

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 18TH, 2026 | 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 10:00AM



OFFICER INSTALLATION

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.

PRELUDE

FAIREST LORD JESUS
Tom Andrew, Piano

SILESIAN FOLK SONG, ARR. BY SUSAN W. HENRY

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 40

BARB GREENLEE

I waited patiently for the Lord. The Lord inclined to me and heard my cry. The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

Here I am! I delight to do your will, O my God. Your law is within my heart.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation.

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me forever. Come, let us worship God!

IF HYMN #701

LORD, PREPARE ME
Sanctuary

JOHN THOMPSON & RANDY SCRUGGS, 1982

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are afraid that we will run out - of time, of energy, of resources. We find ourselves wishing we were infinite. We confess we have opinions about how others should follow your call, and we do not always hear you calling us. May we hear and respond to your call, and may we trust that you will provide all that we need. We confess we have a hard time believing that we are, indeed, your beloved, and we are, indeed, called into your ministry of love and reconciliation.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 40

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart.

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me.

Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

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

FIRST GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1 *selected verses*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY

Ron Muzzarelli, Vocalist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SECOND GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:32 - 39a

RON MUZZARELLI

The mystery of the ages, revealed to all. **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

"COME AND SEE"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I HYMN #721

LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE

GABARAIN, 1979; SUPPE, LOCKWOOD AND
GUTTIEREZ-ACHON, 1988; CHAVEZ-MELO, 1987

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

DEACONS: Mary Beth Gratz & David Perez-Fernandez

ELDERS: Jeff Cummings, Rebekah Landi & Katherine Ralston

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

but it is the same Lord's purposes that are achieved through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of Christ.

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Do we, the members of the church, accept these as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

LEMMEL ARR. SUSAN W. HENRY

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 #301

LET US BUILD A HOUSE

MARTY HAUGEN, 1994

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O, HOW I LOVE JESUS

WHITFIELD, AMERICAN MELODY

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY!

GREETER: BRENDA BENNING | LITURGISTS: BARB GREENLEE & MAREN REID
USHERS: CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE, JACK GREENLEE, JAXON GREENLEE

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HYMN NOTES #543 *O Christ Surround Me* is our hymn of the month.

See the January Streamer for more about this hymn based on a Celtic prayer seeking God's protection.

CHURCH HISTORY: POLITICS, PESTILENCE & POSSIBILITY Wednesdays January 14th, 21st and 28th at 10am.

Join us for Adult Bible Study! This month we will focus on church history, and particularly the history surrounding the Reformation and the beginnings of the Protestant Church in England.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 18th	10a	Worship with Officer Installation, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Officer Lunch and Planning, 11:30a Youth Group Kick-Off
Monday 19th		Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No Argyle Preschool - Office Closed
Tuesday 20th	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 5:30p Worship & Music, 6p Pipe Band
Wednesday 21st	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 10a Adult Bible Study
Thursday 22nd	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 25th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E

"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 & Friday from 8:30am - 1pm. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren, please reach out to the Church Office.

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