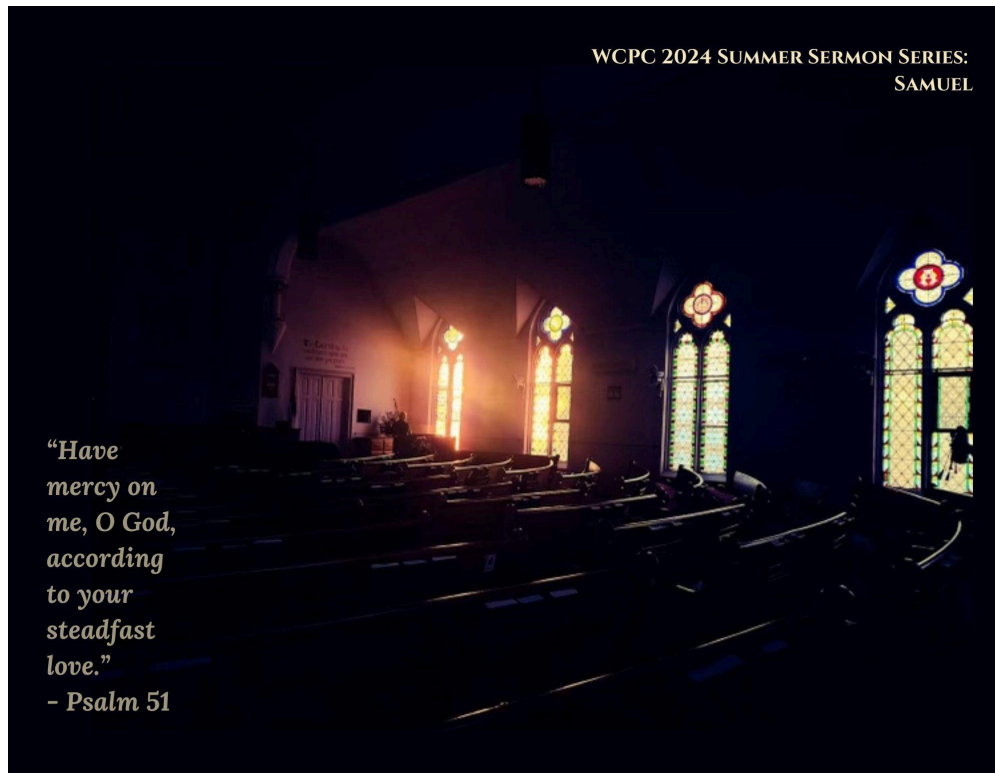


# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | FOURTEENTH 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 HONOR GOD BY STANDING.

PRELUDE

I AM FREE

JON EAGON

Tom Andrew, Piano

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

IF CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 51

SHANNON REAGAN

Creator of the universe, you are vast beyond our understanding.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to the abundance of your mercy.**

Redeemer of our hearts, you make us righteous because of your grace.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to the abundance of your mercy.**

Sustainer of our souls, you are nearer than our next breath.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to the abundance of your mercy.**

Come, let us worship the One whose mercy has no end.

**Come, let us worship God.**

**INVITATION TO THE WORD**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 11:26 - 12:6

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD

JOHN CARTER, 1977

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 12:7 - 13

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Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SERMON

"SIN BOLDLY"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - PSALM 51

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgression, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be made pure. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.**

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 1 SAMUEL 2

There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.

**My heart rejoices in you, O Lord; for I delight in your deliverance.**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.

## OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I HYMN #435

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

FABER, 1854 & ARR., RÖNTGEN, C. 1906

CALL TO OFFERING

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

OFFERTORY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MALOTTE

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 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 #833

O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO

MATHERSON, 1881 & PEACE, 1884

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

Tom Andrew, Organ

MARTIN

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: SHANNON REAGAN  
USHERS: BRENDA BENNING, CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE AND JACK GREENLEE

*Today ends our Sermon Series on the Books of Samuel.  
We have spent all summer in the period in Israel's history when they decided  
they wanted to be like all of the surrounding nations: they wanted a king.  
On the one hand, this is ancient history.  
On the other hand, the themes we have encountered are all too familiar:  
complex relationships within families,  
the fears and aspirations of someone new to their role,  
the desire of a group of people to take control of their own destiny,  
tensions that arise between group members and a leader,  
transitions in leadership and governance,  
the end of the old ways of doing things and the beginning of new ways,  
and so much more.  
Let me know what you thought of this series - and let me know if you turn the page  
and keep reading this dramatic, sacred story!*

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 10AM WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE CHAPEL  
AT SCOTTISH ARGYLE CEMETERY

8901 Picken Rd. Caledonia

Bring a chair and join us for this special service where we will remember those we lost during and since the pandemic who we were not able to have funerals for. **If there is anyone you would like honored, please let Pastor Lauren know by Monday, August 26th.**

**Sunday, September 8th Youth Kick-Off!**

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for our first youth group gathering of the year.

We'll have lunch, games, fellowship and more! 11:30am - 1:30pm

**Can you provide a meal for the youth group? Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.**

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**MISSION CLOSET DRIVE: KITCHEN SUPPLIES**

The Blackhawk Presbytery's Mission Committee has requested help for families who have recently immigrated to the area.

When they find housing, these families have no basic household supplies.

Our Mission Task Force has decided to help with **kitchen** needs.

There is a **sign up sheet** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please indicate which item(s) you will bring in.

All donations must be brought to church by **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for caring for those in need!

SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> KIRKIN' SUNDAY!

Bring your banner! Remember, we are not all of Scottish descent - we celebrate any and all backgrounds! Banner Instructions are available in the Fellowship Hall, Argyle Room & outside the Church Office door. A potluck lunch will follow worship.

OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

A brief Communion service in the sanctuary at 10am followed by a

**Rise Against Hunger** meal packing event.

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	6p	Pipe Band & Drumming: Lessons & Rehearsals
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	4p-7p	<i>Argyle Preschool Open House</i>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10a	Worship Outside the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery

*"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.**

To set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the Church Office.

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