

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 28TH, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 10:00AM



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

HERE IN THIS PLACE
Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

MARTY HAUGEN, 1979

WELCOME AND SHARING

PASTOR LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

CALL TO WORSHIP

PIPER GREENLEE

When we pass through the water, God is with us.

Baptism is a gift to be celebrated and shared!

Though the rivers rise, though the seas roar, we shall not be overwhelmed.

Baptism is God's act of snatching us from the jaws of death.

All are God's beloved; in us God finds happiness.

Baptism seals us in God's love and sends us forward.

Come, let us remember our baptisms and worship God!

| HYMN #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

ROBINSON, 1758 & WYETH, 1813

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence, Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of truly being the people you have called us to be.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism also you were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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

Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son now and forevermore.
Praise to you, O Christ.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 1:1 - 5

PAGES 1 - 2

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

HE LEADETH ME

WILLIAM BRADBURY, ARR. JERRY RAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RON MUZZARELLI

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

SERMON

"GLORIOUS BEGINNINGS"

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #482

BAPTIZED IN WATER

SAWARD, 1981 & GROTENHUIS, 1985

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:4 - 11

PAGE 1551 - 1552

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

I PROFESSION OF FAITH

MAREN REID

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ABIDE WITH ME

HENRY FRANCIS LYTE, 1847

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

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 #353

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

MOTE, 1834 & BRADBURY, 1863

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: PIPER GREENLEE
 USHERS: BRENDA BENNING, ARGYLE GREENLEE, MIKE LANDI AND RON MUZZARELLI

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism, we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God.

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

Valentines Day will soon be here and we've chosen **Wednesday, February 14th** for our next **Skiffers** meeting. We'll meet at 11:30am at Stockholm Inn. In the spirit of the day, please bring a love story to share. The funnier the better. Not every attempt at romance goes exactly as planned and I'm sure most of us have lived through an event that can be shared! Sound like anything you've experienced? Or make you think of a romantic mishap? Most weddings have a humorous tale or two.

RSVP to Rich & Dianne Londo by **Monday, February 12th**.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine." - Proverbs 17:22

SERMON SERIES: THE EARLY LIFE OF JESUS

We begin 2024 with sermons on the few stories we have about Jesus' life before his public ministry began.

- 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**
- Feb. 4th: The Transfiguration

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 28th	8:45a	Choir Rehearsal, 9:15a Adult Sunday School, Worship - Pastor Tanya Preaching, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E
Tuesday 30th	6p	Pipe Band and Drums
Wednesday 31st	12p	Argyle Preschool Board
Thursday 1st	11:30a	Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's, 6p Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 4th	8:45a	Choir Rehearsal, 9:15a Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11:05a Annual Meeting - Fellowship to follow after, 11:30a Deacons

"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 8:30a - 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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