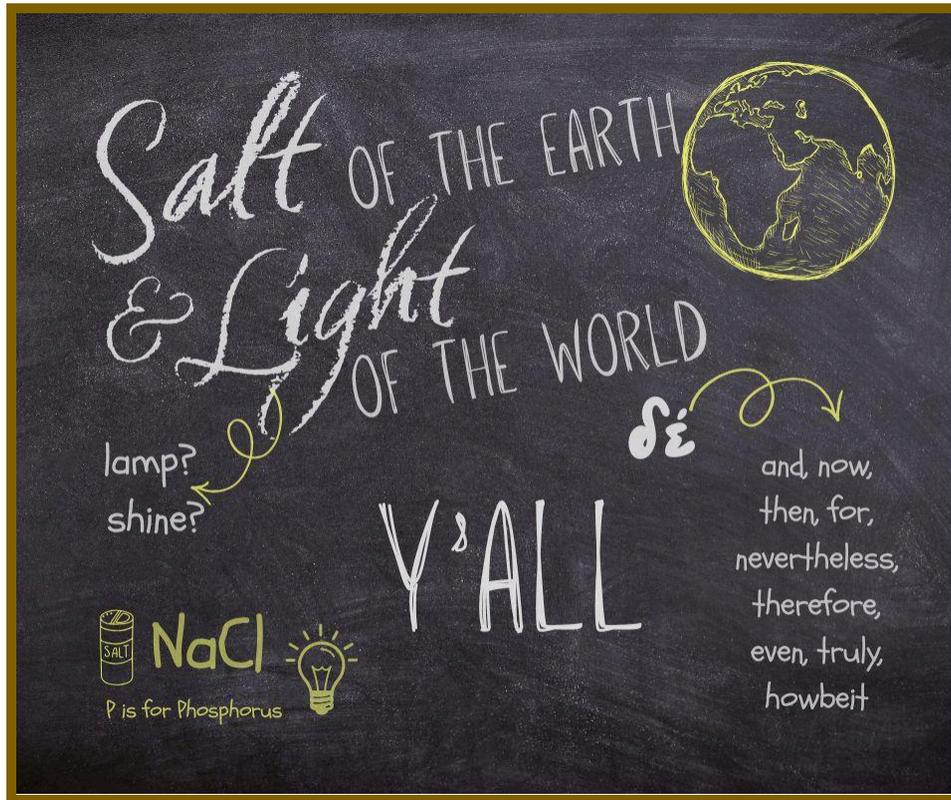


**WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 10:00A.M.



**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

IT WILL ALWAYS BE THAT WAY

DAN HOLMES

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 112

MARY BETH GRATZ

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Happy are those who greatly delight in God's commandments.**

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

**They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and who conduct their affairs with justice.

**The righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.**

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Come, let us worship God!**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION &amp; PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we long to be your righteous ones, steadfast in our faith. But we confess that we get impatient, waiting on your promises. We confess that we forget your light shines through us, and we think it's up to us to bring light to the world. We get tired, impatient, and frustrated. Will you remind us that righteousness is a gift freely given by you? Show us how to freely offer grace and mercy to others as you have given it to us.**

## A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON - FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 2:2

I know nothing except Jesus Christ crucified. **This is my light and my 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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 58:8 - 12

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

SHINING THROUGH

DAN HOLMES

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

## GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:13 - 20

BRYAN AMBROSE

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

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## SERMON

"SALT &amp; LIGHT"

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

## I HYMN #727

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

JOHN L. BELL AND GRAHAM MAULE, 1987

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – AN EXCERPT FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe:**

**that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;**

**that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe:**

**that God has revealed himself 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 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;**

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things.**

**Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SALT OF THE EARTH

DAN HOLMES

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 #377

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

KATHLEEN THOMERSON, 1966

## I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

SHINE ON!

DAN HOLMES

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: KATHERINE RALSTON  
LITURGIST: MARY BETH GRATZ | USHERS: STEVE & DAYLE PAULSON

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to **affirm what we believe** using our denomination's *Book of Confessions* or words from Scripture.

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).

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAE today!** Join us for ice cream sundaes provided by the Deacons!  
Soup cans collected will benefit a local food pantry.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to follow worship on **Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>** for the purpose of receiving the 2026 Annual Report and the 2026 budget.

**BROWNIE BAKE-OFF** On **February 15<sup>th</sup>** bring your best brownies for Coffee Fellowship! And bring your change! We'll vote for our favorites with our coins - whichever brownies earns the most money, wins! Proceeds go to the *Family in Need Fund*.

**ASH WEDNESDAY February 18<sup>th</sup>** Drive Thru Ashes 9am - 9:30am, 11am - 11:30am and 5pm - 5:30pm.  
Worship with the Imposition of Ashes at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

**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 **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**. See Rebekah, Karli, or Molly if you have any questions.

### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship - Super Bowl Sundae
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30p	Beaver Valley Clippers 4-H Meeting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6p	Pipe Band
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Argyle Preschool Valentines Day Party</b>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship - Annual Meeting & Brownie Bake-Off, 11:30a 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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