

# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 25, 2026 | 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 10:00A.M.



## 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

JESUS CALLS US  
Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

WILLIAM H. JUDE, 1887

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**For the Lord will hide me in the day of trouble.**

I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**

“Come,” my heart says, “seek the Lord’s face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**Come, let us worship God!**

I HYMN #744

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!

RUTH DUCK, 1974; WILLIAM H. WALTER, 1894

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Merciful Creator, you invite us into the light, but we confess that we cling to the shadows. We have secrets that we would rather not admit to. We have been impatient more than gracious. We have been judgmental more than welcoming. We have found countless excuses for not being generous. When we know others are watching, it’s a bit easier to choose kindness. When we know we can get away with hiding it, we usually choose something else. We confess that we hear your call to arise and come into your light, but we are more comfortable remaining in the darkness of our shame. Will you bring us into the light of your love once more?**

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - FROM PSALM 27

Do not hide your face from me. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**Our God will never forsake us. The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

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

READING OF PROPHECY

ISAIAH 9:1 - 4

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS

PHILIP BLISS, ARR. HAYES

Dianne Londo, Piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

READING OF FULFILLMENT

MATTHEW 4:12 - 23

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

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SERMON

"OH BROTHER"

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #726

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

JOHN L. BELL & GRAHAM MAULE, 1987

*The Summons*

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**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.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
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 judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DRAW ME CLOSE

KELLY CARPENTER, ARR. KEVEREN

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 #543

O CHRIST SURROUND ME

RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN, 2004

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

SICILIAN MELODY, 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: RON MUZZARELLI  
LITURGIST: MAREN REID | USHERS: ARGYLE GREENLEE AND LUCAS GREENLEE

**COVER ART:** Herrel, Edie Mae. *Trim your Sail and Set your Sight; Chart your course towards his light*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59844> [retrieved January 20, 2026]

All **Liturgists** are invited to a brief training 11:10am - 11:30am today. Even if you've been a liturgist for decades, it might be helpful to check in for a quick refresher.

**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.

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to **affirm what we believe** using our denomination's *Book of Confessions* or words from Scripture. The Nicene Creed is our most ecumenical affirmation. More Christians throughout time and around the world have confessed their faith using these words than any other confession or creed. In this season of Epiphany when we are particularly focused on the Light of Christ, these words resonate: *God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.*

**CHURCH HISTORY: POLITICS, PESTILENCE & POSSIBILITY** Join us for Adult Bible Study *Wednesdays* January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am! 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**

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:10a Liturgist Training, 11:15a F/P/E
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	6p	Pipe Band
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Coffee & Church History Adult Bible Study
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship, 11:30 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 & 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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