

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4TH, 2026 | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | 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

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
Dianne Londo, Piano

TRADITIONAL WELSH

WELCOME & SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

| CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ECCLESIASTES 3

MAREN REID

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.
Now, it is a time for singing! Come, let us worship God

| HYMN #32

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

ISAAC WATTS, 1715

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God we do not always see you in your creation, and when we can't see you, we have a hard time caring for your creation as we should. Forgive us for forgetting what we were made for. Forgive us for failing to see you reflected in each of your children. When we can't see you in another, we have a hard time caring for them, loving them, and respecting them as we should. Would you help us to more clearly see, and more fully love?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 25

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, 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

FIRST PSALTER READING
Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

PSALM 142

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SPECIAL MUSIC

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND PSALTER READING

PSALM 148

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

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

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SERMON

"THE WISDOM & WONDER OF ST. FRANCIS"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #20

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER, 1848

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

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

I HYMN #753

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (First Verse)

SEBASTIAN TEMPLE, 1967

*Make me a channel of your peace: Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION

We hold the bread and partake together, celebrating that Christ joins us into one united body. We drink the cup as it comes to us, rejoicing that Christ comes to us as individuals and loves us just as we are.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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 the glory forever. Amen.

I HYMN #611

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

HENRY VAN DYKE, 1907

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE SOLID ROCK

WM. BRADBURY

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! | MUSIC: DIANNE LONDO & ELIZABETH O'LEARY
GREETER: REBEKAH LANDI | LITURGIST: MAREN REID | ACOLYTES: KAILEY BERG & EMMA LANDI
USHERS: ARGYLE GREENLEE, WILL MONROE AND OLIVIA LANDI

*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.*

On **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** we joyfully celebrate with followers of Christ around the world.

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 10/10 2pm - 6pm, Sun 10/11 10am - 2pm or 2pm - 6pm?** Let Pastor Lauren know asap to sign up!

SNACKS FOR CAPRON Thank you for your generosity! If you still want to bring something in, let Pastor Lauren know - the snacks will be delivered this week. **Remember: no peanut or nut products!**

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! Come and enjoy great food and entertainment!

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 **tomorrow Monday, October 5th**.
We anticipate awarding 10 grants of \$400 each.

FALL SERMON SERIES Inspired by *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Each Sunday we will focus on a different chapter. Next week will be Resistance Stories with Pastor Tanya preaching.

PASTOR LAUREN will be on **vacation** October 9th - 13th. Pastor Tanya will lead worship on Sunday 10/11.

In case of pastoral care emergencies, please reach out to Pastor Tanya,
Clerk of Session Rebekah Landi, or Chairperson of the Deacons Mary Beth Gratz.

TRACTOR TRUNK OR TREAT at **Paulson's Agricultural Museum** Saturday, October 17th 11am - 2pm

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY will be observed during worship on **Sunday, November 1st**. If there is a name you would like to have honored, let Pastor Lauren or the Church Office know by **Wednesday, October 28th**.

PRESBYTERY MEETING AT WILLOW CREEK on Tuesday, Nov 10th 9am - 2pm. Volunteers needed to serve as Greeters, coffee makers and hosts. Save the date and be on the lookout for more information.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 4th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 6th	1p	Grief Group, 6p Session Meeting
Wednesday 7th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30p AA Meeting, 6p Nominating Committee
Thursday 8th	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 11th	10a	Worship - Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Youth Group

"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.

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