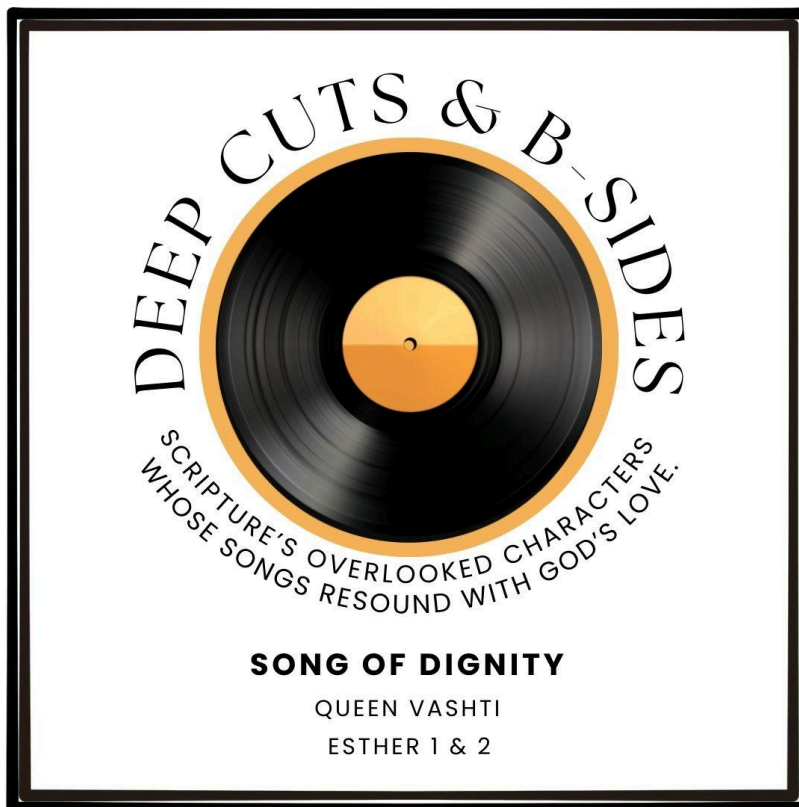


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025 | FOURTH 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

CARES CHORUS
Tom Andrew, Organ

KELLY WILLARD

WELCOME AND SHARING

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ZEPHANIAH 3

MARY BETH GRATZ

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

Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently.

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING

ESTHER 1:1 - 16

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

I AM FREE

JOE EAGAN

Ron Muzzarelli, Baritone; Monroe Family & Tom Andrew, Piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RON MUZZARELLI

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

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING

ESTHER 1:17 - 2:4

KATHY CLARK

Holy wisdom, **holy word.**

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OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

SERMON

"SONG OF DIGNITY"

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

BE LIFTED UP

PAUL OAKLEY

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 #695

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

EDDIE ESPINOSA, 1982

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 up 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 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 #634

O GOD BE THE GLORY

CROSBY & DOANE, 1875

BLESSING AND WELCOME

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

ROBERT LOWRY

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: MARY BETH GRATZ

USHERS: LON & KATHY CLARK, JOHN REID AND ED ROTTMAN

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.

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

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 Lauren** will continue the series with the story of Zelophehad and his daughters.

PARDON OUR DUST A group of us have been cleaning out some of our church's closets and corners over the last several months, including some of the built-in cabinets in the old Children's Sunday School room off of the kitchen that were water damaged. Our wonderful Buildings & Grounds Committee removed the damaged built-ins the last week of January. The Session is still considering how to best update, improve and utilize that space. We appreciate your patience as things are a bit dusty at the moment! If you have any questions, please check in with Pastor Lauren or Clerk of Session Rebekah Landi.

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

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| Sunday 2nd | 10a | Worship - Pastor Tanya Preaching, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Diaconate |
| Tuesday 4th | 6:30p | Session |
| Wednesday 5th | 8a | Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant |
| Thursday 6th | 11:30a | Ladies Lunch at Sophia's Restaurant, 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday 9th | 10a | Worship - Pastor Lauren Preaching, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Youth Group |

"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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