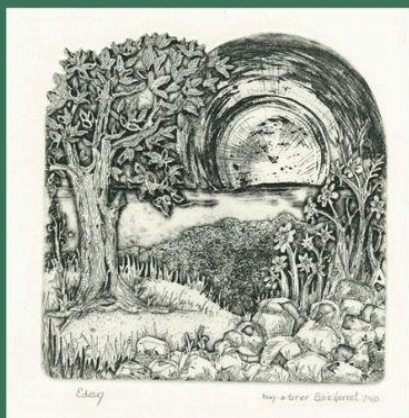


# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 29TH, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY | 10:00AM

Willow Creek Presbyterian Church Lent 2026

cultivating  
**VIRTUES**  
& uprooting  
**VICES**



Palm Sunday

## 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.

WELCOME

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

PRELUDE

THE PALMS

PROCLAMATION

DAVID PEREZ-FERNANDEZ

| CALL TO WORSHIP

BARB GREENLEE

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the Highest! We praise you O God!**

Rejoice greatly, O children of God!

Shout aloud, O children of the Lord!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! We praise you, O God.**

| HYMN #196

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR  
*Children's Palm Processional*

THEODULPH OF ORLEANS, 820;  
NEALE, 1851; TESCHNER, 1614; MONK, 1861

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess we do not always recognize your arrival. We confess we do not always celebrate the ways you break into the world. Forgive us, and open our hearts and eyes to notice and worship you.**

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM ISAIAH 55                      PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy? Listen!

**The steadfast love of the Lord never fails.**

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

MATTHEW 21:1 - 9

PAGES 1531 - 1532

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

HE WAS DESPISED

G. F. HANDEL, 1685 -1759

Elizabeth O'Leary, Contralto

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SECOND GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2:10 - 16

PAGE 1498

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

SERMON

"THE CHILDREN SING 'HOSANNA!'"

## OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I HYMN #197

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

JENNETTE THRELFALL, 1873

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:5 – 11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

JOHN STAINER

I DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings 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 #363

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!

CHARLES WESLEY, 1746;  
JOHN DARWALL, 1770

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

I POSTLUDE

RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

JOHN BACCHUS DYKES

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: STEVE PICKEN  
LITURGIST: BARB GREENLEE | USHERS: CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE,  
JACK GREENLEE AND JAXON GREENLEE

**PRELUDE** Dianne Londo, Piano and Tom Andrew, Organ Jean Baptiste Faure,  
arr. Ethel Smith

**LENT COVER IMAGE** *Eden* by Edie Mae Herrel from Art in the Christian Tradition,  
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

**FLOWERING CROSS** Please bring cut flowers to add to our cross (which will be outside of the  
sanctuary doors) beginning at noon on Good Friday through Easter morning.

### **HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday** March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Processional & Willow Creek Sanctuary Choir  
**Maundy Thursday** April 2<sup>nd</sup> **Potluck & Communion Service** Fellowship Hall at 6pm  
**Good Friday** April 3<sup>rd</sup> **Holy Saturday** April 4<sup>th</sup> Chapel open at  
Scottish Argyle Cemetery 8901 Picken Rd. Caledonia  
**Easter Sunday** April 5<sup>th</sup> **8am** Sunrise Service at Scottish Argyle Cemetery Chapel  
**9am** Pancake Breakfast \* **9:15am** Egg Hunt at WCPC  
**10am** Worship in the Sanctuary with Handbell Choir & Communion

\*Breakfast is at Willow Creek in the Fellowship Hall and provided by the Session. All are welcome!

### **WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10a	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 🌿 Worship, 11a Fellowship
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	6p	Pipe Band
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	6p	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> - Potluck & Communion Service
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Holy Saturday</b> - Chapel Open at Scottish Argyle Cemetery
	8a	Bell Rehearsal
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	8a	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

**“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 8:30am - 1pm.

If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren please let the Church Office know.

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