

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church  
March 15, 2026  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

*For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.  
Walk as children of light  
for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.  
Ephesians 5:8-9*



WORSHIP ✦ SHARE ✦ GROW ✦ SERVE



WELCOME, Visitors and Guests!  
We pray for God's blessing for us all  
as we worship together today.  
Please silence your cell phones  
and pass the peace of Christ.

*†Please rise in body or spirit.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

#### †OPENING SONG

#### “Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
In You

## WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION** —based on Isaiah 54:7-8

Leader: For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we can now draw near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, and delighting in your Word. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may turn away from darkness and instead shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** —Romans 8:31-34

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

### **RESPONSE** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, Listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

—Ken Meedema

## WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

**MESSAGE FOR YOUTH**

“Front of the Line” (Mark 10)

**NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Lay Reader

### ***This Week at Willow Grove***

- *The Session will hold a regular meeting in Alexander Hall, following the morning worship service today. All are invited to attend.*
- *Join us for our weekly prayer meetings! The Zoom links are available on the church website.  
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm: Led by Judy and Paul.  
Let’s come together in prayer and seek the presence of God as we lift up our hearts and intercede for one another. Everyone is welcome!*
- *Join us for our Thursday Bible Study—The Gospel on the Move: A Journey through Acts—at 10:30 a.m., either in person or on Zoom!*

### ***What’s Ahead at Willow Grove***

- *Please remember to order your Easter flowers using the slip and envelope provided by March 22.*
- *Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 13:22-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“The Narrow Door”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

**†SONG OF RESPONSE**

#391 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: God of grace and glory, in this season of repentance and hope, help us to turn away from evil,

**All: and turn toward you.**

*(Pray for those who suffer and grieve.)*

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the nations and all people, that they may turn away from evil,

**All: and turn toward you.**

*(Pray for our leaders.)*

Leader: We pray for each of us as we live among neighbors, people whom you love: help us to turn away from evil,

**All: and turn toward you.**

*(Pray for family and friends who do not yet know Christ.)*

Leader: We pray that even now as we worship you, your Holy Spirit will be at work, teaching us how to turn away from evil,

**All: and turn toward you.**

*(Pray for the church.)*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, in this Lenten season, we hear your call to repentance. We pray for a generous outpouring of your Holy Spirit to help us resist evil in all its forms in our individual lives and institutions. Help us turn toward you, eager to receive the fullness of all you promise.

Leader: And now hear us as we pray as our Savior taught us, saying:

**All: 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.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### OFFERING

*[Now let us bring our gifts to God through our offering.*

*Please stand or sit as the Spirit leads and join us as we sing our song of thanks.]*

### †RESPONSE

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. *Repeat*

And now, let the weak say I am strong,

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us. *Repeat*

Give thanks.

*Words and Music: Henry Smith*

## †SONG OF DEPARTURE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

## BENEDICTION

## THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



# HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

A A/C# D D E A A

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er  
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

A/C# D D E A F#m E/G# E A D

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold  
 ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
 sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

D C# F#m F#m E/G# E A D D E

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me  
 Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me  
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

A D E F#m F#m E/G# A

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
 fast.  
 last!

A Bm7 A/C# D D E A

For my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

The musical score is written for guitar and piano. It consists of seven systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes three verses of lyrics and a final line: 'For my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.'

## **Prayers**

*Each week as we pray together, we pray for people whose names and stories we may not know. Yet we faithfully pray for them as we know God is aware of each and every need.*

*Grateful prayers for the continued healing of Mital*

*Healing prayers for  
Andy, August, Sandra, Lorraine, Irany, Carol, Gary, Olivia, Ed, Sue, and Fred*

### **Today's Worship Assistants**

*Linda DiDario – Lay Reader*

*Karen Wirth – Greeter*

*We thank all our volunteers who make our service welcoming.*

*Paul DiDario – Director of Music and Pianist*

*Rebecca Pacella – Song Leader*

*Doris Dias – Secretary*

*Office hours Mon-Thu 9:30 am to 2:30 pm*

*Paul Whitehurst – Custodian*

*Rev. Se Hyuk Park – Pastor*

### **Rev Park's office hours are:**

*10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wed. and 12-3 p.m. on Thu.*

*Appointments during this time or at another time can be scheduled by emailing him at [pastor@willowgrovechurch.org](mailto:pastor@willowgrovechurch.org) or contacting the church office*

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