

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

*If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one,
much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace
and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.*
Romans 5:17





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

—Isaiah 12

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord. Though you were angry with us, your anger
has been turned away, and you have comforted us.

**All: The Lord, the Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our
salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations
what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

**All: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in
all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

†OPENING SONG

“Behold, God Is My Salvation”

Behold, God is my salvation
I will trust and will not be afraid
For the Lord my God is my strength and my shield,
He also has become my salvation.
For the Lord my God is my strength and my shield,
He also has become my salvation.

La, la, la, la...

—*Stuart Dauerman*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

— Hebrews 12:2

Leader: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

“Crumbs Under the Table” (Mark 7)

NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lay Reader

This Week at Willow Grove

- *Join us for our weekly prayer meeting! The Zoom link is 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!*
 - *Adult Forum: Join us in the lounge as Fiorella Menjivar presents their church, who worship at Willow Grove—Enciende Una Luz. She will be sharing about their denomination, ministry, and congregation.*
 - *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!*
 - *This year's **One Great Hour of Sharing** theme is: "What does the Lord require of you... but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8), inviting us to live out this call through prayer and generous giving during Lent. Fish banks and Lenten sharing calendars are available in the narthex for use throughout the season. We will receive the OGHS offering on Palm Sunday—thank you for your faithful participation.*

What's Ahead at Willow Grove

- *March Easter Movie date to be announced*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:25-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Lost Brother”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness.”

Please see page 8 for words and music

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

All: and make his face to shine upon us.

(Silent prayer for God to bless the people and ministries of this congregation)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That your way may be known on earth,

All: your saving power among all nations.

(Silent prayer for a powerful display of God's saving power in our community, country, and world)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you!

(Silent prayer for our non-Christian friends, family members, and coworkers to know and follow the Lord)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer and grieve,

All: We ask for your healing peace.

(Silent prayer for all who suffer)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

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

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

Please see page 7 for words and music

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
 3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
 4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
 5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
 thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
 and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
 he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
 His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;

not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty
 2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
 3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my
 4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less
 5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in
 to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 man - sion in the skies, e'en then this shall be
 mer - cy hath for me, for me a full a -
 ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
 tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
 glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

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, and Sue*

Today's Worship Assistants

Stefanie Velez – 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 or contacting the church office
Willow Grove Presbyterian Church holds CCLI license #3219335*

Willow Grove Mission Statement

Reflecting God's love, we love and serve all neighbors

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