

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 28TH, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 10:00AM



WCPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

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

BIG HOUSE
VBS Kids

AUDIO ADRENALINE

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever.

Give thanks to the one who does great wonders - who by divine understanding made the heavens and spread out the earth upon the waters.

God made the great lights —the sun to govern the day and the moon and stars to govern the night. God's love endures forever!

Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us for forgetting that you are a good creator and you called everything you created - including us! - good. Forgive us for not seeing the goodness in us and in one another, and for not caring for your good creation as we should. We have also forgotten how powerful you are. Instead, we trust in our own abilities, and get frustrated at our limitations. Forgive us, also, for getting frustrated with the limitations of others. Will you help us to believe in your love for us, and learn to love others as you do?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 SCRIPTURE READING GENESIS 1 *selected verses* PAGES 1 - 3
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING JOB 38:1 - 38 PAGES 835 - 837
The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God to all who live. **Thanks be to God.**

VBS SKIT: MAJOR RON & GROUND CONTROL OLIVIA LANDI & RON MUZZARELLI

SPECIAL MUSIC GOD, YOU SPIN THE WHIRLING PLANETS VBS KIDS

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 2:1 - 11 PAGES 1497 - 1498
The Gospel of our Risen Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 136 *selected verses* PAGE 972
Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

HYMN #69

I, THE LORD OF SEA & SKY (HERE I AM LORD)

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE, 1981

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of divine love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

God has created humans in a personal relation with Godself that each one may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humanity is free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

JESUS LOVES ME
Deborah Dunnavan, Piano

WILLIAM BRADBURY ARR. LAYAWAY RILEY

† 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 #23

GOD, YOU SPIN THE WHIRLING PLANETS

JANE PARKER HUBER, 1978

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

19TH CENTURY ENGLISH HYMN

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY!

MUSICIAN: DEBORAH DUNNAVAN | GREETER: APRIL ROTTMAN | LITURGISTS: VBS KIDS
USHERS: KATHERINE RALSTON AND ED ROTTMAN

VBS KIDS: EMMANUEL AGUAYO, MATTHEW AGUAYO, WALKER ALBRECHT, WAYLON ALBRECHT, WYNN ALBRECHT, ANNA AMBROSE, HENRY AMBROSE, CHARLIE AVERS, MARY AVERS, SAM AVERS, TRACE BANNAN, ELLA BERG, KAILEY BERG, MACKENZIE BERG, EMMETT BETZEL, AMELIA BOYCE, BEN BOYCE, NATALIE BOYCE, LUCA CHIODINI, GRAYSON CUNNINGHAM, ISLA CUNNINGHAM, CONNOR DARLING, BLAINE DHAMER, COEN DHAMER, FINLEY DHAMER, ROWEN FAIR, CREW JOHNSON, KASE JOHNSON, EMMA LANDI, LEIA MORDT, EVERLEE MCMULLIN, BRANDON O'DELL, BENJAMIN RALSTON, ELLIE REAGAN, IDALIAS ROBLES, ILIANA ROBLES, LORENZO ROBLES, TYE ROSSMILLER, ADALIENE SLATER, CLINTON SLATER, CALEB WORLEY AND CONNOR WORLEY

VBS HELPERS: CHARLIE AVERS, HATTIE BANNAN, OLIVIA LANDI, MICHAEL MUZZARELLI AND LAUREN MUZZARELLI

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who made this week magical for the kids! Thanks to our fearless Director Rebekah Landi, and everyone who helped decorate, plan, teach, play and prepare snacks: Brianne Ambrose, Brenda Benning, Stephanie Berg, JoAnn Buffington, Lynette Danzl-Tauer, Ron and Tanya Muzzarelli, Katherine Ralston, Shannon Reagan, Maren Reid, April Rottman, Carolyn Wheeler, Shelly Williams, Natalie Wooden, Kim Patrus, Karli Rankin and Riley Rankin

The **General Assembly** of the PCUSA is meeting now in Milwaukee for worship, fellowship and discernment. Please be in prayer for all delegates and participants as they seek God's will and make decisions for our denomination.

This year the United States marks the 250th anniversary of its Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As Christians, how do we celebrate all that is good about our nation's heritage, while also acknowledging promises unfulfilled? How do we seek the welfare of the place where God has called us to live (Jeremiah 29:7) while rejecting Christian nationalism, a political ideology that confuses and conflates Christian identity with national identity? These themes will be explored **next Sunday, July 5th** as we continue our summer sermon series on topics that aren't typically addressed in church "For the love..." with *For the love of Country*.

Join us July 12th at 10am for **Worship in the Park** (Aberdeen Park on Orth Road) followed by cookout potluck!

We will **not live-stream this worship service**, and the video will not be posted to our public Facebook or YouTube pages. The service will be recorded, and a link to watch it will be available by email. If you would like to receive that link, please send an email requesting it to: Office@WillowCreekPC.org.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB Join us Thursdays 7/9 and 7/23 at 10:30am to discuss *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, which explores the different "genres" within Scripture. **On 7/9 we will discuss chapters 2 - 5 (read through page 140).**

PICKLEBALL Mondays all Summer 5:30pm until dark in the back parking lot All skill levels, including beginners, are welcome! Invite others and join the fun. Extra paddles are available. Weather permitting.

AG DAY IN ARGYLE Saturday, September 26th 5pm - 7pm
Join us for fun with animals, farm equipment, and more!

"A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the love of Christ"

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 28th	10a	Worship - VBS Sunday, 11a Fellowship , 11:15a F/P/E, 11:30a Deacon's Meeting
Monday 29th	5:30p	Pickleball
Tuesday 30th	6p	Pipe Band
Wednesday 1st	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30pm AA Meeting (Women Only)
Thursday 2nd	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 5th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship