

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 26TH, 2026 | NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 10:00AM



HYMN SING 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.

PRELUDE

TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY

WILLIAM DOAN

Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 119

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding.

Turn to me and be gracious to me.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise.

Never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. Come, let us worship God!

I HYMN #35

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

JOACHIM NEANDER, 1680;
CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1863

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that worship is not always in our hearts. We confess that our words, thoughts and actions are not always reflections of your love. We allow worries and fears to distract us from the neverending gift of your everlasting love. Will you return us to a heart of wonder and of worship?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 1 SAMUEL 2

There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.
My heart rejoices in you, O Lord; for I delight in your deliverance.
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

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 8:26 - 39

PAGES 1757 - 1758

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

DORIS AKERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN SING

You are invited to choose a verse or two of a favorite hymn. You can raise your hand and call out your selection when asked, or use the card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher.

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – AN EXCERPT FROM THE SCOTS CONFESSION

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by this inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

I HYMN #543

O CHRIST SURROUND ME

RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN, 2004

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PASS ME NOT

FANNIE CROSBY

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

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

POSTLUDE

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

TRADITIONAL

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! USHERS: BRENDA BENNING AND MIKE LANDI

BOONE COUNTY FAIR RESPITE TENT AUGUST 11TH - 16TH Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for a time to volunteer at our Respite Tent! See Pastor Lauren or Mike Landi if you have any questions. This is one of our favorite ways to serve as a church family and let our wider community know what a caring congregation Willow Creek is.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES *For the Love of...everything you ever hoped there wouldn't be a sermon about? In August, we will spend a couple of weeks on **For the Love...** what does the Bible say about love, marriage and relationships? Plenty! But it may not be what we *think* it says.*

CONFIRMATION CAMP begins tomorrow! Pastor Lauren will be meeting with confirmands Monday (10am - 2pm) through Thursday (9am - 11:30am) July 27th - 30th.

PICKLEBALL Mondays all Summer 5:30pm until dark in the back parking lot.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 26th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Monday 27th	5:30p	Pickleball
Tuesday 28th	6p	Pipe Band
Wednesday 29th	5:30p	AA Meeting
Thursday 30th	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 2nd	10a	Worship with Communion, 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 hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9a - 12p. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren, please reach out to the Office.

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