

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Jesus said to her,
“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die”
John 11:25-26*



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

—from Hebrews 12:2-3

Leader: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

All: the author and perfecter of our faith,

Leader: who for the joy set before him endured the cross,

All: scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Leader: Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,

All: so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

†OPENING SONG

“Worthy, You Are Worthy”

1. Worthy, You are worthy,
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
You are Worthy.
Worthy, You are worthy,
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
I worship You.

2. Holy, You are holy,
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
You are holy.
Holy, You are holy,
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
I worship you.

3. Jesus, You are Jesus,
Ling of Kings, Lord of Lords,
You are Jesus.
Jesus, You are Jesus,
You are King, Lord of Lords,
I worship You.

By Don Moen

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: God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON —from Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: Jesus says to you: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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

“Jesus is Not Bothered” (Mark 10)

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.*

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

- *Palm Sunday, March 29*
- *Good Friday Service, April 3rd, at 7:30 pm*
- *Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4 - 3:30 to 5:30 pm*
- *Easter Sunday, April 5th*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Tree Behind the Tree”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling.”

By Fanny Jane Crosby, William Lamartine Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come, we approach your throne of grace by faith, asking that you hear us. We pray that you would attend to our needs as well as those around us.

All: In your abundance of mercy and grace, provide for those who are struggling and fearful, and give the gift of faith to our family, friends, and neighbors who do not know you.

(Pray that God would give to those in need)

Leader: Come Lord Jesus, hear us and answer us we pray. We pray for greater hope. Grant us all courage and perseverance in this time of uncertainty.

All: Give those in despair a sense of your all-powerful presence.

(Pray that God would give hope)

Leader: Come Lord Jesus, hear us and answer us we pray. We pray for an increased measure of peace. Settle our hearts and minds as we live with unmet longings.

All: Attend to the broken hearts of those who have lost loved ones, and comfort those who are weary.

(Pray that God would give peace)

Leader: Come Lord Jesus, hear us and answer us we pray. We pray for glory. Come Lord Jesus and forever dwell with your beloved, right our wrongs, dry our eyes, heal our diseases, and restore our relationships, as we long for living with you in a world without sin and death.

(Pray for perseverance in faith as we await Jesus' return to make all things new)

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

“Before the Throne of God Above”

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

F/C C F/C C F/C C

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous -

5 Em C/E F C/E G Am F6 Dm7 F/G

plea: a great High Priest whose name is love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for
 in, up - ward I look and see him there, Who made an end of all my
 ness. The great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of

9 C C/E F C/E C G C/E F Em F G

me. My name is grav - en on his hands. My name is writ - ten on his
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 Grace. One with him - self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

13 Am G F C/E G Am F6 Dm7 F/G

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence de -
 free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

17 Am F6 Dm7 F/G C

part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 me, to look on him and par - don me.
 God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

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

Sue Palmer – 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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