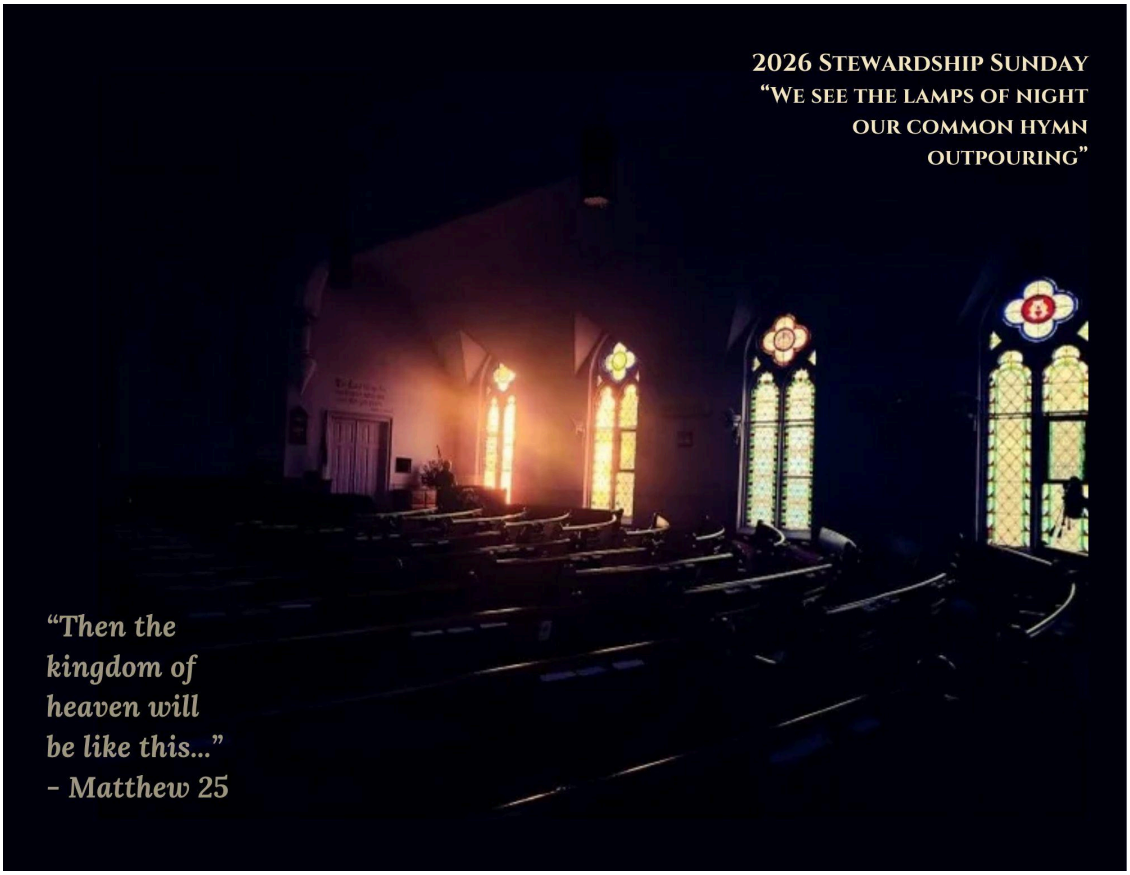
Willow Creek Presbyterian Church

November 15th, 2026 ǂ Stewardship Sunday ǂ 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.

ǂ If you are able, we invite you to stand.

Prelude — Come, Be Baptized — Gary Alan Smith
Tom Andrew, Piano

Welcome and Sharing — Rev. Lauren Patrus-Betzel

ǂ Call to Worship from Psalm 90 — Dianne Londo

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad.
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us.
Come, let us worship God!

Ɨ Hymn The Old Brick Church in Argyle William Pitts

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood, no lovelier place in the dale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood, as the old brick church in Argyle.

Refrain: *O come, come, come, come, come to the church in the wildwood;*
O come to the church in the dale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood, as the old brick church in Argyle.

How sweet on a bright Sabbath morning, to list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling, O come to the church in Argyle.

Refrain

Invitation to Confession Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli

Prayer of Confession adapted from the Church of Scotland

Lord we confess the temptation to buy what we do not need and confuse what we need with what we want. We confess our wastefulness, and that we own things we will never use. We confess we idealize the past as a golden age. Strengthen the arm and the will of all who, for the good of the world you made and love, challenge our greed and inform us about appropriate living. We confess we do not always want to hear their uncomfortable message. May their words gain a good hearing so that the world may have a good future. Will you give us a right relationship with the many blessings you have given us?

A Period of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon - From Hebrews 12

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Ɨ 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.

Ɨ 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 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 21 & 27 Pages 1785 - 1786

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

The Sacrament of Baptism Connor Michael Darling

Affirmation of faith - The Apostles' Creed — Lon Clark

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Response — Take My Life — Havergal, 1874; Malan, 1827

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love; my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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

Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:1 - 13 — Pages 1540 - 1541

The Gospel of our Risen Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon — "The Lamps of Night"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

ǂ Hymn #672 — O Gladsome Light — Bridges, 1899; Psalter, 1551; Goudimel, 1565

Call to Offering & Stewardship

Moment of Silent Reflection

Offertory — Sing to the Lord of Harvest — By Johann Steurlein

Kathy Clark and Stephen Clark, Vocalists

ǂ 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.

ǂ 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.

ǂ Hymn #192 — Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining — Graham Kendrick, 1987

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ǂ Charge and Benediction

Postlude — We Give Thee but Thine Own — William Walsham

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Thank you to those who served today! Greeter: Ron Muzzarelli | Liturgist: Dianne Londo
Ushers: Joel Aguayo, Argyle Greenlee and Will Monroe | Cover photo by Lucas Greenlee

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.

We always welcome the sounds of children of all ages in worship. And, if a caregiver needs a break, our **nursery** is also available for the entire worship service. After the Children's Moment, children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs to **Sunday School**.

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to affirm what we believe using our denomination's Book of Confessions or words from Scripture. On Sundays when we celebrate baptisms, we always confess using the **Apostles' Creed**. As far back as the second century, a version of this creed has been used at baptisms. In the early church, candidates for membership in the church, having undergone a lengthy period of moral and doctrinal instruction, were asked at baptism to state what they believed. They responded in the words of this creed. When we affirm what we believe using these words, we become part of an echo and a chorus of Christians across time and place.

🎄 Join in the fun as we ***decorate the church for the Advent season*** after worship ***today!*** 🎄

Thanksgiving Turkey Meal Giveaway Our church has the amazing opportunity to give away fifty Thanksgiving meals (turkey breasts + sides) to our community. Can you help bring in: ***aluminum roasting pans, rolls of aluminum foil, rolls of paper towels and packs of Thanksgiving napkins*** by next Sunday, November 22nd? If you would like to give financially, a donation of $15 covers the costs of one meal!
Flyers are available in the Fellowship Hall advertising the Thanksgiving meal giveaway!
Please take and share the information so we can get the food to folks who need it.

Congregational Meeting The Session calls the Annual Congregational Meeting of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle to be held on ***Sunday, November 22nd, 2026*** following worship for the purpose of electing officers and approving Pastor Lauren Patrus-Betzel's contract for 2027.

The meeting will be followed by our beloved ***Hamball Potluck*** (*printed copies of the hamball recipe are available*) in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a hamball or turkey main dish, side, salad or dessert.

Children's Christmas Pageant Dec. 6th during worship **Rehearsals** are during Sunday School (***10:30am***) on ***Nov. 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th***. We will have a special visitor from the North Pole after the pageant!

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday 15th	10a	Worship - Stewardship Sunday, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship while Decorating the Church 🎄
Tuesday 17th	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 5:30p Worship & Music
Wednesday 18th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30p AA Meeting
Thursday 19th	11:30a	Skiffers, 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 22nd	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Congregational Meeting followed by ***Hamball Dinner***

"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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