

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 2ND, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 10:00AM



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Come, celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ with us! All are invited to sing and pray and participate in liturgy.

IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO STAND.

PRELUDE

NOCTURNE IN C # MINOR

FREDERIC CHOPIN

Amanda Nelson, Piano

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 81

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to God!

Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our Sabbath day.

For our God made a decree: "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed.

In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder;

Hear, O my people: "There shall be no strange god among you;

For I am your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt."

Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are gracious, holy and good. We are not always gracious, holy and good. Sometimes we forget your love for us. Sometimes we forget how to love others. Remind us of your goodness, and help us believe that we are perfectly loved even if we aren't perfect.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts **to give the light of the knowledge of 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 2:23 - 28

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

HOW GREAT THOU ART

ARR. LANIER

Amanda Nelson, Flute & Tom Andrew, Piano

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DEUTERONOMY 5:12 - 15

PAGES 282 - 283

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

SERMON

"WHY?"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I HYMN #661

WHY SHOULD I FEEL DISCOURAGED?

MARTIN & GABRIEL, 1905

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE
Amanda Nelson, Flute & Tom Andrew, Piano

ARR. KNAPP

¶ 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.

¶ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

¶ HYMN #188

JESUS LOVES ME!

WARNER, MCGUIRE & BRADBURY

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

THE OLD BRICK CHURCH IN ARGYLE

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood, no lovelier place in the dale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood, as the old brick church in Argyle.

*Refrain: O come, come, come, come, come to the church in the wildwood;
O come to the church in the dale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood, as the old brick church in Argyle.*

How sweet on a bright Sabbath morning, to list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling, O come to the church in Argyle.

Refrain

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FAIREST LORD JESUS & BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ARR. MARCHAND

Abbie Nelson, Trombone & Tom Andrew, Piano

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY!

LITURGISTS: ISLA CUNNINGHAM, ARGYLE GREENLEE, EMMA LANDI,
OLIVIA LANDI, WILL MONROE AND BENJAMIN RALSTON

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YOUTH GROUP camp out at Rock Cut Friday, June 7th - Saturday, June 8th - see Maren for more details!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SET SAIL! June 17th - 20th (Monday - Thursday) 9a - 12p

Join us for an exciting, fun-filled week where children will experience God's Word through fun-filled activities. Each day children will participate in songs, a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and a mission project. A snack will also be provided. We welcome any Preschool - 6th grade to join us as we "Set Sail"! The registration fee is \$10 for the week with a \$30 family maximum. Registration forms will be available outside the Church Office door and in the Fellowship Hall.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 2nd	10a	Pastor Lauren Preaching Worship - Intinction - <i>Youth Recognition</i> , 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E, 11:30a Diaconate
Tuesday 4th	6:30p	Session
Wednesday 5th	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 6th	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC, 11:30a Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's
Friday 7th		Youth Overnight at Rock Cut
Sunday 9th	10a	Worship, 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 Tuesday - Thursday from 10am - 2pm. 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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