

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY | 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

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS
Tom Andrew, Organ

GEORGE WILLIAM KITCHIN

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 50

WILL MONROE

The Mighty One speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Our God arrives and does not keep silent.

Before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest is all around.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

And the heavens proclaim divine righteousness! We worship a God of justice.

Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, who says:

"Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

Come, let us worship God!

| HYMN #151

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE
first and last verses

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS JR., 1857

Holy God, we confess we resist wrestling with you. We receive what we've been told to believe without examination, and fail to make faith our own. We do this because we fear our questions and doubts might make you think we have rejected you. But Scripture tells a different story. You have given us examples of wrestling and doubt as signs of faith and faithfulness. May we let go of our expectations of what we thought faith should be, and receive the faith you are giving us. Forgive us for thinking our faith has to look like someone else's. Give us the courage and comfort of your presence. Convince us that what we have is enough - who we are is enough - because you have called us yours.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM HEBREWS 12

Christ endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. Consider all that Christ endured. Do not grow weary! Do not lose heart!

We have lost our weariness and regained our hearts! In joy, we proclaim the good news! In 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

CHARLIE SHIPTON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 32

Selected Verses

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2:1 - 11

PAGES 1497 - 1498

The Gospel of our Risen Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

A JOYFUL RING
Willow Creek Ringers

BARBRA KINYON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

EPISTLE READING

HEBREWS 12:1 - 3

PAGE 1877

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

REFLECTIONS FROM CONFIRMANDS

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WILLIAM COLTEN JAMES MONROE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

APRIL ROTTMAN

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 on 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.**

Confirmation of
ARGYLE DEAN GREENLEE
WILLIAM COLTEN JAMES MONROE
CHARLIE RYAN SHIPTON

I HYMN #326

FOR ALL THE SAINTS
first, second and third verses

HOW, 1864 & WILLIAMS, 1906

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

WE ARE AN OFFERING
Dianne Londo, Piano

DWIGHT LILES

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 #701

LORD, PREPARE ME (SANCTUARY)

QUINN, SJ, 1969 & GROTENHUIS, 1958

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

JOHN ERNEST BODE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY!

LITURGISTS: ARGYLE GREENLEE, WILL MONROE, CHARLIE SHIPTON

AND CLERK OF SESSION APRIL ROTTMAN

USHERS: STEVE & DAYLE PAULSON, KATHERINE RALSTON AND MATT RALSTON

Ash Wednesday is February 14th!

We will offer “drive through” ashes in the parking lot from 9am - 9:30am and 5pm - 5:30pm. The sanctuary will be open all day for contemplation and prayer. Stations will be set up throughout the sanctuary to invite worshippers into the season of Lent with activities that help us focus on God’s presence. These activities are designed for all ages (and so, it may not be a silent space if younger worshipers are present!).

Ash Wednesday Worship with the imposition of ashes is at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Each Wednesday of Lent, we will dig a little deeper into the characters from Sunday’s sermon as we share a simple meal at our **Lenten Soup Study**.

You do not have to come each week – come when your schedule allows!

We will meet on Wednesdays 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 from 5:30pm - 7pm.

There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to pick a day to bring soup.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 11th	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, <i>Change for Change</i> 10a Worship - Confirmation Sunday, 11a Fellowship
Monday 12th	6:30p	Beaver Valley Clippers
Tuesday 13th	6p	Pipe Band & Drumming
Wednesday 14th		Ash Wednesday - <i>Argyle Preschool Friendship Party</i> , 9 - 9:30a Drive Through Ashes & Sanctuary (with Prayer Stations) Opens, 11:30a Skiffers at Stockholm Inn, 5 - 5:30p Drive Through Ashes, 6p Worship
Thursday 15th	11:30a	Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia’s, 6p Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 18th	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship - 1 st Sunday of Lent - Communion by Intinction, 10:30a Children’s Sunday School, 11a Fellowship

Session has decided the **Change for Change** Offering will go to our Families in Need Fund.

This Fund allows us to help folks with needs in our church family and wider community.

If you would like to give to this offering on the second Sunday of each month, please indicate on an envelope or check that it is “Change for Change”.

(Any loose change in the offering plates on second Sundays is automatically included in the Change for Change offering.)

“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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