

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 #440

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

CHARLES WESLEY, 1740; JOSEPH PARRY, 1876

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE NINETY AND NINE

CLEPHANEIRA, SANKEY

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY!

LITURGIST: LUCAS GREENLEE

USHERS: STEVE & DAYLE PAULSON, CAROLYN J. WHEELER & CAROLYN L. WHEELER

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to affirm what we believe using our denomination's Book of Confessions or words from Scripture. On Communion Sundays, we typically confess using the **Nicene Creed**. This is our most ecumenical creed - in other words, more Christians throughout time and around the world have confessed their faith using these words than any other confession or creed.

Join us this **Wednesday, March 19th 5:30pm - 7pm** for our **Lenten Soup Study**. We will share a simple meal and discuss chapters 3 & 4 of Atul Gawande's book Being Mortal. Reading is not required to attend - all are welcome!

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 16th	10a	Worship - Communion, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Youth Group
Monday 17th		Saint Patrick's Day 🍀
Tuesday 18th	6p	Worship & Music Meeting
Wednesday 19th	8a	Men's Coffee Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30p Lenten Soup Study
Thursday 20th	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 23rd	10a	Worship - Communion, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 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 Tuesday - Thursday from 10am - 2pm. 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

MARCH 16TH, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | 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 STAND.

PRELUDE

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

GREGORY THE GREAT, BACH, BELL

Tom Andrew, Organ

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

I CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 122

LUCAS GREENLEE

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let's go to the house of the Lord!"

Now our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is built like a city joined together in unity.

That is where the people of God go up, to praise the Lord! It is the law to give thanks there to the Lord's name, because the thrones of justice are there.

Pray that Jerusalem has peace: "Let those who love you have rest.

Let there be peace on your walls; let there be rest on your fortifications."

For the sake of my family and friends, I say, "Peace be with you, Jerusalem."

For the sake of the LORD our God's house I will pray for your good. Come, let us worship God!

I HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

REGINALD HEBER, 1827; JOHN BACCHUS DYKES, 1861

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient with us as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM ISAIAH 55:3

Listen so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.
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

EPISTLE READING PHILIPPIANS 3:17 - 4:1 PAGE 1829

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

SPECIAL MUSIC AMAZING GRACE JOHN NEWTON, 1772; EDWIN O. EXCELL, 1910
Piper Greenlee, Flute

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

GOSPEL READING LUKE 13:31 - 35 PAGE 1621

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

SERMON "ON THE THIRD DAY"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #800 SOMETIMES A LIGHT SURPRISES WILLIAM COWPER, 1779; ALFRED V. FEDAK, 2011

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 LAMB OF GLORY NELSON, MCHUGH

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 #215 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS CARLTON R. YOUNG, 1965
second verse

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul; Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

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

*You are invited to come forward down the center aisles.
You may choose to pull a piece from the common loaf or select a pre-cut piece of gluten free bread from the tray on the communion table.
You may dip your bread into the common cup or choose an individual cup from the tray on the communion table. If you need communion brought to you, we will gladly do so.*