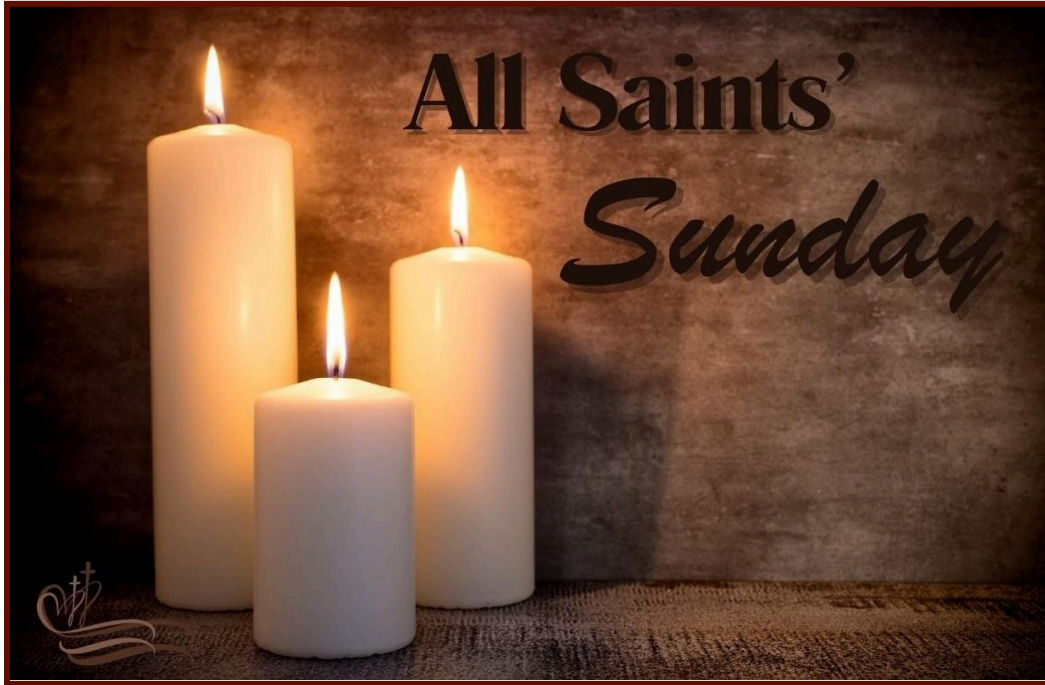


# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 | 24<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, pray and participate in liturgy.*

IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO HONOR GOD BY STANDING.

PRELUDE

I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD  
Tom Andrew, Organ

LESBIA SCOTT

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 23

MARY BETH GRATZ

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Let us worship God!**

IF HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

HEBER, 1827 & WILLIAMS, 1948

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. **We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.** Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: **In 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

JOHN 11:32 - 44

PAGES 1669 - 1670

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SONG OF HOPE  
Willow Creek Ringers

BRENDA AUSTIN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 21:1 - 6

DAVID PEREZ-FERNANDEZ

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

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SERMON

"TEARS OF THE KINGDOM"

**OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE**

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – FROM THE SCOTS' CONFESSION

**We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage.**

**We know that Christ's resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of the enemies of Jesus, and by the resurrection of the dead, whose sepulchers did open, and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of angels, and by the senses and judgment of the apostles and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with Jesus after the resurrection.**

## HONORING THE SAINTS

*A bell will toll after each name is read. Then, you will have the opportunity to say other names aloud.*

WAYNE ASHBURN  
LOREN BUFFINGTON  
ROGER CUMMINGS  
BETTY GREENLEE  
LUCILLE KISH  
CAROLYN MILLER  
RICHARD NORTCH  
JEANE SHALLENBERGER  
RICHARD WHEELER

## DEDICATION OF 2024 MEMORIAL PROJECTS

*The Memorial Committee of Session would like to dedicate the gifts of the Engraving for the Memorial Plaque, Media Platform and Red Carnations for Memorial Day to the memory of Shirley Ashburn, Gordon Bindenagel, Herb Greenlee, Roger Greenlee, Richard Nortch, Mark Pickett, Jack Spack and Gene Taylor. The Memorial Committee of Session dedicates these gifts in memory of these saints as witness to the resurrection of Christ. Amen.*

I HYMN #326

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

HOW, 1864 & WILLIAMS, 1906

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

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 #384

SOON AND VERY SOON  
*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Verses*

ANDRAÉ CROUCH, 1976

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 to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION

*We hold the bread and partake together, celebrating that Christ joins us into one united body.  
We drink the cup as it comes to us, rejoicing that Christ comes to us as individuals and loves us just as we are.*

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 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 #263

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

PERRONET, RIPPON, HOLDEN & YOUNG

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS

FRED PRATT GREEN

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: MARY BETH GRATZ  
USHERS: BRENDA BENNING, OLIVIA LANDI, MATTHEW RALSTON & STEVE PICKEN

### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10a	Worship - All Saints' & Communion, 11a Fellowship 11:30a Diaconate, Youth Group
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30p	Session
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30a	Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's Restaurant, 6p Bell Rehearsal
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship - Pastor Tanya Preaching, 10:30a Children's Sunday School 11a Fellowship

Join us on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** for our **Living with Grief Group**. No matter how long you've been grieving, or who or what you carry grief for, you are welcome. We will meet on **Second Wednesdays at 1pm**. All are welcome - please consider inviting those who are grieving who are not yet connected to our church.

The **Youth Group** will have a **Lock-In Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 3pm - Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend.  
See Pastor Lauren, Maren or Lucas for more information.

During the Lock-In, the Youth are offering **free childcare** for parents/guardians who would like to drop their kids off from **3:30pm - 5:30pm on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Join in the fun as we decorate the church for the Advent season!  
Remain after worship **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** to help - many hands make light work!

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-Betzels contract for 2025.  
Our annual Hamball dinner will follow the congregational meeting - please bring a dish to share!

*"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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