

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024 | THE TRANSFIGURATION | 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

WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND

Tom Andrew, Piano

GERON DAVIS

WELCOME AND SHARING

PASTOR LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

I CALL TO WORSHIP: LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

MARY BETH GRATZ

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

a brief silence

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty,
in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory.
Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 72:6

The one who calls light out of darkness

now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL READING

MARK 9:2 - 9

PAGES 1567 - 1568

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

ANTHEM

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE
Willow Creek Sanctuary Choir

SEBASTIAN TEMPLE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

EPISTLE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3 - 6

ED ROTTMAN

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

PAGES 1797 - 1798

SERMON

"A HERESY & THREE APOCALYPTIC PILLARS"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of
one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

PAUL BALOCHE

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

I HYMN #495

THEE WE ADORE, O HIDDEN SAVIOR, THEE
first and last verse

AQUINAS & WOODFORD PROCESSIONAL, 1697

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION

*We hold the bread and partake together, celebrating that Christ joins us into one united
body. We drink the cup as it comes to us, rejoicing that Christ comes to us as individuals
and loves us just as we are.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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 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 #192

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING

GRAHAM KENDRICK, 1987

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

JESUS, TAKE US TO THE MOUNTAIN
Tom Andrew, Organ

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: MARY BETH GRATZ

USHERS: LON CLARK, STEVE PICKEN, JOHN REID AND ED ROTTMAN

ACOLYTES: EMMA LANDI AND OLIVIA LANDI

*The acolytes light the candles at the beginning of the service, representing the light of Christ coming in.
Then, they carry the light out of the sanctuary with the final hymn,
encouraging us to follow Christ's light out into the world.*

The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle calls the **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation to follow worship **today, February 4th** for the purpose of approving the 2023 Annual Report and receiving the 2024 budget.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 4th	8:45a	Choir Rehearsal, 9:15a Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship - Communion, 11a Congregational Meeting, Fellowship, 11:15a Deacons
Tuesday 6th	6:30p	Session
Wednesday 7th	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5p Confirmation
Thursday 8th	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 11th	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, <i>Change for Change</i> 10a Worship - Confirmation Sunday, 11a Fellowship

SESSION

Class of 2024: Abby Guthrie, Lucas Greenlee, April Rottman (Clerk)

Class of 2025: Jeff Cummings, Rebekah Landi, Katherine Ralston

Class of 2027: Lon Clark, Karli Rankin, Molly Shipton

DIACONATE

Class of 2024: Gyneth Lamont, Carolyn J. Wheeler

Class of 2025: Mary Beth Gratz, David Perez Fernandez

Class of 2027: Ron Muzzarelli, Renee O'Dell

"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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