

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
November 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday

*I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them,
and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*

*In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.
And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."
Jeremiah 23:4-6*



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 —Psalm 24:7-8, 10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the
King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of
glory.**

†OPENING SONG “All Hail King Jesus”

All Hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel.
King of Kings, Lord of Lords, bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'll sing your praises,
And I'll reign with you throughout eternity.

—Dave Moody

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION —based on 1 John 1:8-9

Leader: God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is
faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

—based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

“Come Holy Spirit”

Come Holy Spirit	Only You can make me whole
Fall afresh on me	Give me strength to make me grow
Fill me with Your power	Come Holy Spirit
Satisfy my needs	Fall afresh on me

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE FOR YOUTH

“A Hole in the Roof”

(Mark 2)

NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lay Reader

This Week at Willow Grove

- *Please join us for an Adult Forum on this Sunday, after worship, presented by staff of Family Promise. Come learn what they do and how they have evolved since the pandemic. Find out how we as a church support them and what else we can do to help.*

- *Join us for our weekly prayer meetings! The Zoom links are available on the church website.
Mondays at 1 pm: Led by Bonnie and August.
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!*
- *There will be no Bible Study this Thursday.*

What's Ahead at Willow Grove

- *Everyone is invited to an important Outreach meeting on Nov. 30, after worship in the lounge. See the bulletin for more details.*
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- *Get ready and put it on your calendar for December 7th and 14th, an adult forum led by Paul DiDario on the History of Christmas.*
- *Don't forget our Holiday Concert for the community will be on Friday, December 12th in the sanctuary with the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo. They will delight us with Christmas carols and holiday songs. Come and enjoy.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Are You Boasting about” Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

#101 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,

All: Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

Leader: For all who carry out your ministries within your church,

All: We ask for grace and wisdom.

(Pray for those who minister the gospel.)

Leader: For those who don't yet believe the gospel,

All: We ask for your faithful love.

(Pray for the unbelieving.)

Leader: For governors and rulers in every land,

All: We ask for your guidance.

(Pray for our leaders.)

Leader: For people who suffer and grieve,

All: We ask for your healing peace.

(Pray for the suffering.)

Leader: Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words He 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

#551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FAMILY PROMISE OF UNION COUNTY

GUEST NEEDS COLLECTION NOVEMBER 23 AND 30

PAPER ITEMS

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Plates

TOILETRIES

- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Body Lotion
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Multi-purpose cleaner spray
- Sponges
- Dish soap
- Powder cleaner
- Zip Lock Bags
- Fabuloso
- Clorox Wipes

Items can be placed in bin in narthex. Also plan to stay to here more about Family Promise from staff members during the forum after church on November 23 in Alexander Hall.

Questions: call or email Bonnie: 908-347-5958 or bjbrugg@gmail.com

Also learned from El Centro that they have enough nonperishable items for Thanksgiving, but could use chickens and hams. If you'd like to donate that, also bring it on November 23 or you can write a check to Willow Grove with El Centro in memo line or put cash in an envelope, marked El Centro or provide a gift card to a nearby supermarket. We will get whatever is provided to El Centro on Monday. Thanks

Invitation to Outreach Implementation Meeting on Nov. 30

Everyone is invited to an important Outreach meeting on Nov. 30, after worship in the lounge.

Since we are not applying for a grant to continue having four or more concerts with food, we can redirect our energies to more effective Outreach efforts, starting in January. The grant, which ends with the "Holiday" Concert on Dec. 12, required that all people feel welcome, including those of other religions or of no religion. This restriction prevented us from having Christian programs.

In 2026, we will be free to try to attract people to Christianity and all the wonderful life as a church family we have at Willow Grove. The Outreach team has had many brainstorming discussions and we have a wealth of good ideas for Outreach. At this important meeting on Nov. 30, we need your opinions to help us decide which ideas would be most effective in attracting people to Willow Grove Church.

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, and Doris*

Today's Worship Assistants

Edith Konopka – Lay Reader

Linda DiDario – 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

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Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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