

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 17TH, 2024 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | 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 WEARING OF THE GREEN, THE MINSTREL BOY & KELLY THE BOY FROM KILLANE

Traditional Irish Medley

Lucas Greenlee, Bagpipes

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP: LITANY FOR LENT

LUCAS GREENLEE

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh:

Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,

so give us the grace of repentance

that we may pass through the grave with Christ and be born again to eternal life.

For Christ is the One who lived, was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us. Amen!

Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess we have not been as generous as we should. We confess that we give with control - never quite sacrificing our comfort. We confess that we give within reason - never quite challenging our faith in your provision. Will you help us find wisdom in our relationship with our possessions? Will you free us from the ways of this world and forgive us for our lack of trust in you?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM ROMANS 5:5

God's love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit!
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 GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:13 - 23

PAGES 1570 - 1571

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED, CHRISTIANS & JOIN TO SING

Hugh Wilson, The Piper's Hymnal & Spanish Folk Medley

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SECOND GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:24 - 31

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

SERMON

"UNHINDERED INHERITANCE"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE CELTIC ALLELUIA (REFRAIN) & CLOSE TO THEE
The Balmoral Collection of Hymns Arranged for the Highland Bagpipe
O'Carroll & Walker, 1985 and Vail, 1874

ARR. GEORGE BALDEROSE, 2012

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 #509

ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY

DUNSTAN, 1990 & MOORE, 1825

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

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

You are invited to come forward down the center aisles.

You may choose to pull a piece from the common loaf or select a pre-cut piece of gluten free bread from the tray on the communion table.

You may dip your bread into the common cup or choose an individual cup from the tray on the communion table.

If you need communion brought to you, we will gladly do so.

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 #188

JESUS LOVES ME!

WARNER, MCGUIRE & BRADBURY

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?
Tom Andrew, Organ

ALBERT BENJAMIN SIMPSON, 1905

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: LUCAS GREENLEE
USHERS: ARGYLE GREENLEE, RENEE O'DELL AND STEVE & DAYLE PAULSON

This year's **Lenten theme** is "**More Than Twelve**". Each week we will read a story about Jesus interacting with someone other than the Twelve Disciples. Each story will teach us something about how Jesus lived, served and loved during his time on earth.

This **Wednesday March 20th** from, will be our last **Lenten Soup Study** where we dig a little deeper into the characters of Sunday's story & share a simple meal, fellowship and study. We meet at **5:30pm - 7pm**. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to bring soup.

COMING UP: HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday - March 24th: Handbell Choir, Palm Processional, Pastor Tanya preaching

Maundy Thursday - March 28th - **Potluck & Communion Service** - Fellowship Hall at 6pm

Good Friday - March 29th

Holy Saturday - Chapel open at Scottish Argyle Cemetery

Easter Sunday - March 31st Sunrise Service at the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery 8am
Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt at Willow Creek 9am
Worship in the Sanctuary 10am

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 17th	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship - 5 th Sunday in Lent - Communion by Intinction, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship
Monday 18th		<i>Easter Flower Orders Due!</i>
Tuesday 19th	8a	Building & Grounds, 6p Pipe Band & Drumming, Worship & Music
Wednesday 20th	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30p Lenten Soup Study
Thursday 21st	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC, 11:30a Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's, 6p Bell Rehearsal
Friday 22nd		<i>Streamer Articles Due</i> - Argyle Preschool Spring Break 3/22 - 3/29
Saturday 23rd	9a	Farm Bureau Painting
Sunday 24th	10a	Worship - Palm Sunday - 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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