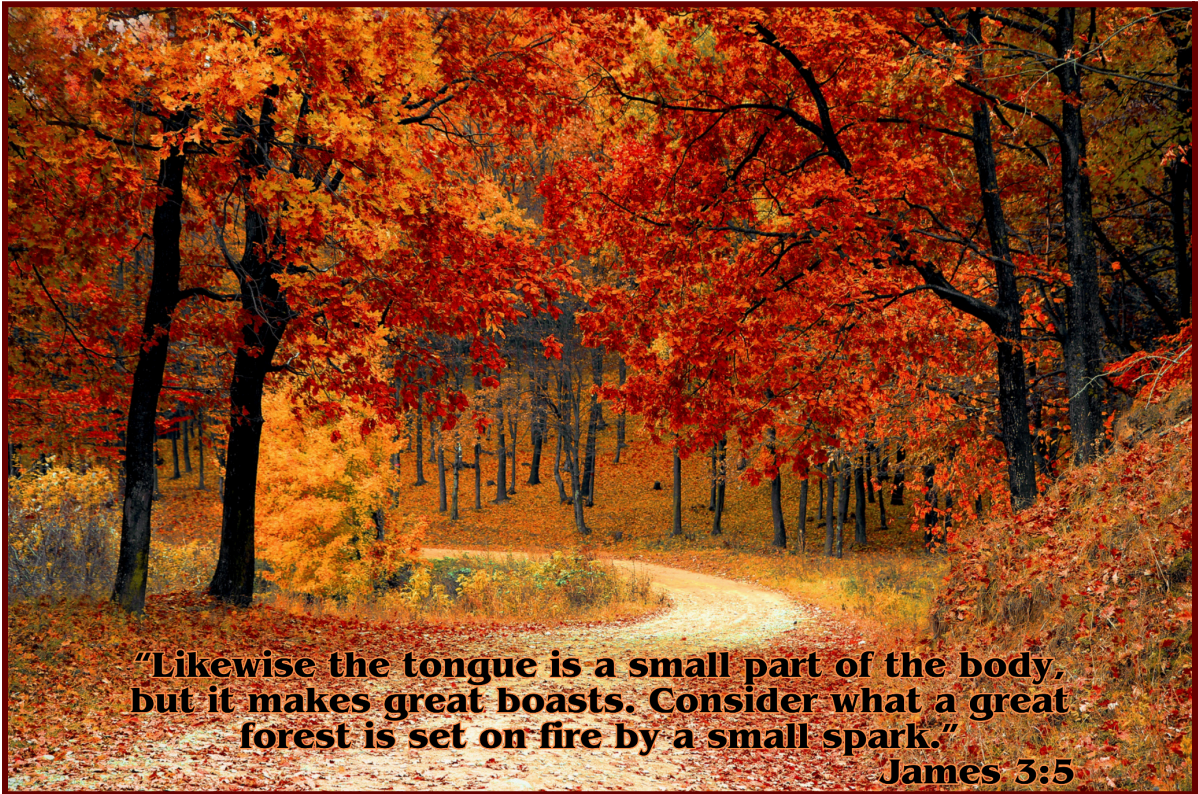


# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | SEVENTEENTH 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

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

JONAS MYRIN & MATT REDMAN

Tom Andrew, Piano

WELCOME AND SHARING

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

IF CALL TO WORSHIP

APRIL ROTTMAN

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

**Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

**Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

**Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. Let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION - PROVERBS 1, PSALM 19, JAMES 3 & MARK 8

**Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. The words of your law are spoken, but we rarely pay heed or obey. You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the commotion of words and sounds. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live.**

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PROVERBS 1

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 19

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

VARIATIONS ON "HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE"

HORATIUS BONAR

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SERMON

"TRAIN YOUR DRAGON'S TONGUE"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JAMES 3:1 - 12

MARY BETH GRATZ

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

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**OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE**

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

I HYMN #450

BE THOU MY VISION

BYRNE, HULL & EVANS

CALL TO OFFERING - PROVERBS 1 & MARK 8

OFFERTORY

AS THE DEER  
Tom Andrew, Organ

MARTIN NYSTROM

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

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

**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 #41

O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!

GRANT, 1833 & KRAUS, 1784

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

KIRK DEARMAN

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: APRIL ROTTMAN  
USHERS: MIKE LANDI, OLIVIA LANDI, BETH MONROE AND ED ROTTMAN

TODAY'S SKIT BROUGHT TO YOU BY: MAREN REID AND ED ROTTMAN

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us next week as we are revisiting our *Testimonies* series - come hear from others how God is working in their lives. Join us at 9:15am in the Library.

**NEXT SUNDAY THE 22ND WILL BE A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE & POTLUCK** Join us for our annual Kirkin' worship service including bagpipes and Blessing o' the Tartans! All are invited to bring a tartan. Remember, we are not all of Scottish descent - we celebrate all backgrounds! There are instructions on how to make a tartan in the Fellowship Hall, outside the Church Office door, or reach out to Shannon in the Office for more information. There will be a **potluck** following the service. Each household is asked to bring a generous dish to pass. Drinks and place settings will be provided.

**MISSION CLOSET DRIVE: KITCHEN SUPPLIES**

Thank you everyone who helped a family that recently immigrated by donating basic household supplies. This little brick church in Argyle not only filled up the list of items requested, but also, it was done and taken care of a week early!  
Thank you for your continued support by caring for those in need!

**NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP SEASON**

**Begins September 29<sup>th</sup>** \* Theme: **Gratitude** \* Bring Pledge Cards back on **October 13<sup>th</sup>** \*  
**Rise Against Hunger** is the middle of Stewardship Season (**October 6<sup>th</sup>**)  
*because service to others is central to who we are as a church \**

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School 11a Fellowship
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Building & Grounds, 6p Pipe Band & Drumming: Lessons & Rehearsals 5:30p Worship & Music <b>**Note: Time Change for Worship &amp; Music**</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30a	Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophias, 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>October Streamer Articles Due!</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10a</b>	<b>Kirkin' o' the Tartans with Potluck to Follow</b> 10:30a Children's Sunday School

*"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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