

# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 20TH, 2025 | EASTER SUNDAY | 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 STAND.

PRELUDE

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY  
The Bell Choir

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP

RON MUZZARELLI

I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.  
The stone has been rolled away. **Christ is not in the tomb.**  
Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**  
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Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**  
Alleluia! **Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us worship God!**

IF HYMN #223

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

WATTS, 1707 & MASON, 1824

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism - the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy.

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

I CORINTHIANS 15:19 - 26

PAGE 1790

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:1 - 12

LUCAS GREENLEE

We are witnesses to these things: the Messiah is risen from the dead. **Alleluia! Amen!** PAGE 1642

SERMON

"REMEMBERING THE DAWN IN EVERY DARKNESS"

## OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I HYMN #250

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

NATALIE SLEETH, 1986

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE ANGELUS

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

AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

1st Verse

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse 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

*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 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 #232

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

DAVIDICA, 1708; WESLEY, 1740

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

AMAZING GRACE

Mandy Nelson, Flute & Tom Andrew, Piano

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: RON MUZZARELLI  
USHERS: CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE, JACK GREENLEE & JAXON GREENLEE  
ACOLYTES: EMMA LANDI AND OLIVIA LANDI

*The acolytes light the candles at the beginning of the service, representing the light of Christ coming in.  
Then, they carry the light out of the sanctuary with the final hymn, encouraging us to follow  
Christ's light out into the world.*

### NOTES ON TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

Throughout Lent, we practice the ancient tradition of "burying the alleluia" as we contemplate mortality and approach the cross. But today, we shout with joy that Christ is risen indeed, **alleluia!**

Typically, our worship service includes a *prayer of confession*, but today instead we pray together a **Thanksgiving for Baptism** - not because we think we are no longer sinful, but because on this day of resurrection, we confess our freedom from sin by giving thanks for the gift of Baptism.

All can give thanks for this gift - whether you've been baptized or not, the hope of new life persists for all.

The *beginnings of the Thanksgiving for Baptism and the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving* are similar, reminding us of the connection between the **sacraments** of Baptism and Communion.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise!

### EASTER FLOWERS

**Jack & Jean Greenlee** In Loving Memory of Todd Greenlee & All of Our Lost Loved Ones

**Kathy Meyer & Family** In Loving Memory of Roger L. Meyer, Tim & Doris Pacek

**The Nelson Family** In Loving Memory of Roger & Betty Greenlee; Wayne & Vivian Greenlee; Gerald, Andy & Rita Carter; Don Rogers; Frank Lyford

**Renee O'Dell** In Loving Memory of Michele O'Dell Boeke and Benjamin Robert O'Dell

**The Jim Ralston Family** In Loving Memory of Jim Ralston

**Ed & April Rottman** In Loving Memory of Bill & Freeda McGaughy and Ken & Laurita Rottman

**MISSION DRIVE:** Help celebrate **Capron Elementary's** Faculty and Staff for Teacher Appreciation Week!

We are collecting *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.*

You are also welcome to bake homemade treats and drop them off May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.

All donations will be delivered on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### NEW TO WILLOW CREEK?

Join us on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30am to learn all about our wonderful church and how to get involved. We will discuss how to become a member,

but this class is for anyone who simply wants to learn more about our church. We will be done by 1:30pm.

**Childcare and lunch are provided. Please RSVP to [Office@WillowCreekPC.org](mailto:Office@WillowCreekPC.org).**

### SAVE THE DATE!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> This year we're asking the question: *Is God a Farmer?*

**AG DAY IN ARGYLE** Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> 5pm - 7pm Join us for fun with animals, farm equipment, and more!

### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Easter Sunrise Service at the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery
	9a	Pancake Breakfast & 9:15a Easter Egg Hunt
	10a	Worship - Communion & Handbell Choir
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Easter Monday - Welcome back Argyle Preschool!</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	5:30p	Worship and Music Meeting, 6p Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Farm Bureau Paint Party
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E, 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 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 office.

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