

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 24TH, 2024 | PALM 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.

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

PRELUDE

THE PALMS
Tom Andrew, Organ

JEAN BAPTISTE FAURE

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

IF CALL TO WORSHIP

APRIL ROTTMAN

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest! We praise you O God!

Rejoice greatly, O children of God! Shout aloud, O children of the Lord!

Look: Our king comes to us; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! We praise you today, O God.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphant God, we join the crowd today, cheering your entry into our lives. But how quickly we turn from shouts of joy to taunts of hatred. Instead of greeting you when the going gets tough, we choose to greet you only when it is convenient for us. In the moments when tough choices have to be made, we build walls to keep people out instead of bigger tables to invite more guests to. We, the builders of these walls, have rejected you, the chief cornerstone. Give us courage to build tables instead of walls. Give us strength to accept your call upon our lives. Give us righteousness so that we might know the difference between what is easy and what is right.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation. In Jesus our sins are forgiven. In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand.
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

PSALTER READING

PSALM 118:19 - 29

PAGES 956 - 957

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PALM SUNDAY GLORY
Willow Creek Ringers

SHARON ROGERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RON MUZZARELLI

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

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 21:1 - 11

LUCAS GREENLEE

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

PAGES 1531 - 1532

SERMON

"THE KING IS COMING!"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #263

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

PERRONET, RIPPON, HOLDEN & YOUNG

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

I WALKED TODAY WHERE JESUS WALKED
Elizabeth O'Leary, Soloist

GEOFFREY O'HARA

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 #197

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

THRELFALL, 1873 & HOFKAPELLE, 1784

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

I POSTLUDE

RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

MILMAN, 1827 & DYKES, 1862

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: APRIL ROTTMAN
USHERS: CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE, JACK GREENLEE AND JAXON GREENLEE

Our spring **Mission Closet Drive** is for **The Haven Network!**

From **Sunday, March 24th through the end of April** we will collect items to make Mama Kits.
Mama Kit needs: **Travel Sizes of Women's** body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hair ties, chapstick and \$25.00 gift cards for Rockford Area Chain Restaurants (Chili's, Red Lobster, etc.).

Contact Marisa O'Dell, David Perez-Fernandez or the Church Office at 815-885-3455 with any questions. Here is the link for their Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1OLJZ057R8YGY?ref_=wl_share

HOLY WEEK

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

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

Good Friday March 29th

Holy Saturday March 30th Chapel open at Scottish Argyle Cemetery 8901 Picken Rd. Caledonia

Easter Sunday March 31st 8am Sunrise Service at the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery

9am Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt at Willow Creek

10am Worship in the Sanctuary - Communion

Tuesday the 27th City of Rockford Pipe Band Lessons & Rehearsals 6pm - 8pm

Thursdays at 10:30am all ladies are invited to **walk** here at WCPC.

"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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