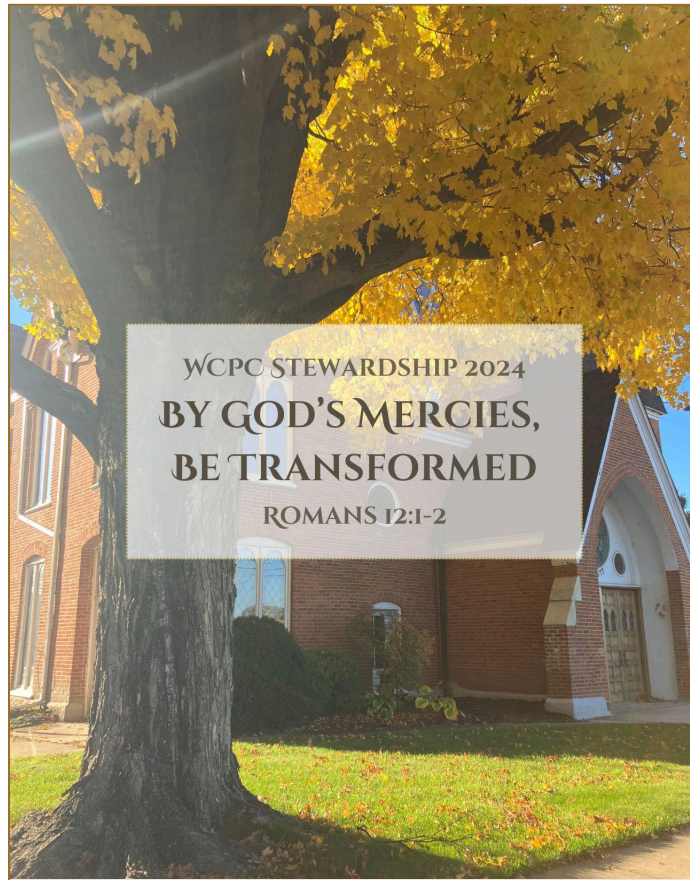


# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | 21<sup>ST</sup> 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

STEP BY STEP

DAN HOLMES

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 90

LUCAS GREENLEE

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. You brought forth mountains, you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by. Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands.

**Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us with your mercy so that we may rejoice all our days. Come, let us worship God!**

IF HYMN #300

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

PETER SCHOLTES, 1966

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God, we struggle to remember that it matters that you are infinite and eternal, and we are finite and temporal. Forgive us for getting so caught up in our little stories that we fail to pray and seek your guidance on how we can be a part of your story. Forgive us for choosing stress over the temporary rather than participation in the everlasting kingdom. Forgive us for falling for messages that insist that everything is scarce: time, resources, us. Forgive us for choosing to settle for a story about scarcity rather than the truth of your abundance. Teach us once again to trust your plan, purpose and provision.**

## A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM HEBREWS 4

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have Jesus Christ, who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

**And so we approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace.**

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

HOSEA 6:1 - 3

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Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

THE SONG OF ZACCHEUS

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

## EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 12:1 - 16A

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

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

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## SERMON

"BLUEPRINT OF HOPE"

## OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe: that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; and that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:**

**in that we love one another;**

**together know and bear one another's burdens,**

**that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;**

**pray together;**

**together serve God in this world;**

**and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;**

**and that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.**

**Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

I HYMN

GIVE OF YOUR BEST TO THE MASTER

CHARLOTTE A. BARNARD

<sup>1</sup> Give of your best to the Master, Give of the strength of your youth; throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor into the battle for truth. Jesus has set the example - dauntless was He, young and brave; give Him your loyal devotion, give Him the best that you have.

*Refrain: Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth; clad in salvation's full armor, join in the battle for truth.*

<sup>2</sup> Give of your best to the Master, give Him first place in your heart; give Him first place in your service, consecrate every part. Give, and to you shall be given - God His beloved Son gave; gratefully seeking to serve Him, give Him the best that you have.

*Refrain*

<sup>3</sup> Give of your best to the Master, naught else is worthy His love; He gave Himself for your ransom, gave up His glory above; laid down His life without murmur, you from sin's ruin to save; give Him your heart's adoration, give Him the best that you have.

*Refrain*

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

ARGYLE GREENLEE

OFFERTORY

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

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 CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

BENEDICTION

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: LUCAS GREENLEE  
 USHERS: ARGYLE GREENLEE, PIPER GREENLEE, STEVE PICKEN AND JOHN REID

Today's **Affirmation of Faith** is from **The Belhar Confession** which was first drafted in 1982 by South Africa's Dutch Reformed Mission Church as a protest against apartheid. The PCUSA approved Belhar as part of our Book of Confessions at the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016).

**STEWARDSHIP SEASON: BY GOD'S MERCIES BE TRANSFORMED**

Today is the end of our Stewardship season. With gratitude to God for this church and for our ability to give of our time, energy and talent, today we especially pray and pledge about how we might participate in what God is doing in and through this Old Brick Church in the upcoming year. If you didn't bring your pledge card back today, feel free to email Diane Van Vleet ([Bookkeeper@WillowCreekPC.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@WillowCreekPC.org)), bring it to the Church Office, or return it next week.

Pastor Lauren will be on vacation from Thursday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

For pastoral care emergencies, please reach out to Pastor Tanya or Chairperson of the Deacons, Mary Beth Gratz. Pastor Tanya will preach on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** has resumed! Join us at 9:15am in the Library.

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** is **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will ring a bell for those who have passed away since the last All Saints' (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023). If there is a name you would like to have honored, please let Pastor Lauren know.

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School 11a Fellowship
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Columbus Day - No Argyle Preschool - Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Building & Grounds, 6p Pipe Band & Drumming, W & M
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship - Pastor Tanya Preaching, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 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 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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