

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 13TH, 2025 | PALM SUNDAY | 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.

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

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

PRELUDE

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA
Tom Andrew, Organ

JENNETTE THRELFALL

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

DAVID PEREZ-FERNANDEZ

‡ CALL TO WORSHIP

REBEKAH LANDI

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest! We praise you O God!

Rejoice greatly, O children of God! Shout aloud, O children of the Lord!

Our king comes to us; triumphant and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! We praise you today, O God.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Humble God, forgive us for overlooking your arrival. Forgive us for either ignoring the humble, or judging them, and mistaking mercy for weakness. Help us to find an honest accounting of our own souls: would we have cheered your arrival? Or would we have laughed at the spectacle of the donkey? Would we have joined the crowd in laying down palms, and if so, would our joining have any conviction, or would we have just been determined to not feel left out? Help us to be honest with ourselves: where are you arriving in our world today, without fanfare? Are we seeking your arrival, or seeking other things?

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

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

READING OF PROPHECY

ZECHARIAH 9:9 - 12

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE PALMS
The Willow Creek Sanctuary Choir

GABRIEL FAURE 1845-1924

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

READING OF FULFILLMENT

LUKE 19:28 - 44

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

SERMON

"CAPTIVATED"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #106

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

FRANZEN, 1812; NELSON, 1958; PRICE, 1980

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:5 – 11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS
The Willow Creek Sanctuary Choir

FREDERICK MAKER 1881;
ELIZABETH CLEPHANE 1868

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 #100

MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

RORY COONEY, 1990

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

I POSTLUDE

RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

HENRY HART MILMAN

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: REBEKAH LANDI
USHER: BRENDA BENNING, LON CLARK, MIKE LANDI AND OLIVIA LANDI

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday April 17th **Potluck & Communion Service** Fellowship Hall at 6pm **Good Friday** April 18th

Holy Saturday April 19th Chapel open at Scottish Argyle Cemetery 8901 Picken Rd. Caledonia

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!

MISSION DRIVE: We have been asked to help celebrate the **Capron Elementary's** Faculty and Staff during 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.* 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.

LADIES LUNCH: The first Thursday of May, the ladies lunch will be at Boone County Family Restaurant at 11:30a.

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WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

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| Sunday 13th | 10a | Worship - Communion, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Youth Group |
| Tuesday 15th | 8a | Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 6p worship & Music Meeting, 6p Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals, |
| Wednesday 16th | 8a | Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant |
| Thursday 17th | 6p | Maundy Thursday - Potluck & Communion Service in Fellowship Hall |
| Friday 18th | | Good Friday |
| Saturday 19th | | Holy Saturday - Chapel Open at Scottish Argyle Cemetery |
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"A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the love of Christ"

MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

SESSION

Class of 2025: Jeff Cummings, Rebekah Landi, Katherine Ralston

Class of 2026: Lon Clark, Karli Rankin, Molly Shipton

Class of 2027: Tom Andrew, Pat Nortch, Cindy Nelson

DIACONATE

Class of 2025: Mary Beth Gratz, David Perez-Fernandez

Class of 2026: Ron Muzzarelli, Renee O'Dell

Class of 2027: Annie Picken, Shannon Reagan

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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