

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.*
Psalm 111:10





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 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I ask of the Lord, this only do I seek, that I may dwell in the
house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

All: Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

†OPENING SONG "Everlasting"

Everlasting, never changing,

Always knowing, knowing all.

You are Lord, You are God most high.

You are Lord, You are God most high.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Rick Founds

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION — Hebrews 10:19-22

Leader: Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by
the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that
is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house
of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with
our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies
washed with pure water.

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 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

“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

“From Filthy to Forgiven” (Zechariah 3)

NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lay Reader

This Week at Willow Grove

- *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 refreshments following the service in Alexander Hall. All are welcome to attend!*
- *The church parking lot will be closed from Tuesday (10/14) through Friday (10/17) due to paving work.*
- *There will be no Thursday Bible Study this week.*

What's Ahead at Willow Grove

- *Session will hold a regular meeting on Monday October 20 at 6pm in Alexander Hall. All are welcome to attend. Zoom link is available by request*

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Righteous Shall Live by Faith” Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”

(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: Let us pray for God to bless us and fill us with his Spirit, saying

All: Lord, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Leader: Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

All: We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to help us understand better your will for us.

Leader: Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

All: We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness, and sorrow.

Leader: Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

All: We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Leader: And teach us to pray as you taught your disciples, 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**

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

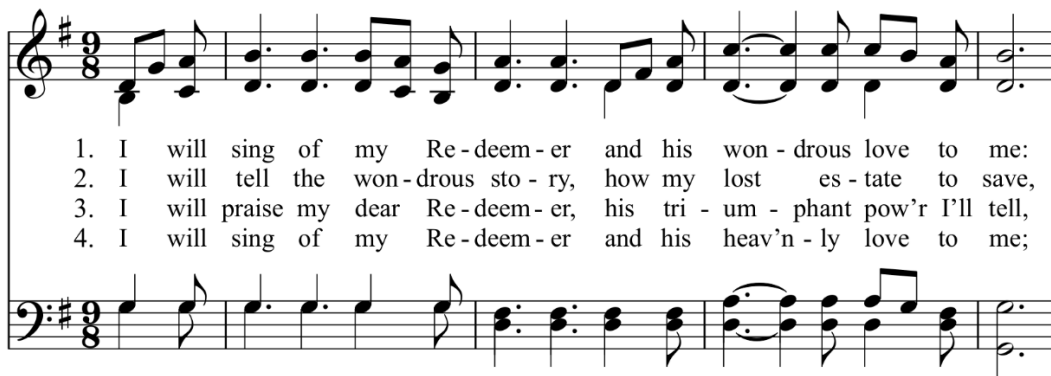
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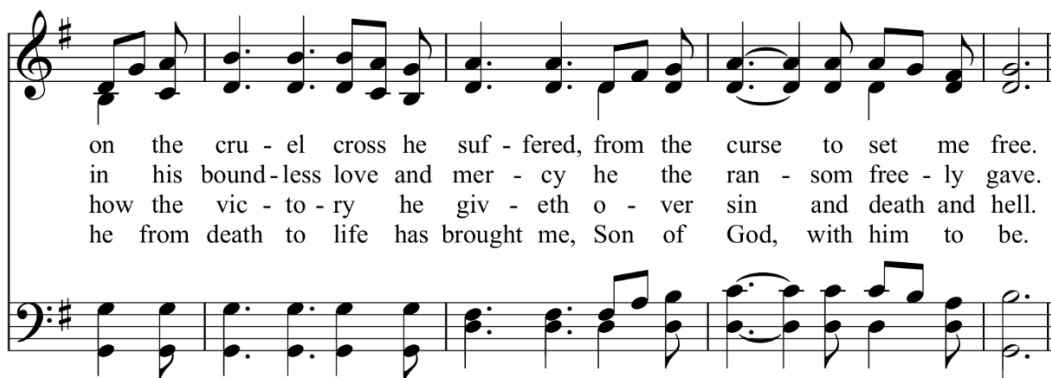
Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

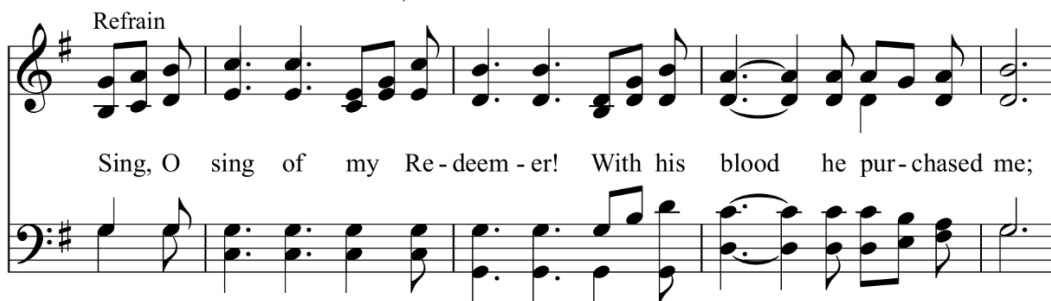


1. I will sing of my Re-deem-er and his won-drous love to me:
 2. I will tell the won-drous sto-ry, how my lost es-tate to save,
 3. I will praise my dear Re-deem-er, his tri-um-phant pow'r I'll tell,
 4. I will sing of my Re-deem-er and his heav'n-ly love to me;



on the cru-el cross he suf-fered, from the curse to set me free.
 in his bound-less love and mer-cy he the ran-som free-ly gave.
 how the vic-to-ry he giv-eth o-ver sin and death and hell.
 he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

Refrain



Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er! With his blood he pur-chased me;



on the cross he sealed my par-don, paid the debt, and made me free.

IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

5 Eb Ab/Eb Eb Cm Bb

How I love the voice of Je - sus on the Cross of Cal - va - ry.
Now the curse, it has been bro - ken, Je - sus paid the price for me.

9 Eb Ab Eb/G Ab Bb Eb

He de - clares His work is fin - ished, He has spo - ken this_ hope to me.
Full, the par - don He has of - fered. Great, the wel - come that_ I re - ceive.

13 Cm Ab Eb Bb

Though the sun had ceased its shin - ing, though the war ap - peared as lost.
Bold - ly I ap - proach my Fa - ther, clothed in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.

17 Cm Ab Eb/G Ab Bb

Christ has tri - umphed o - ver e - vil, it was fin - ished u - pon that
There is no more guilt to car - ry, it was fin - ished u -

25 Bb Eb Ab/C

pon that Cross.

32 Eb/Bb Ab Eb

Death was once my great op - pon - ent,

36 Cm/Eb Bb/Eb Eb Ab/Eb

fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us

40 Eb/G Ab Bb Eb

rose that we would be_ free in - deed!

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, and Carol*

Today's Worship Assistants

*Linda DiDario – Lay Reader
– 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

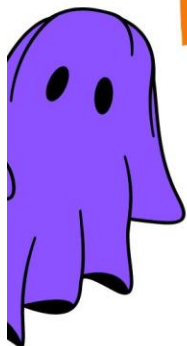


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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 7 PM
THE FLORIAN SHANTZ JAZZ COMBO



Meet the Musicians: An Interactive Musical Event

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
3 - 4 PM
A CHILDREN'S EVENT LEAD BY
REBECCA PACELLA AND PAUL DIDARIO

Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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