

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026 | 18TH SUNDAY AFTER 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

JOSHUA FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF JERICHO
Tom Andrew, Piano

COLIN BUCHANAN

WELCOME & SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

| CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 25

RON MUZZARELLI

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

Do not let me be put to shame. Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.

Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

For you I wait all day long. Come, let us worship God!

| HYMN #23

GOD, YOU SPIN THE WHIRLING PLANETS

JANE PARKER HUBER, 1978

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, holy, holy God, we confess that we are too comfortable with violence. We consume media that desensitizes us to the suffering of others. We participate in a culture that more easily divides than unites. We excuse divisive language, and sometimes we even speak divisively ourselves, choosing to see others as against us rather than our neighbor and your beloved children. Will you forgive us for not seeing others as you do?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 25 PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

Do not remember the sins of my youth! Do not remember my transgressions!

According to your steadfast love, remember me, O Lord!

In 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

EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 6:1 - 9

PAGE 1754

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

REDEMPTION

BY JASON SYTSMA

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 21:1 - 14

PAGES 507 - 508

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SERMON

"BURIED"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #250

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

NATALIE SLEETH, 1986

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 SING, MY TONGUE, THE GLORIOUS BATTLE

SCHALK

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 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 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 #213 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

JOHN BOWRING, 1825

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR

CUTLER

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*The service is being live-streamed and archived through our social media channels.
While this videography focuses on worship leaders, participants may appear in the service recordings.*

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY!

GREETER: SHANNON REAGAN | LITURGIST: RON MUZZARELLI

USHERS: CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE, JACK GREENLEE AND JAXON GREENLEE

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.

POTATO TENT AT EDWARD'S ORCHARD Our friends at Poplar Grove UMC are asking for our help - and willing to pay us for it! For every four-hour shift two WCPC volunteers can cover, they will give us \$100 for our Family in Need Fund! Are you available for any of the following shifts: Sat 10/3, Sun 10/4, Sat 10/10, Sun 10/11 10am - 2pm or 2pm - 4pm? Let Pastor Lauren know asap to sign up!

SNACKS FOR CAPRON Capron Elementary has reached out to us asking for help with providing individually packed, non-perishable snacks for students.
Shopping list available in Fellowship Hall.

Remember: no peanut or nut products! We will collect snacks until **next Sun. Oct. 4th**.

CORA J. POPE TRUST GRANT This grant helps people age **55 and older** remain safely and securely in their homes through timely, dignified support. Funds may be used for needs such as: utility assistance, home repairs or modifications (installing ramps or grab bars, etc), key household items (such as window air-conditioning units), paying for home health aids, or other expenses directly related to housing stability. Please fill out the brief application (found in the Fellowship Hall) and turn it into the Church Office (by email, mail or in person) by Monday, October 5th.
We anticipate awarding 10 grants of \$400 each.

SAVE THE DATE! A TASTE of TALENT Friday, October 16, 2026 5:30 Spaghetti Dinner
6:30 Musical Variety Show starring our wonderful musicians at Willow Creek.
Adults \$10 | Kids ages 5-10 \$5 | Kids under 4 are free! More information will be coming regarding tickets. Come and enjoy great food and casual, fun entertainment!

FALL SERMON SERIES Inspired by *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Each Sunday we will focus on a different chapter. Next Sunday we will focus on Wisdom Stories.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 27th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E, 11:30a Youth Group
Wednesday 30th	5:30p	AA Meeting
Thursday 1st	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 4th	10a	Worship, 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, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30a - 12:30p. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren, please reach out to the Office.