

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARGYLE

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"A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the Love of Christ"

OCTOBER 2023 STREAMER



A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAUREN What a glorious Kirkin' Sunday we had! It was wonderful to hear the bagpipes, drums and handbells, to see the tartans, and to fellowship around a delicious, bountiful potluck! And I am grateful that the Kirkin' is an opportunity to peer into our history. One of my favorite required courses in seminary was "History and Presence". Our professors were intentional about framing our history as persistently present with us. We learn about the past to learn about ourselves. We seek to understand our heritage as we seek to understand who we are today. And as we learn, we are not obligated to make our ancestors into heroes, but to always allow them to be human - wonderful, perhaps, and also flawed. One of my professors always said: "May we have grace for our ancestors - and ourselves." It is similar when we turn to Scripture. The people whose stories are captured there were simply that - people, human like you and me, sinful yet saved, like you and me. Whether its stories on the sacred page, or records from an old Session book, or accounts of dramatic moments in Scottish and Presbyterian history, we can be inspired by those who came before us by seeing that God worked through them, and God also promises - covenants - to work through us. I loved digging into Scottish and Argyle history with you for the Kirkin', and I look forward to exploring history through the Confessions with you for the next several weeks.

SERMON SERIES: THE CONFESSIONS The PCUSA has a constitution made up of two parts: the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*. The *Book of Order* is our polity - the rules we follow to make sure we do things decently and in order, and also with a whole lot of grace. The *Book of Confessions* is comprised of eleven statements which guide our understanding of our history while also shaping our present practice of faith. Each confession was written to articulate what it means to follow Christ *here and now*. We will learn about the context - the "here and now" - of a different confession each week, and learn how our ancestors in the faith interpreted Scripture as they sought to understand what faithfulness looked like in their particular time and place.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS OCTOBER 1ST Join us for *Short Stories by Jesus*. Each week we'll study a different **parable**, learning historical context that will make these familiar stories even richer. Classes will be led by Pastor Tanya, April Rottman and Pastor Lauren. Class will meet in the Library from 9:15a - 9:45a (though you're welcome to come earlier for fellowship!).

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL All Preschool through 5th grade are invited! We meet on Sundays at 10:30a. October dates are the 8th, 15th and 22nd.

YOUTH GROUP All 6th through 12th graders are invited! We meet on Sundays from 11:30a - 1:30p for lunch, fellowship, games and Bible study. October dates are the 8th and 22nd.

SESSION SUMMARY The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle met on September 5th, 2023 for the regularly stated meeting. The meeting opened at 6:30p with prayer and devotions presented by Rebekah Landi. A quorum was declared.

The following actions were taken:

- Moved, seconded and approved to cancel Rise Against Hunger this year to better steward our mission money for the future.
- The Consent Agenda was approved as stated.
- Moved, seconded and approved to approve the Baptism of Kolby Ryan Dawn, daughter of Skyler Cummings and Demarcus Dawn.
- Moved, seconded and approved to have Communion 12/10/23 and 12/24/23 in the morning and evening.
- Moved, seconded and approved to close the meeting at 8:12p. Meeting was closed with prayer.

WCPC OPERATING STATISTICS August was an above average month for giving. Our expenses were also above average for the month. We were in the red on the year about \$7,000. The summer months are usually slow months in terms of attendance and giving. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church!

	August 2023	Year-to-Date
Income	\$15,378.98	\$116,767.10
Expenses	\$15,562.11	\$123,772.63
Excess/(Deficit)	<u>\$(183.13)</u>	<u>\$(7,005.53)</u>

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday 10/01	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
	10a	Worship - Communion
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
	11:30a	Deacons
Tuesday 10/03	6:30p	Session
Wednesday 10/04	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 10/05	11:30a	Ladies Meet and Eat at Sophia's Restaurant
	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 10/08	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
	10a	Worship
	10:30a	Children's Sunday School
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
	11:30a	Youth Group

Monday 10/09		<i>Indigenous Peoples' Day</i> - No Argyle Preschool
Tuesday 10/10	6p-9p	Pipe Band and Drums - Lessons and Rehearsals
Thursday 10/12	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 10/15	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
	10a	Worship - Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli Preaching
	10:30a	Children's Sunday School
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
	11:30a	Media Committee
Tuesday 10/17	8a	Building and Grounds Committee
	6p	Worship and Music Committee
	6p - 9p	Pipe Band and Drums - Lessons and Rehearsals
Wednesday 10/18	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 10/19	11:30a	Ladies Meet and Eat at Sophia's Restaurant
	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Friday 10/20		<i>Streamer Articles due!</i>
Sunday 10/22	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
	10a	Worship
	10:30a	Children's Sunday School
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
	11:30a	Youth Group
Tuesday 10/24	6p - 9p	Pipe Band and Drums - Lessons and Rehearsals
Thursday 10/26	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 10/29	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
	10a	Worship - Reformation Sunday
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
	11:15a	F/P/E
Monday 10/30		Argyle Preschool's Halloween Party
Tuesday 10/31		<i>Happy Halloween!</i>
	6p - 9p	Pipe Band and Drums - Lessons and Rehearsals

A NOTE FROM LIZ O'LEARY Fall is finally here, although our wonderful colors have not yet arrived. I am excited to have three new musicians providing us with their music in October. Here is the lineup:

October 1st - Elizabeth O'Leary, Contralto

October 8th - Renee O'Dell, Soprano

October 15th - Curtis Smith, Vocalist

October 22nd - Julie Norem-Hawley, Harp and Tara Brinduse, Flute

October 29th - Tom Andrew, Keyboard

The Willow Creek Sanctuary Choir will be singing on **November 19th** for Amazing Grace Sunday and **December 17th** for Christmas Lessons and Carols. Please check the bulletin for further information as to rehearsals, etc. We have arranged for choir rehearsal to be from 8:30a - 9:10a so those that wish to go to Adult Sunday School at 9:15a will be able to.

Enjoy the cool weather. ~ ♫Liz

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS Thank you all for your support, help, cooking and planning to make this another amazing Kirkin'! Special thank you to the City of Rockford Pipe Band, our Handbell Choir, and our wonderful organist Tom Andrew for providing wonderful music for the day.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY We will observe All Saints' during worship on **Sunday, November 5th**. We will ring a bell for those who have passed away since last November. If there is a name you would like to have honored, please let Pastor Lauren or the church office know.

DECORATE THE CHURCH Join us after worship on **Sunday, November 12th** to help decorate the church for Advent & Christmas! Many hands make light work - if several volunteers stay to help, we'll be done quickly. There will be jobs for all ages and ability levels. Thank you for joining us to make our church festive for this joyous season!

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 8:30a - 3p. 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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