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Thank you to those who served today! Liturgist: Barb Greenlee Usher: Curt Greenlee, Don Greenlee, Jack Greenlee and Jaxon Greenlee

Join us this Wednesday, April 2nd 5:30pm - 7pm for our Lenten Soup Study. We will share a simple meal and discuss the second half of Chapters 6 & Chapter 7 of Atul Gawande's book Being Mortal. Reading is not required to attend - all are welcome!

The Willow Creek Sanctuary Choir will sing two songs on Palm Sunday, April 13th. We will have two rehearsals: April 6th at 8:45a and April 13th (Palm Sunday) at 8:45am. Anyone can come and join us. Come one, come all!

Would you like to order an **Easter Flower** in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person? Easter Lilies and bulbs are \$12.00 each. You may donate or take your flower home on Easter Sunday. Order forms are available on the Church Office door. The deadline to order is **Thursday, April 3rd**.

MISSION DRIVE: We have been asked to help celebrate the Capron Elementary's Faculty and Staff during Teacher Appreciation Week! Beginning April 6th we will collect small bags of chips, crackers, cookies, snack cakes, bottled water, flavored water, juice, soda, post-it notes, fun pens, colored paper clips, binder clips, and fun office supplies. All donations will be delivered on Tuesday. May 6th. You are also welcome to bake homemade treats and drop them off May 4th, 5th or 6th.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 13th, Palm Processional & Willow Creek Sanctuary Choir Maundy Thursday April 17th Potluck & Communion Service - Fellowship Hall at 6pm **Good Friday** April 18th **Holy Saturday** - Chapel open at Scottish Argyle Cemetery **Easter Sunday** April 20th 8am Sunrise Service at the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery **9am** Pancake Breakfast* **9:15am** Egg Hunt at WCPC **10am** Worship in the Sanctuary with Handbell Choir & Communion *Breakfast is at Willow Creek in the Fellowship Hall and provided by the Session. All are welcome!

Would you like to **donate candy** for our Easter Egg Hunt? Must be individually wrapped and be able to fit inside a plastic egg. Please bring candy to church by April 13th.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

| Sunday 30 th | 10a | Worship - Communion, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E Meeting, 11:30a Youth Group |
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| Tuesday 1st | 6р | Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals, 6:30p Session |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 8a | Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30p Lenten Soup Study |
| Thursday 3 rd | 6р | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday 6 th | 10a | Worship - Communion, 11a Fellowship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School |

"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 8:30am - 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 MARCH 30TH, 2025 I FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT I 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.

H IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO STAND.

Prelude

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

Welcome and Sharing

H CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God. For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home. Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever. We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope! Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love!

HYMN #610

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life.

A Period of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalter, 1532; Hernaman, 1873

Rev. Lauren Patrus-Betzel

BARB GREENLEE

WESLEY, 1739; MASON, 1839

Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins. through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. be to God. Amen. Amen. **H** Gloria Patri CALL TO OFFERING Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind OFFERTORY Maker, 1887; Whittier, 1872 is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen. **H**DOXOLOGY H PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; May the Peace of Christ be with you; And also with you. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. **INVITATION TO THE WORD F**PRAYER OF DEDICATION PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION I Hymn #695 Change My Heart, O God Eddie espinosa, 1982 First Gospel Reading LUKE 16:14-17 PAGE 1625 - 1626 Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and mek me; this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. Special Music The Longer I Serve Him WILLIAM GAITHER Kathy Clark, Alto The Sacrament of Communion CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ron Muzzarelli INVITATION TO THE TABLE Second Gospel Reading LUKE 16:19-31 LON CLARK Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Holy wisdom, holy word. PAGE 1626 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. "Who Is At Your Gate?" PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI Sermon COMMUNION **OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE** 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 Moment of Silent Reflection 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 HYMN #612 WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD CORY. 1902: KREMSER, 1877 communion table. If you need communion brought to you, we will gladly do so. HAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER of all that is, seen and unseen. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, done, on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one debts, as we forgive our debtors, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Being with the Father; through him all things were made. for thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forever. Amen. 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. HYMN #614 Great Are You, Lord For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. Michael W. Smith & deborah D. Smith, 1981 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 **H** Charge and Benediction judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. **H** Postlude **JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE** Beethoven, 1824 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the