nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Refrain

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

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

THIS WEEK AT WPC

BREAKFAST CLUB Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am today, 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 today, 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

PASTOR TAYLOR CONTINUING EDUCATION She will be visiting the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. and taking online preaching courses, Monday, April 20 – Friday, April 24.

AT THE RIVER Watch “At the River: Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South,” a film chronicling the actions of several Presbyterian ministers in the South who spoke out during the Civil Rights Era and the consequences of those actions, **11:30am, Sunday, April 26**. Pizza will be served.



WCNS PLANT SALE The WCNS Plant Sale features potted flowers, vegetables and herbs; ornamental grasses; hanging baskets and flats of flowers from Miller's Greenhouses. **Deadline to order – Friday, April 17**. Orders can be picked up in the parking lot Wednesday, April 29th from 11:45am-1pm. Scan the QR code for the order form.

GIVING AND SERVICE

LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS Louise Rowland is now responsible for the flower beds on the church property and is seeking volunteers to “pitch in” as needed. She is 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

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 12	Wednesday, April 15
09.30am- Chancel Choir	Thursday, April 16
10.00am- Breakfast Club	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
10.00am- Worship	Friday, April 17
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Saturday, April 18
11.30am- Youth Group	09.00am- Spring Clean-Up
Monday, April 13	Sunday, April 19
10.00am- Bible Study	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.30pm- Session	10.00am- Worship
Tuesday, April 14	11.00am- Coffee Hour
12.00pm- Prime Time	

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