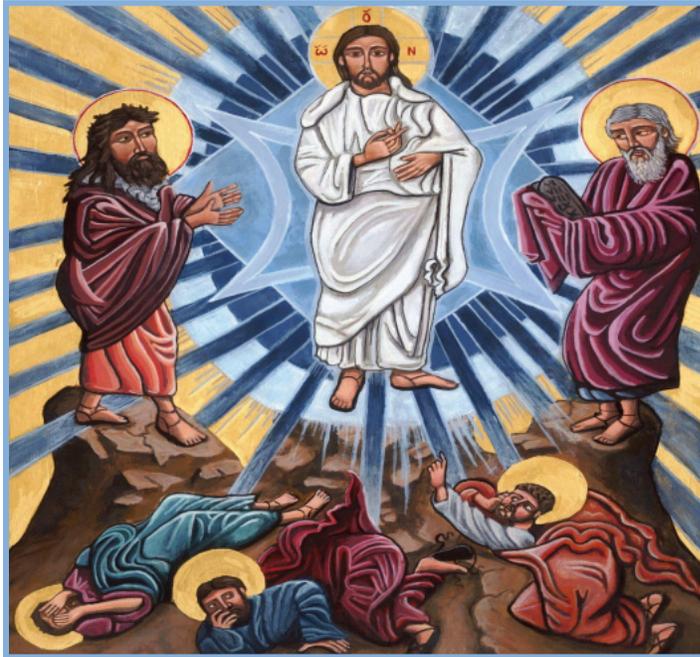


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026 † TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD † 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

SWIFTLY PASS THE CLOUDS OF GLORY
Tom Andrew, Organ

TROEGER, 1985; DAY, 1940

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

† CALL TO WORSHIP: LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

BRIANNE AMBROSE

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses. The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ. The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst. The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The Lord our God is holy!

a brief silence

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. **Come, let us worship God!**

† HYMN #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

ROBERT ROBINSON, 1758

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

MATTHEW 17:1 - 9

PAGES 1524 - 1525

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL

Monroe Family Singers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

EPISTLE READING

2 PETER 1:16 - 21

ED ROTTMAN

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

PAGE 1894

SERMON

"OPTIMAL"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #450

BE THOU MY VISION

MARY E. BYRNE, 1905; ELEANOR HULL, 1912

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

ABIDE WITH ME

DINAH REINDORF, 1987

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

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

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 #462

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

KATHERINE HANKEY, 1866; WILLIAM G. FISCHER, 1869

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

I BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you. I want to see you; to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

I POSTLUDE

O WONDROUS SIGHT, O VISION FAIR

JOHN MASON NEALE, 1851

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: ED ROTTMAN
LITURGIST: BRIANNE AMBROSE | USHERS: RON MUZZARELLI AND JOHN REID

From the PCUSA's Book of Common Worship: "Transfiguration" refers to *00a change in form or appearance*. At the Transfiguration of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The transfiguration looks back to Jesus' incarnation and baptism, as God again claims him as a beloved child. This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God. Because of the tradition that this took place forty days before his crucifixion, Transfiguration Sunday is observed the Sunday before Lent begins.

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 creed - more Christians throughout time and around the world have confessed their faith using these words than any other confession or creed. St. Irenaeus once wrote: "In His unbounded love, God became what we are that He might make us what he is." Particularly on this Transfiguration Sunday, through the Nicene Creed, we consider and confess that Jesus is fully human and fully divine.

How does Christ's holiness move us to awe? How does Christ's humanity humble us?

The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle calls the **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation to follow worship **today** for the purpose of receiving the 2025 Annual Report and the 2026 budget.

BROWNIE BAKE-OFF is today! Enjoy the delicious brownies after the Annual Meeting, and vote for your favorites with spare change - whichever brownies earn the most money, wins!
Proceeds go to the *Family in Need Fund*.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 18th Drive Thru Ashes 9am - 9:30am and 5pm - 5:30pm

Worship with the Imposition of Ashes at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

There will not be a nursery attendant for this service.

Children of all ages are always welcome to be in the sanctuary for worship.

Next Sunday **February 22nd** we begin our Lenten theme of "Virtues & Vices".

This theme will be further explored at our **Lenten Soup Study**.

This year we will meet on **Wednesdays in March** from **5:30pm - 7pm**.

If you'd like to choose a Wednesday to bring soup for everyone, the sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday 15th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Annual Meeting, Fellowship & Brownie Bake-Off, 11:30a Youth Group
Monday 16th		No Argyle Preschool - Presidents' Day
Tuesday 17th	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 5:30p Music & Worship, 6p Pipe Band
Wednesday 18th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 9am & 5pm Drive Thru Ashes, 6p Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday 19th	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Friday 20th		March Streamer Articles Due! 🍀
Sunday 22nd	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship

"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 - 3pm.

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