

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 with us, and hope that you'll feel right at home. Please join us at 10:30 AM for fellowship and light refreshments in our Fellowship Hall.

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available. Ask an usher!

Please take this calendar home with you, and participate in the activities offered.

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am-Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am-Worship

9:30 & 11:00 am-Nursery Care

10:35 am-ChristMarket

11:00 am-Worship

3:00 pm-Webelos II #228-B1

4:00 pm-Christmas Poetry and Carols

5:00 pm-Pot Luck Supper

Monday, December 19

7:30 pm-Outreach Council

Wednesday, December 21

8:45 am-Breakfast Group-Java Joe's

4:15 pm-CityTeam

7:00 pm-Cub Pack 228-FH

7:30 pm-Adult Bible Class-Library

Thursday, December 22

6:30 pm-Bell Choir

7:15 pm-Boy Scouts 277

7:30 pm-Chancel Choir

Friday, December 23

4:00 pm-Family Christmas Eve practice

Saturday, December 24

6:00 pm-Family Service

9:00 pm-Lessons & Carols Service

11:00 pm-Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 am-Worship (one service)

Pastor Ross preaching

Children in Worship – No Sunday School

10:00 am-Nursery Care-birth to 2 years old

God's growing people serving Christ in a changing world...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

THE 2012 MEMORIAL FLOWER CALENDAR is posted in the narthex for those who wish to sign up for next year. The requested contribution is \$50.

A special thank you to those volunteering to usher this month and to those assisting with coffee hour today.

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THE POINSETTIAS have been given as memorials or in honor of loved ones. We are grateful to those who provided them. They may be taken by those who gave them after the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve service.

CHRISTMAS POETRY, CAROLS, AND POT LUCK SUPPER, TODAY, 4-6:30 PM – Join Barrie Shepherd and Pastor Paul in a time of poetry, and singing carols as we remember the story of Christ's Nativity, and join in a shared feast of celebration.

2012 ESTIMATE OF GIVING PLEDGES ARE BEING RECEIVED. To date, \$304,181 has been pledged toward the operating budget. Those of you who have not turned in your pledges are encouraged to do so. ***2012 ESTIMATE OF GIVING PLEDGE CARDS*** are outside of the office, in the Narthex, and in the pews.

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER: Please make sure that your pledges and contributions are up to date to ensure that we are able to finish the year in the black. And thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

2011 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY NOON, DECEMBER 30 will be posted in 2011. Funds received after that, will be reported in your first 2012 quarterly statement.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, JANUARY 14, 2012 – The men of Wallingford Presbyterian Church are invited to our first Men's Breakfast! Pancakes will start being served in the Reception Room at 7:45. At 8, we'll have a short presentation followed by conversation. You'll be out the door (and off to start your Saturday "to do" list) by 9 a.m. Come start your Saturday with some good food and good conversation.

ChristMarket@Wallingford

Will close in Fellowship Hall at 11AM today-

Make your final purchases today!

Thanks to the many who used this alternative way of giving!

Online ordering form

<http://www.wallingfordpres.org/christmarket2011>

Youth Happenings Jan 2012!

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIVE TIME

Every Thursday from 3-6PM MS students play fun and energetic games, learn about our faith, eat a snack (yum!), and do homework. ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!!

Date	Time	Location	Event/synopsis
1/5/2012	3:00-6:00pm	WPC	LIVE TIME
1/12	3:00-6:00pm	WPC	LIVE TIME

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Most Sundays, HS students gather to play games, think deeply, worship God and do service projects. ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

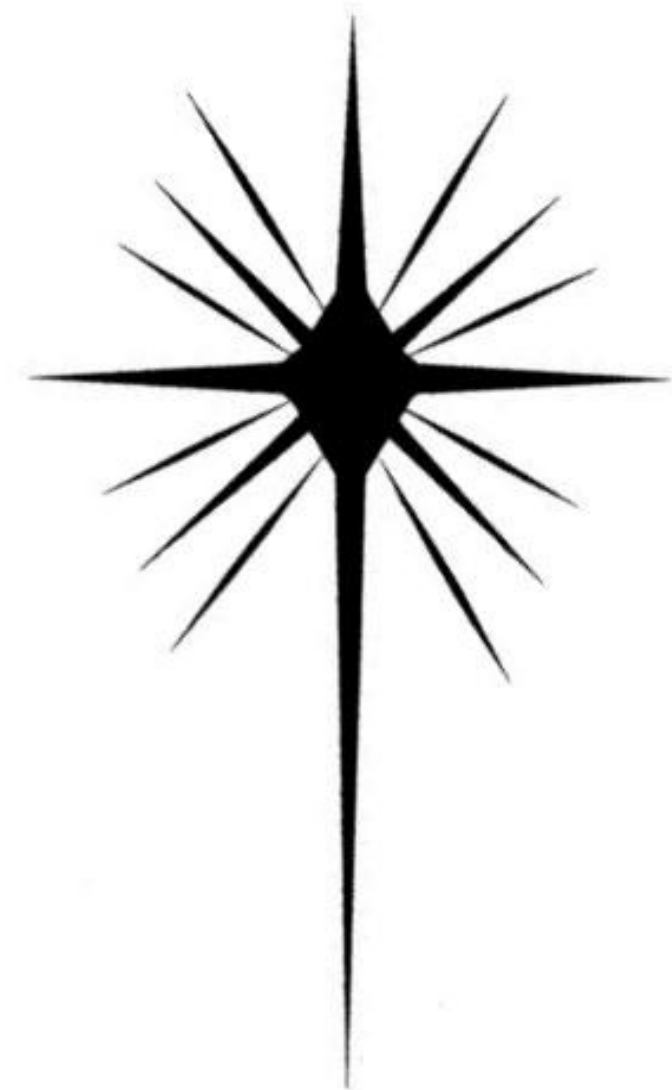
Date	Time	Location	Event/synopsis
12/18 & 12/25	No Youth Group		Christmas Break
1/1/2012	6-8pm	WPC	Prayer drive
1/8	6-8pm	WPC	Questions and answers
1/15	6-8pm	WPC	Lollapalooza

For information regarding youth activities, contact Jeni Pedzinski by email - jeni@wallingfordpres.org

Staff

Paul Rhebergen, Interim Pastor
Robert Ross, Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture
Elizabeth Braden, Director of Music
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Wallingford Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2011

FRIENDSHIP, CARES AND CONCERNS

Please let us know of your presence in worship this morning by including your name on the friendship pad! Learn the names of your “pew neighbors” by passing the completed register back down the row.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 the glory, forever. Amen”

*TIME OF GREETING AND WELCOME

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP & CHRISTMAS JOY DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. David Cherwien

*DOXOLOGY 4 Creator of the Stars of Night vs. 1 & 4

Creator of the stars of night, Your people’s everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray You, hear us when we call.

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S WORD

*SENDING HYMN 600 Song of Mary MORNING SONG

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 535 Go with Us, Lord TALLIS’ CANON

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way;
Through this and every coming day
That in Your Spirit strong and true;
Our lives may be our gift to You.***

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POSTLUDE Postlude on “*In Dulci Jubilo*” arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Please join us for friendship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall, following this service of worship!

***Please stand as you are able; Please silence cell phones during the worship service.
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The Worship of Our Lord

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

CAROL SING

- 41 O Come All Ye Faithful verses 1 and 3
- 48 Lo How a Rose verses 1 and 2
- 53 What Child is This verses 1 and 3
- 56 The First Nowell verses 1 and 6
- 36 In the Bleak Midwinter verses 1 and 4
- 31 Hark the Herald Angels Sing verses 1 and 3

INTROIT

Carol of the Bells
Bell Choir

arr. Cynthia Mablekos

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them has light shined.

All: Praise the Lord! Give thanks for the Light! Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 12

People, Look East

BESANCON

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

God does not come from nowhere
but through a people named Israel,
a prophet named Nathan,
a king named David,
and a descendant of David named Jesus:

When King David had defeated his enemies
he wanted to build a temple, as a house for God’s presence,
and consulted Nathan, who said,
“Do whatever you have in mind.”

But God gave Nathan a different message
about a different kind of house:

“Down to this day I have never dwelt in a house
since I brought Israel up out of Egypt.

I lived in a tent and a tabernacle....

Your family and your kingdom

will be established forever in my sight.” (2 Sam. 7:6, 16 REB)

Through an angel God spoke to Mary:

You will conceive and give birth to a son,
and you are to give him the name Jesus,
God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; . . .
his reign shall never end. (Luke 1:31, 33b REB)

Through Mary, God speaks to us:

“My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
whose name is holy,
who has routed the proud and all their schemes,
brought down monarchs from their thrones,...
raised on high the lowly,
filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.” (extracts from Luke 1:47–53 REB)

We light our fourth candle,
as a sign of God’s love,
shining in the world
through people past and present.

Living God, thank you for coming to our world.

*Thank you for meeting us in real people,
whose stories we can tell,
and above all in Jesus.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy Lord, as we wait and watch and yearn and ache, we look for signs of your coming. You enter our world to bring your unconditional love. You call us to love you, to love our neighbors, to love even our enemies. We confess that often love is not in our hearts and we lack courage to show love in our actions. We need your mercy; we long for the coming of your Light. We wait, but we also pray, come quickly, Lord. Hear us as we pray in the silence...(Silent reflection and prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ’s way of hope and peace.

*Thanks be to the Advent God,
who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.*

*SUNG RESPONSE 2030

First Song of Isaiah

*Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.*

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For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
And he will be our Savior.*

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Samuel 7: 12-16

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A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 9:30

*Children age 2 through the 6th grades are invited to come forward for a “Time with Young Disciples.”
At the conclusion, children will be excused with their teachers. Visiting parents with children are welcome to escort their children along with the teachers. Nursery care is available, and is located downstairs near the parking lot entrance.*

ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas
Words by Christina Rossetti

Edwin Fissinger

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine:
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we our Godhead.
Love incarnate, Love Divine.
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign.

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and Love be mine;
Love to God and all men.
Love for plea, and gift and sign.

LISTENING FOR THE GOSPEL

Luke 1: 46-55
The Magnificat

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MEDITATION

“The Mighty One has Done Great Things”

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONDING HYMN 30

Born in the Night, Mary’s Child

MARY’S CHILD

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 p.m. Family Service

Bring your youngsters and encounter the spirit of Christmas!

9:00 and 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Special music and candlelight

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. One service of worship

JANUARY 1 – MORNING WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. One service of worship

Communion by intinction



Cares and Concerns Please be in prayer for:

Jane Ann, Albert & Aaron Said	Camilo Said passed away 12/13. Services will be at Minshall-Shropshire Funeral Home, this Tuesday, 12/20: Visitation 10 a.m., Funeral 11 a.m.
Tennyson Ross	Pastor Rob's son. He had a cold last week and his surgery is non-emergency, so the surgery was rescheduled for 1/19.
Pat Utzinger	Home from the hospital
Jacquelyn Zarro Young	Cancerous growth on one of her kidneys
Emily Maguire	Friend of Susan Schwarz battling colon cancer
Beth & Tim Philbin	Pastor Paul's sister-in-law and nephew
Liz Greene	Severe Arthritis and Fibromyalgia
Sally Flemer	Battling cancer
Katie K. and family	A friend of Leslie Erickson: young mother dealing with cancer.
Beryl Kubik	A neighbor who has brain cancer
Joe Hawkinson	Chemotherapy for lymphoma
Ed Donahue	Friend of Audrey Fanucci with 3rd degree burns from a work related accident

OUR CHURCH MISSION FOR THE MONTH of December is the Christmas Joy Offering as designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The theme of the 2011 Christmas Joy Offering is ***Good News of Great Joy!*** Fifty percent of the receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council. Envelopes for this worthy cause may be found in the pew racks. This offering is dedicated TODAY.

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED December 26 and 28 for the Christmas Holiday and December 30 for the New Year's Holiday. **THE PASTORS AND STAFF** express their appreciation for all your Christmas remembrances and greetings and your graciousness in this season and through the year. If you are in need of pastoral care during the holidays do not hesitate to contact Pastor Paul Rhebergen by cell 610-952-7499 or Pastor Rob Ross by cell 610-357-6067.

OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, LIZ BRADEN has moved. Her new address is 23 E. Coulter Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108. Her phone number has stayed the same. Please make a note of it.

HELP TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, JANUARY 8, 2012 – Come help us un-deck the halls! We'll return the building and sanctuary to its normal decorations following the 11 a.m. worship service on January 8th. We should be finished by 2 p.m. Pizza is promised for all helpers.