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Thank you to those who served today! Liturgist: Lucas Greenlee Ushers: Kathy Clark, Ron Muzzarelli, John Reid and Ed Rottman

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.

Join us after worship **today** for a **Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser** provided by and benefiting the Willow Creek Youth Group! All donations go to our summer Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

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 our series continues with the story of Nehemiah.

Mission Drive: From February 2nd - March 2nd, we will collect items for a local food pantry, based on their requested needs: February 16th - Pasta & Sauce | February 23rd - Mac & Cheese | March 2nd - Canned Chicken, Tuna or Vegetables

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday 16th Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship & Youth Spaghetti

Lunch Fundraiser

Monday 17th Presidents Day - Office Closed and no school for Argyle Preschool

Tuesday 18th Buildings & Grounds, 5:30p Worship & Music, 6p Pipe Band & Drum Rehearsal

Wednesday 19th Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant 8a

Thursday 20th 6p

Bell Choir Rehearsal Friday 21st March Streamer Articles Due

Sunday 23rd Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11:15a F/P/E Meeting

> "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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WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025 † SIXTH 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.

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

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENT MOULTRIE, 1864 & VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, 1906 Prelude

Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

Welcome and Sharing

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

I CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ZEPHANIAH 3

Lon Clark

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!

Invitation to Confession & Prayer of Confession

God of every time and place, we confess that sometimes we long for simpler times. We confess that sometimes we read history - family history, community history, national history, church history - and the stories feel simpler. We confess that it seems that it was so much more obvious how to follow you - the choices were easier, and the consequences were more stark. Will you heal us from our nostalgia? Will you teach us what is right and good to learn from the past, while keeping our hope firmly rooted in your love and sovereignty?

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

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JEWISH MELODY, 12TH CENT.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

Adoniram J. Gordon, arr. Jerry Ray

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SECOND READING 2 KINGS 22:18 - 20 **PAGE 612**

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

"SONG OF RESTORATION" Sermon

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

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

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

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I HYMN #275

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

Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli

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.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

LUTHER, 1529 & HEDGE, 1852

Robinson, 1758

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION