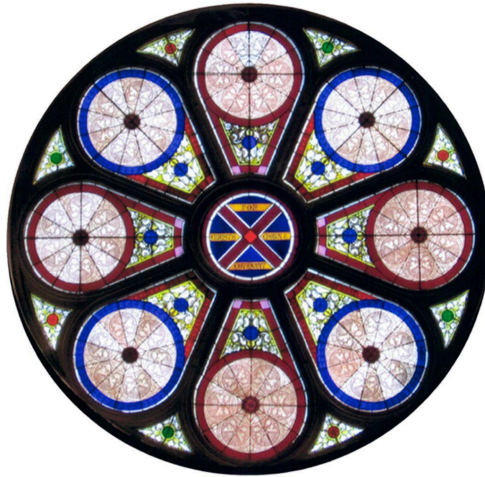


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 21ST, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 10:00AM



OFFICER ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Come, celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ with us! All are invited to sing, pray and participate in liturgy.

IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO STAND.

PRELUDE

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION
Tom Andrew, Organ

JEFFERY ROWTHORN

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 148

BARB GREENLEE

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all angels; praise the Lord, all heavenly host!

The sun, moon and shining stars all praise the Lord!

All praise to the One who commanded and created.

Even the sea monsters and deep waters praise the Lord!

Fire and hail, snow and frost, and stormy wind all fulfill the Creator's command!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth praise God!

Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord whose glory is above earth and heaven. Come, let us worship God!

IF HYMN #140

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

ALEXANDER, GAUNTLETT & MANN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, we confess that we do not think we should be leaders, and we also do not think we should be servants. We confess that we are comfortable being somewhere in the middle - we don't want the vulnerability of being blamed when things go wrong and we struggle to let go of control and let others lead. Will you comfort us as we say yes to the ways you are calling us to lead and serve? Will you remind us that you are the one who equips and guides us? Let us let go of being comfortable and find, instead, the comfort of your presence, grace, and wisdom.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 72:6

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth.
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

FIRST READING

COLOSSIANS 3:12 - 17

PAGES 1834 - 1835

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

HEALING RAIN
Tom Andrew, Piano

MARTIN SMITH, MATT BRONLEWE & MICHAEL W. SMITH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 2:41 - 52

RON MUZZARELLI

The mystery of the ages, revealed to all. **Thanks be to God.**

PAGES 1592 - 1593

SERMON

"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I HYMN #14

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

PIERPOINT, KOCHER & MONK

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

APRIL ROTTMAN

DEACONS: Ron Muzzarelli, Renee O'Dell, Carolyn J. Wheeler
ELDERS: Lon Clark, Karli Rankin, Molly Shipton

READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4 - 7, 27

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

but it is the same Lord's purposes that are achieved through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of him.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Do we, the members of the church, accept these as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

I HYMN #316

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

WESTENDORE, 1960 & CHAPIN, 1812

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ALLELUIA

GUILLIO CACCINI ARR. ADRIENNE POTTER

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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

DAVID PEREZ-FERNANDEZ

**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, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom, the power and glory forever. Amen.**

I HYMN #701

LORD, PREPARE ME (SANCTUARY)

THOMPSON, SCRUGGS & BUTLER-MOORE

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

HARRY DIXON LOES ARR. GENE HARRIS

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGISTS: BARB GREENLEE, RON MUZZARELLI,
DAVID PEREZ-FERNANDEZ AND CLERK OF SESSION APRIL ROTTMAN
USHERS: CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE, JACK GREENLEE AND JAXON GREENLEE

The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle calls the **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation to follow worship on **Sunday 2/4/24** for the purpose of receiving the 2023 Annual Report and the 2024 budget.

WILLOW CREEK SANCTUARY CHOIR will sing for Worship on **Sunday, February 4th**. Rehearsals are **January 28th** and **February 4th** at 8:45am. It's okay if you can only come on the 4th, and Liz will be glad to hand music to anyone who wants to work on their own.

SERMON SERIES: THE EARLY LIFE OF JESUS

- Jan. 7th: Epiphany - the story of three magi visiting Jesus shortly after his birth
- Jan. 14th: Mary and Joseph dedicate Jesus in the temple
- **Jan. 21st: Jesus in the temple as a young adolescent teaching others**
- Jan. 28th: Baptism of Jesus (Pastor Tanya preaching)
- Feb. 4th: The Transfiguration

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 21st	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship & Officer Training
Tuesday 23rd	6p	Pipe Band and Drums
Wednesday 24th	5p	Confirmation
Thursday 25th	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Friday 26th		February Streamer Articles Due
Sunday 28th	8:45a	Choir Rehearsal, Worship - Pastor Tanya Preaching, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship

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

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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