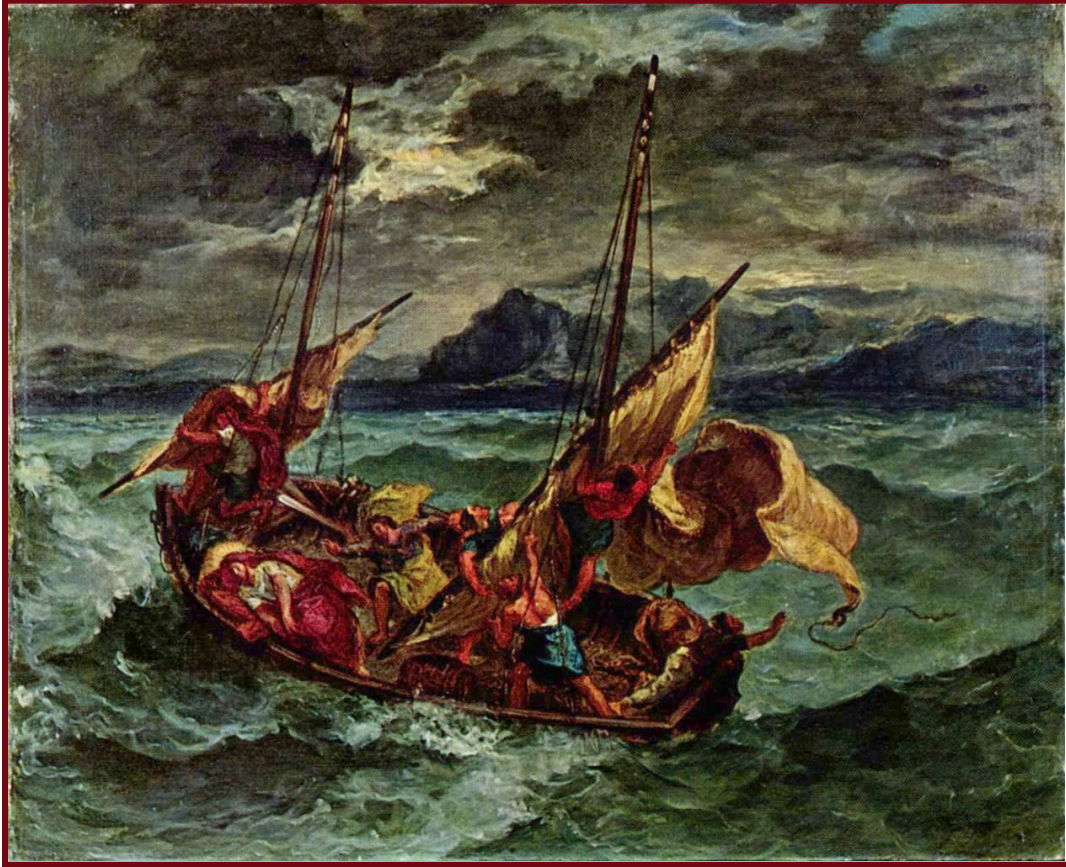


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 24TH, 2026 | DAY OF PENTECOST | 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 STAND.

PRELUDE

SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS
Tom Andrew, Organ

JAMES K. MANLEY

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

‡ CALL TO WORSHIP - LITANY FOR PENTECOST

LUCAS GREENLEE

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts - the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

A brief silence

True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: **send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.**

I HYMN #408

THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

WALTER CHALMERS SMITH, 1867

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - FROM JOHN 20:22 - 23

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 2:1 - 13

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL
Patrick Powers, Bagpipes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

HYMN #300

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

PETER SCHOLTES, 1966

¹We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

²We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

SERMON

“SPIRIT OF HOPE”

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #230

JOYFUL IS THE DARK

DANIEL W. WHITTLE

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ROWAN TREE / GARDEN OF SKYE

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 #41

O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!

DANIEL W. WHITTLE

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

DAWNING OF THE DAY

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: RON MUZZARELLI
LITURGIST: LUCAS GREENLEE | USHERS: JOEL AGUAYO, ARGYLE GREENLEE & WILL MONROE

COVER IMAGE *Christ and the Disciples on a Raging Sea* by Eugène Delacroix 1854

In Scripture, hymns and liturgy, "**Israel**" can mean the collective name of the twelve tribes descended from Jacob, the nation of Israel as a whole, or during the period of the divided Monarchy, the name of the Northern Kingdom. When we use "Israel" in worship, we are not referring to the modern political state. As we seek to be faithful interpreters of Scripture, we pray for the day of peace and justice for all.

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to **affirm what we believe** using our denomination's Book of Confessions or words from Scripture. Today's confession is from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, which was written when the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited in 1983 after splitting over the practice of slavery prior to the Civil War.

This expressly Trinitarian confession calls the church's attention to God's sovereignty in the past, present and future.

In today's excerpt, we focus on the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 22nd - 25th God's love is **Out of this World!**

Registration forms are available on the credenza in the Fellowship Hall and on the Church Office door.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 24th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship
Monday 25th		<i>Memorial Day: Argyle Preschool & Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday 26th	6p	Pipe Band
Thursday 28th	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Friday 29th		Last Day of Argyle Preschool
Sunday 31st	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E Meeting, 11:30a Deacon Meeting

"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 reach out to the Church Office.

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