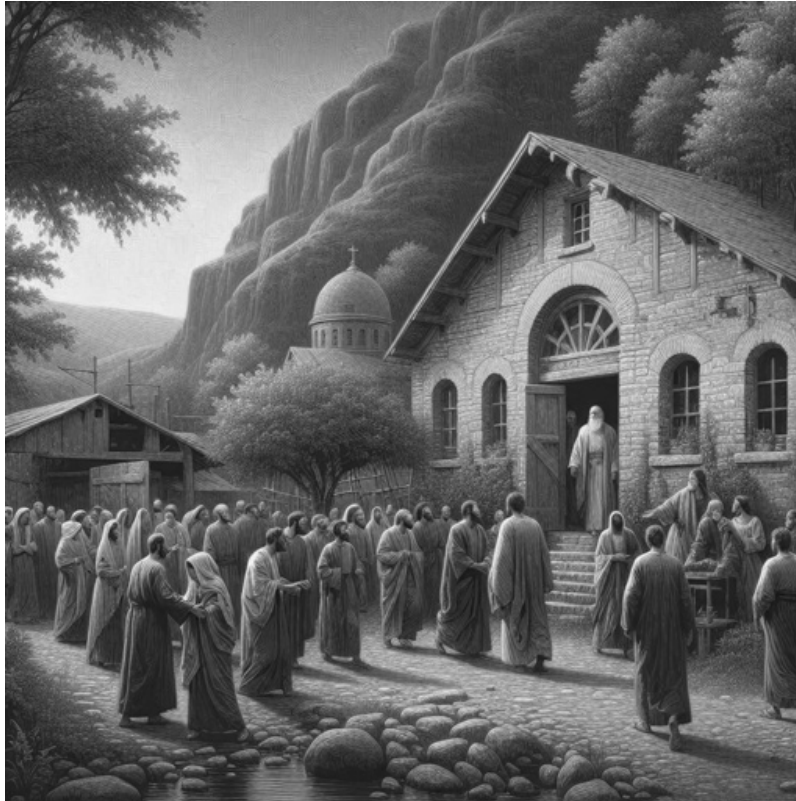


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 25TH, 2025 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 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

BLESSED ARE THE SAINTS

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE, GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

Lucas Greenlee, Bagpipes

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP

LUCAS GREENLEE

O God, show us kindness and bless us and make your face shine upon us!

For then the earth will acknowledge your ways.

All the nations will know of your power to save.

Let the people praise you, O God, let all people praise you!

Let the nations shout and sing for joy, for your dispense true justice to the world.

You guide the nations of the earth!

Let the people shout and sing for joy; let all people praise you!

May God bless us, and may God be revered even to the ends of the earth! Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Light and Justice, we confess our tendency to make excuses when you call us to action. Your way is simple, but we complicate it. You call us to be hospitable, and we say our tables are too small. You call us to slow down and listen, but we forget we have things to learn. You call us to show love to your children, but we find reasons to fear and keep our distance. May we learn the joy of your ways, and practice them. May we lose any hesitations we have about imitating you. Amen.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 & 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here! God made Christ who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:23-29

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

BOUNDLESS MERCY, KINGSFOLD

Lucas Greenlee, Bagpipes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 16:11 - 15 & 35 - 40

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

PAGE 1721 - 1722

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

SERMON

"LYDIA'S HOME"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM *THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR*

We believe:

that God is revealed as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SWEET BY AND BY
Tom Andrew, Organ

SANFORD FILLMORE BENNET, 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 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 #301

LET US BUILD A HOUSE (ALL ARE WELCOME)

FOSDICK, 1930; HUGHES, 1907

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: LUCAS GREENLEE

USHERS: ARGYLE GREENLEE, WILL MONROE AND CHARLIE SHIPTON

The **CONFESSION OF BELHAR** has its roots in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. It was first drafted in 1982 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church as a protest against a heretical theological stance that used the Bible and the Confessions to justify harsh and unjust systems. The PCUSA approved Belhar as part of our Book of Confessions at the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

YOUTH FUNDRAISER Do you need help with spring cleaning or yard work? Our **youth are for hire!** Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for a Sunday to hire two youth for two hours for \$100. Take the youth home with you after church, provide a light lunch, and bring them back when their work is complete. All proceeds go to the Youth Group's fundraising for their summer Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

WCPC COOKBOOK The Deacons need recipes of your family favorites and special potluck dishes. Please bring us a copy or email it to recipes@willowcreekpc.org by June 22nd. Thank you!

Plan to join us next **Sunday, June 1st** for a **SPECIAL RECEPTION** for **Donna Hamilton**, who is moving out of state. Let's take the opportunity to say goodbye and honor all that she and Les have meant to Willow Creek.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: IS GOD A FARMER?

June 23rd - 26th (Monday - Thursday) 9am - 12pm

Join us for an exciting, fun-filled week where children will experience God's Word through fun-filled activities. Each day children will participate in songs, a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and a mission project. A snack will also be provided. We welcome any kids Preschool through 6th grade to join us as we ask the question: *"Is God a Farmer?"* Registration is \$10 for the week with a \$30 family maximum. Registration forms will be available outside the Church Office door and in the Fellowship Hall.

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

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 25th	8a	Worship at the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery - Continental Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall
	10a	Worship, 10:30a Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E
Monday 26th		<i>Memorial Day - Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday 27th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Sunday 1st	10a	Worship, 10:30 Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship & Reception for Donna Hamilton

"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 8:30a - 3p. 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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