

# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 10:00AM



WCPC 2024 SUMMER SERMON SERIES:  
SAMUEL

“The earth is the Lord's  
and all that is in it.”

## 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

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY  
Tom Andrew, Organ

JOHN B. FOLEY

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 24

ARGYLE GREENLEE

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in the Lord's holy place?**

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts and do not lift up their souls to what is false.

**Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts is the King of glory! Come, let us worship God!**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION &amp; PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Gracious Creator, we confess that we are too often willing to worship in your sanctuary while neglecting those near and far who need your love. We sit in pews next to loved ones who look at us suspiciously, wondering when your example of kindness and graciousness will begin to sink in. We pray for folks suffering in far away places, hoping our prayers are enough, hoping you wouldn't really ask us to do something, especially something unpopular, that might make the world a better place for the hungry, the tired, the homeless, the oppressed. Forgive us for our duplicity. Forgive us for our unwillingness to admit our own complexity - sometimes faithful, oftentimes not. Forgive us for not wanting to face our failures because we fear they define us. Forgive us for trying to be good on our own, rather than depending on your grace and trusting your acceptance.**

## 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.

## 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 READING

2 SAMUEL 6:1 - 11

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

THE GIFT OF LOVE  
Abbie and Cindy Nelson, Bells

ARR., BARBRA BOOM

## SECOND READING

2 SAMUEL 6:12 - 22

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Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

## SERMON

"DANCING, DESPISING &amp; DISCERNING"

## OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

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

THE PRAYER  
Dianne Londo, Piano

SAGER & FOSTER

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 #701

LORD, PREPARE ME (SANCTUARY)

THOMPSON & SCRUGGS, 1982

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 #839

BLESSED ASSURANCE

CROSBY & KNAPP, 1873

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE KING OF GLORY

ISRAELI FOLK SONG

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: ARGYLE GREENLEE  
USHERS: STEVE & DAYLE PAULSON, CAROLYN J. WHEELER AND CAROLYN L. WHEELER

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**BOONE COUNTY FAIR RESPITE TENT**

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for a time to volunteer at our Respite Tent!  
Contact the Church Office or Mike Landi if you have any questions.

On **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** we are once again hosting a group of youth and chaperones from Ukraine. Spaghetti will be provided (sauce with and without meat offered). Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting the Church Office so we can prepare enough food and to let us know if you can help with the meal by bringing a salad or dessert.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:** Mark these special Sundays on your calendars!

- SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 10AM WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE CHAPEL AT SCOTTISH ARGYLE CEMETERY  
Bring a chair and join us for this special worship 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.
  - SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> KIRKIN' SUNDAY!

*Christian Ed. Members & Volunteers have been cleaning out the attic & Sunday School room.*

*Items along the South wall of Fellowship Hall are things we no longer need. If you see something that you would like, please take it. Items left will be donated. Any questions, see Rebekah Landi or Katherine Ralston.*

**And a huge thank you to all of the cleaners! Your time and energy is deeply appreciated!**

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship - Communion, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Diaconate
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of the Boone County Fair
	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship

Change for Change

**"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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