# **WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

MAY 19TH, 2024 # 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.

H IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO HONOR GOD BY STANDING.

Prelude

THY WORD Willow Creek Ringers

arr., Susan Geschke

Welcome and Sharing

Rev. Lauren Patrus-Betzel

### I Call to Worship - Litany for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust. **Come**, **Holy Spirit!** 

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word. **Come**, **Holy Spirit!** 

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world. **Come, Holy Spirit!** 

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words. **Come, Holy Spirit!**Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts - the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed. **Come, Holy Spirit!** 

A brief silence

True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift:

send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.

HYMN #408

THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Doris Akers, 1962

## Invitation to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Chirst our Lord.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon - from John 20:22 - 23

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. 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

New Testament Reading

ACTS 2:1 - 13

**PAGE 1692** 

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Blaine Arthur Dhamer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

Karli Rankin

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.

Congregational Response

AR HYD Y NOS

Our sweet babe of God's creation, we have been blessed.
You are loved with adoration, may you be blessed.
Lord please grant your loving wisdom, guide us, guard him, help us listen;
Let love lead us with your vision; May we be blessed.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIEL 37:1 - 10

PAGES 1346 - 1347

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

SERMON

"What God's Spirit Did in the Bright Valley of the Long Dead"

### **OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE**

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

H Hymn #286 Breath of God

HATCH, 1878 & JACKSON, 1888

CALL TO OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** 

My Song is Love Unknown

ARR CATHY MOKLEBUST

Willow Creek Ringers: Dianne Londo, Abbie Nelson & Cindy Nelson

**H** 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.

**HPRAYER OF DEDICATION** 

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli

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** Charge and Benediction

POSTLUDE

# EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT Tom Andrew, Organ

Melva Wilson Costen

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Thank you to those who served today! Liturgist: Argyle Greenlee Ushers: Mike Landi, Shannon Reagan, Carolyn J. Wheeler and Carolyn L. Wheeler

# **WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10a	Worship - Pentecost - Wear Red, Yellow, or Orange to church!
·		10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 21st	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 6p Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals,
-		Worship & Music
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Pastor Lauren on Vacation 5/22 - 6/1
Thursday 23rd	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC, 6p Bells
Thursday 24th		Last Day of Argyle Preschool
•	9a	2023/2024 Argyle Preschool Celebration
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Pastor Tanya Preaching
,	8a	The Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery, 9a Continental Breakfast,
		10a Worship in the Sanctuary, 11:15a F/P/E

MAY  $26^{\text{TH}}$  MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - PASTOR TANYA LEADING WORSHIP 8am Service at the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery 9am Continental Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall provided by Worship & Music Committee 10am Worship in the Sanctuary

JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> Youth & Children's Recognition Sunday

 $\underline{\textbf{YOUTH GROUP}}$  camp out at Rock Cut Friday June,  $7^{th}$  - Saturday, June  $8^{th}$  - see Maren for more details!

# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SET SAIL!**

# June 17th - 20th (Monday - Thursday) 9am - 12pm

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 kids Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ladies Meet & Eat is at **11:30a** on the **1**<sup>st</sup> **and 3**<sup>rd</sup> **Thursdays** of each month at **Sophia's Restaurant.**Ladies walks will be held at WCPC on **Thursdays** at **10:30a**.

Men's Coffee is at 9:30a on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Boone County Family Restaurant.

"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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