

# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD | 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 HONOR GOD BY STANDING.

PRELUDE

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, ARR. BY GLENDA AUSTIN

Tom Andrew, Piano

WELCOME AND SHARING

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

IF CALL TO WORSHIP -

The glory of God has now appeared

**through Christ our light, in flesh.**

The reign of God has now arrived

**through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.**

The mystery of God has been revealed

**through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.**

With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,

**we come, bringing our gifts to worship God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MARY BETH GRATZ

**God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us to be the light of the world and reveal your love to all people. Yet our sins hide the brightness of your light that should shine through us. Forgive us for wasting our gifts, ignoring cries for justice, and harming the earth you love. In your mercy, cleanse us and make us new. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.**

## A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us. **This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. 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

## READING OF THE PROPHECY

ISAIAH 60:1-6

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

TRADITIONAL, ARR BY SALLY DEFORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RON MUZZARELLI

## READING OF FULFILLMENT

MATTHEW 2:1-12

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

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

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## SERMON

"EPIPHANY!!!"

**OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE**

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

## PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER

## I HYMN # 151

WE THREE KINGS

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS JR., 1857

## I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

GUSTAV HOLST. ARR BY AMANDA MAE CONRAD

¶ 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.

¶ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

¶ HYMN #150

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD (FIRST VERSE)

DIX, 1858; KOCHER, 1838; MONK, 1861

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 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 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.**

¶ HYMN #192

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

GRAHAM KENDRICK, 1987

¶ CHARGE AND BLESSING

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: STEVE PICKEN

LITURGIST: MARY BETH GRATZ ACOLYTES: EMMA LANDI

USHERS: LUCAS GREENLEE AND ED & APRIL ROTTMAN

**Children's Sunday School** All Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us after the Children's Moment on Sundays around 10:30am. We will meet on January **11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**. See Rebekah, Karli or Molly if you have any questions.

**Youth Group Kick-Off Sunday, January 18th at 11:30am** while we enjoy "Lunch with Officers" as well as bible skits and fun board games!

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** plan to stay after worship to help **Undecorate the Church** and enjoy our **Annual Chili Cook-Off!** All are welcome to bring a chili to share or just help with undecorating & enjoy what others bring.

### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship - Epiphany & Communion with Pastor Tanya, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a Deacons
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Welcome Back Argyle Preschool!</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	6p	Pipe Band, 6:30p Session
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship & Chili Cook-off & Undecorate the Church

*"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 - 1p.**

If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the Church

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