

# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | 26<sup>TH</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

PRESENCE  
Tom Andrew, Piano

FURLER, TAYLOR & HUGHES

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 16

REBEKAH LANDI

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup. The Lord guards all that is mine.

**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, my inheritance is beautiful to me.**

I bless the Lord who counsels me; in the night my heart instructs me.

**I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**Come, let us worship God!**

IF HYMN #49

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

JEWISH MELODY, 12TH CENT.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of every time and place, we tend to forget your sovereignty. We confess that we get caught up in trying to figure everything out, make plans, and solve all of our problems. We don't want to bother anyone - even you - with our questions and worries. So we do our best to manage everything, and then pray and ask you to bless our plans. We confess that we forget we can start with prayer. We confess we forget how graciously you welcome our confusion and worry. We confess we forget that we are beloved even when our lives feel chaotic. Will you help us remember not just your sovereignty, but also your love, grace and mercy?**

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM HEBREWS 10

Christ has offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins. Then, Christ sat down at the right hand of God, because it was done.

**By a single offering Christ has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. God has said: "I will remember their sins no more."**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel! 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

GOSPEL READING

MARK 13:1 - 8

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The Gospel of our Risen Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

GIVE THANKS

HENRY SMITH, 1978

Sung by the Monroe Family Singers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

PSALTER READING

PSALM 16

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

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SERMON

"A PRAYER FOR EVERY LITTLE APOCALYPSE"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

I HYMN #834

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

DORSEY, 1938 & ALLEN, 1844

OFFERTORY

BE UNTO YOUR NAME

SADLER & DESHAZO

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 #837

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE

HOFFMAN & SHOWALTER, 1887

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE KING IS COMING

MILHUFF, GLORIA GAITHER & WILLIAM J. GAITHER

Tom Andrew, Organ

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: REBEKAH LANDI

USHERS: ABBY GUTHRIE, KATHERINE RALSTON, MATTHEW RALSTON

AND CAROLYN L. WHEELER

Join in the fun as we decorate the church for the Advent season!  
Remain after worship **today** to help - many hands make light work!

### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship - Pastor Lauren Preaching, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship while Decorating the Church
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 5:30p W & M, 6p Pipe Band & Drumming
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Mens Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>December Streamer Articles Due!</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Congregational Meeting followed by Hamball Dinner

The Session calls the Annual Congregational Meeting of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle to be held on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024** following worship for the purpose of electing officers and approving Pastor Lauren Patrus-Betzel's contract for 2025.

Our annual **Hamball Dinner** will follow the congregational meeting.

*All of the hamballs are being made by a few volunteers, so please bring a side or dessert to share.*

There is a potluck sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us **December 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 4pm** for building gingerbread houses, decorating cookies, making ornaments and more Christmas Cheer at our **All Church Gingerbread Party** (for ages 1 to 92!).

### **We hope you can join us for these beloved Advent Traditions!**

- **December 1<sup>st</sup>**: First Sunday in Advent with Communion
- **Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>**: All Church Gingerbread Party **2pm - 4pm**
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>**: Second Sunday in Advent - Children's Christmas Pageant
- **December 15<sup>th</sup>**: Third Sunday in Advent - Worship with Handbells & Cookie Walk following
  - **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Fourth Sunday in Advent - Lessons & Carols
- **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**: Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight **4pm**
  - **December 29<sup>th</sup>**: Hymn Sing
  - **January 5<sup>th</sup>**: Epiphany & Communion

### **Make a Local Family's Christmas Merry and Bright!**

Our church will once again adopt a local family that needs some help to have a Merry Christmas. Information will be available soon for Christmas wishes for a 4, 6 & 7 year old and their parents.

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to spread the joy of the season!

Would you like to order a **Poinsettia** in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person?

Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall and on the Church Office door.

The cost is \$12.00 each and they are available in white, pink or red.

Please put the filled out form & payment in Shannon's mailslot outside the Church Office.

**The deadline to order is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**"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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