



APRIL 19TH, 2026  
THIRD 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

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

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## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

LITURGIST: Don Holloway

COFFEE HOUR: Trustees

### **Next Week**

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

\*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

"He is the throne of grace, the true mercy seat, placed before our eyes by God, that we might fly to Him when the Law terrifies us and our conscience accuses us. He is the cover under which we are safe from the wrath of God." – Martin Luther

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord with gladness

**Come before Him with joyful songs!**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

**And His courts with praise;**

Give thanks to Him and praise His name!

**Let us worship God!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Love, we come before you with honesty. We have sinned against one another and against you. In our pride, we have looked down on others, engaged in slander and gossip, judged people, nursed grudges, and have sought our own gains. Instead of seeking your will, we have forced our own way. We are sorry, Lord. Sanctify us by your grace, 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

Exodus 25:10, 17-22

NRSV OT 71

<sup>10</sup>They shall make an ark of acacia wood; it shall be two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

<sup>17</sup>Then you shall make a cover of pure gold; two cubits and a half shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. <sup>18</sup>You shall make two cherubim of gold; you shall make them of hammered work at the two ends of the cover. <sup>19</sup>Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other; of one piece with the cover you shall make the cherubim at its two ends. <sup>20</sup>The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the cover with their wings. They shall face one to another; the faces of the cherubim shall be turned toward the cover. <sup>21</sup>You shall put the cover on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the covenant that I am giving you. <sup>22</sup>There I will meet with you, and from above the cover, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the covenant, I will tell you all that I am commanding you for the Israelites.

ANTHEM

To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name

Christopher Tye

To our Redeemer's glorious name Awake the sacred song. Oh, may His love, immortal flame, Tune ev'ry heart and tongue! He left His radiant throne on high, Left realms of heav'nly bliss, He came to earth to bleed and die, was ever love like this? Oh may the sweet, the blissful these Fill ev'ry heart and tongue Till strangers love the charming name And join the song, the sacred song!

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 42:13-14

NRSV OT 812

<sup>13</sup>Then he said to me, "The north chambers and the south chambers opposite the vacant area are the holy chambers where the priests who approach the Lord shall eat the most holy offerings; there they shall deposit the most holy offerings—the grain offering, the purification offering, and the guilt offering—for the place is holy. <sup>14</sup>When the priests enter the holy place, they shall not go out of it into the outer court without laying there the vestments in which they minister, for these are holy; they shall put on other garments before they go near to the area open to the people."

SERMON

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

Rev. Taylor Cornelius

HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

GETTY AND TOWNEND

**MISSION AND MINISTRY**

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Jesus Shall Rejoice

arr. L. Larson



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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 Savior, we cannot begin to thank you for all you have done for us. Let these gifts be a sign of our love for You, and may they go on to bless others with the same love we have been shown. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We bring this before you – **In Your presence there is fullness of joy.**

**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 #246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

# 238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal piece. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The music features a vocal line with various note values and rests, and a piano accompaniment consisting of chords and moving lines in the bass.

# In Christ Alone

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩ = 60



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -  
world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the  
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I  
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of  
hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll



stand.  
live.  
Christ.  
stand!

# Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

## THIS WEEK AT WPC ....

**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.

**CALLING ALL GRADS** If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. **The deadline is Monday, May 11.**

**THE BOOK OF HOPE** Lin Axaemethy Floyd will engage us in thinking about hope's place in our lives and community using the blueprint from Jane Goodall's "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times" A continuation of this year's Peace and Social Justice Committee theme – Embracing Hope: Loving Like Jesus Amidst Chaos. No need to have read the book, though it is a good read. **Wednesday, April 22. Dessert and coffee – 6:45pm, presentation – 7:15pm.**

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

**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.

**VBC PLANNING MEETING** A Zoom meeting for our teachers to plan VBC with the theme "Road Trip: On the Go with God," **8pm, Thursday, April 30.** We will dream, review details and game plan together. Watch for the Zoom link.

**PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE** Choose among tried-and-true perennials, native plants, annuals, herbs and planted containers, **5-8pm, Friday, May 1 and 8am-noon, Saturday, May 2.** Proceeds support community organizations. Payment by cash, check or credit card. Held in WPC parking lot – rain or shine. Zac's Hamburgers food truck will offer fare for purchase on Friday night.

**ARCHIE PAUL MEMORIAL SERVICE** A memorial service for Archie Paul will be held **11am, Saturday, May 2,** at WPC. A visiting hour will begin at 10am and a catered luncheon will follow the service.

## **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

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| <b>Sunday, April 19</b>    | <b>Thursday, April 23</b>              |
| 09.30am- Chancel Choir     | 07.30pm- Chancel Choir                 |
| 10.00am- Worship           | <b>Friday, April 24</b>                |
| 11.00am- Coffee Hour       | <b>Saturday, April 25</b>              |
| <b>Monday, April 20</b>    | 08.00am- WOW Retreat                   |
| 10.00am- Bible Study       | <b>Sunday, April 26</b>                |
| <b>Tuesday, April 21</b>   | 09.30am- Chancel Choir                 |
| 07.30pm- Deacons           | 10.00am- Worship                       |
| <b>Wednesday, April 22</b> | 11.00am- Coffee Hour                   |
| 07.00pm- The Book of Hope  | 11.30am- "At the River" Film Screening |

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