

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 26TH, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 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

FAIREST LORD JESUS
Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

SILESIAN FOLK MELODY

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ZEPHANIAH 3

REBEKAH LANDI

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

The Creator of the heavens and the earth is in your midst; you shall fear no more.

The Ageless One is a warrior

who gives victory;

who will rejoice over you with gladness;

who will renew you in divine love;

God will exult over you with loud singing.

God sings over us and we sing to God.

Come, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is Majesty and Mystery, we confess that at times we feel like giving up. We feel like there is no hope. Something weighs on us - fear, anxiety, worry, shame - and we just don't know how to move past it and so we confess we don't. We confess we stay buried beneath the thing that makes us feel hopeless. Will you remind us this morning that you are a God who doesn't leave things buried, but instead you are a God who resurrects hope in unexpected places?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM ZEPHANIAH 3

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you;
the Lord has changed our shame into praise.

The Lord brings us home and gathers us in.

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

EXODUS 1:6 - 20

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The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

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MULLEN

Renee O'Dell, Soprano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SECOND READING

EXODUS 1:22 - 2:10

ED ROTTMAN

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

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SERMON

"SONG OF DELIVERANCE"

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. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

WELSH MELODY

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 #69

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

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I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

COME CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

SPANISH FOLK MELODY, ARR. CARR

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: REBEKAH LANDI
USHERS: BRENDA BENNING, MIKE LANDI, OLIVIA LANDI AND RON MUZZARELLI

Children of all ages are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families.

*Our Nursery is also available for children of all ages and is staffed by at least two attendants at all times.
Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School following the Children's Moment.*

Please let an Usher know if you have any questions about the Nursery or Sunday School

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to affirm what we believe using our denomination's Book of Confessions or words from Scripture. Today's confession is from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, which was written when the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited in 1983 after splitting over the practice of slavery prior to the Civil War. This expressly Trinitarian confession calls the church's attention to God's sovereignty in the past, present and future and reminds us that the church is a refuge from the world, but not only that. The church is also always being reformed into the body by which Christ continues blessing all of creation and all of God's children.

The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle calls the **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation to follow worship on **Sunday 2/9/25** for the purpose of receiving the 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 budget.

SERMON SERIES: Do you remember how cool it felt to find out a friend's favorite song was also on the B-side of a cassette tape? Or the thrill of finding a deep track that speaks to your soul? There's nothing like discovering music that encapsulates everything you love about an artist, and everything you're feeling in the moment. *What if there were passages of Scripture like that?* Join us in worship from **January 26th - February 23rd** as we explore some of the Bible's **Deep Cuts & B-Sides** - the often overlooked stories and characters who resonate with us and teach us about God's love.

Next week **Pastor Tanya** will continue the series with the story of Queen Vashti.

Pastor Lauren will be on vacation from 1/31 - 2/2. Please contact Pastor Tanya, Clerk of Session Rebekah Landi or Chairperson of the Deacons Mary Beth Gratz if you have a pastoral care emergency.

MISSION DRIVE: From **February 2nd - March 2nd**, we will collect items for a local food pantry, based on their requested needs: **February 2nd - Peanut Butter & Jelly** | February 9th - SOUP for Super Bowl
February 16th - Pasta & Sauce | February 23rd - Mac & Cheese
March 2nd - Canned Chicken, Tuna or Vegetables

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 26th 10a Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E
Tuesday 28th 4p Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Thursday 30th 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 2nd 10a Worship - Pastor Tanya Preaching, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Diaconate

"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 & Friday from 8:30am - 3pm. 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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