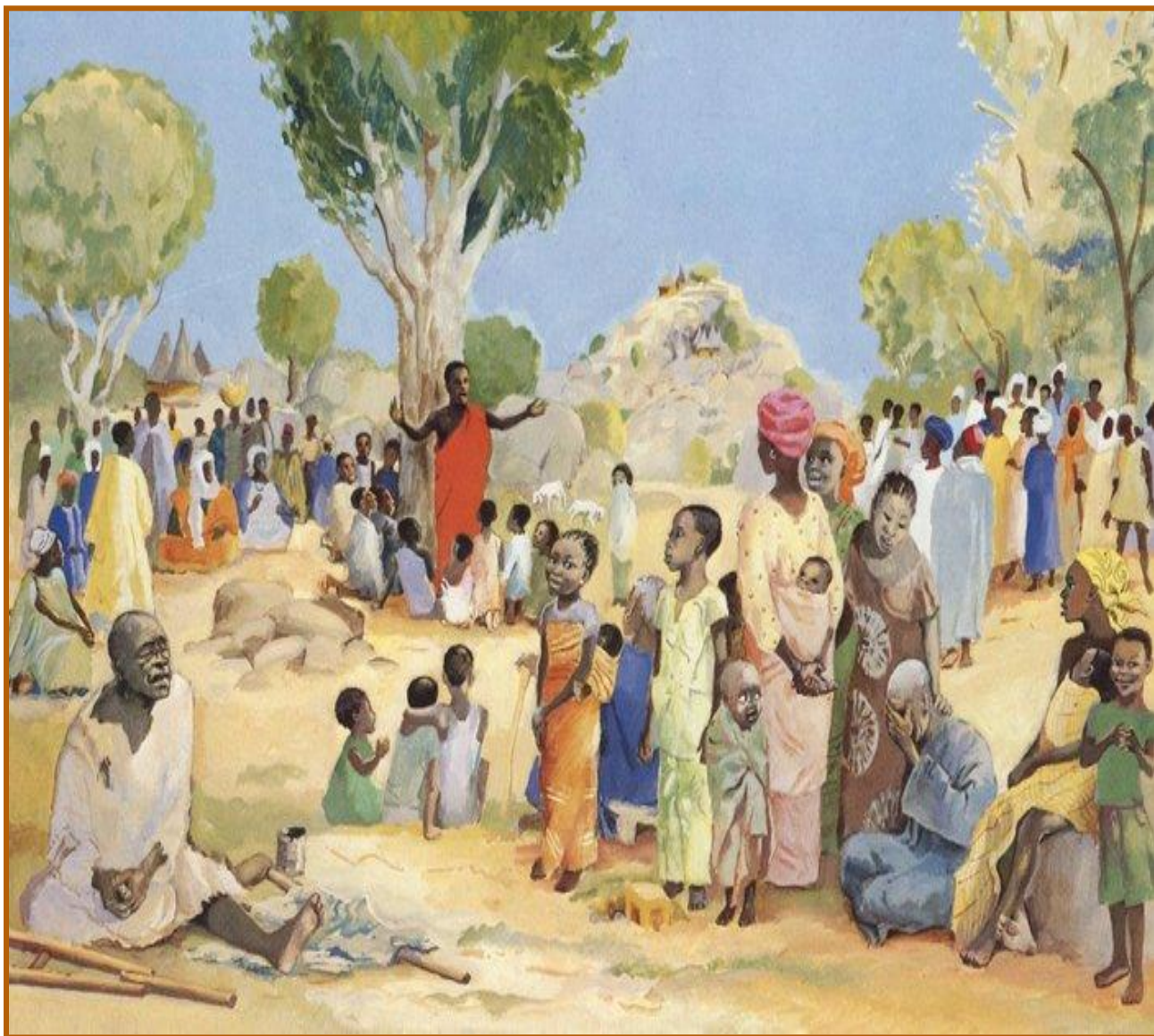


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023 | SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 10:00A.M.



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Come, celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ with us! Following local health guidelines, masks are optional at this time. All are invited to sing and pray and participate in liturgy.

IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO HONOR GOD BY STANDING.

PRELUDE

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT! (WE ARE CALLED)
Tom Andrew, Piano

HAAS

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

I CALL TO WORSHIP:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in the Lord.

Blessed are those who have been chosen and brought near to live in your courts!

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, who are ever praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

We believe we are blessed, we come here to be blessed by your presence, we gather here hoping you bless others through us. We bless your holy name. Come, let us worship God!

I HYMN #643

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Generous One, we know we are blessed, and yet, we confess that we hardly know what that word means. We long to bless others, and yet, we confess that greed is often more natural than giving. Whether it is time, energy, resources or affection, giving is hard when we feel like we have not been given enough. Forgive us for more easily seeing what we lack rather than being overwhelmed with all that we have. Forgive us for rushing past the blessings you have graciously given us. Forgive us for naming something a blessing that has nothing to do with you. Forgive us, and open our hearts to see the blessing of your love.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (FROM PSALM 32)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

I GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

I PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

EXODUS 19:20 & 20:1-19

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SPECIAL MUSIC

THE GIFT OF LOVE

Renee O'Dell, Soprano

ENGLISH FOLK MELODY, WORDS BY HAL HOPSON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time, children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"MOSES AND JESUS WALK UP A MOUNTAIN"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

- **that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**
- **that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;**

We believe

- **that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

I HYMN #459

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

MUNICH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

JONAS MYRIN & MATT REDMAN

Tom Andrew, Piano

I DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise God all creatures here Below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

I PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 our debts, as we forgive our debtors, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forever. Amen.

I HYMN #753

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

PLUMPTRE

Tom Andrew, Organ

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: APRIL ROTTMAN

USHERS: LON & KATHY CLARK AND RICHARD & CAROLYN WHEELER

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	2/12	9a Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Congregational Meeting, Fellowship and Coffee, 11:30a Youth Group
Monday	2/13	Argyle Preschool Valentine's Party
Tuesday	2/14	Happy Valentine's Day! 6p Pipe Band and Drumming, 7p CoRPB
Wednesday	2/15	9a Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday	2/16	2p Drop off meals and supplies for Capron Elementary Staff, 6p Bell Choir
Sunday	2/19	9a Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship & Coffee

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Our new adult **Sunday school** series, "**Perspectives from Genesis**" continues next Sunday (Feb. 19th) with Pastor Lauren leading a class on Adam & Eve. We meet in the Library from 9am - 9:30am.

The **Confession of Belhar** has its roots in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. It was first drafted in 1982 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church as a protest against a heretical theological stance that used the Bible and the Confessions to justify harsh and unjust systems. The PCUSA approved Belhar as part of our Book of Confessions at the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

Annual Meeting: TODAY

The Session calls the Annual Congregational Meeting of the Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle, to be held today following the worship service for the purpose of receiving the 2022 Annual Report and to approve the 2023 Budget and the co-financial secretary position.

MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

For more information about our staff and volunteers, visit our website.

The Church Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am - 3pm. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the church office.

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