

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 2:21



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 —from Psalm 25:1-5

Leader: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

All: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame.

Leader: Show me your ways, Lord,

All: teach me your paths.

Leader: Guide me in your truth and teach me,

All: for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

†OPENING SONG “You Are Holy”

1. You raised the mountains up and laid the
valleys low.

You lift the humble heart and break the
prideful soul.

You chase the darkness from my life, Lord, you
make me whole.

2. You are holy, holy is the Lord.

You are holy, holy is the Lord.

You are holy, holy is the Lord.

You are holy, holy is the Lord.

3. In your power and Your glory I can see,

The God of love and grace reaching out to me.

I've been made righteous by your blood, Lord you set me free.

—Rick Cole

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, our success and affluence have tricked us into thinking we don't need you. Our failures and hardships have made us doubt your patience and love. Like lost sheep, we have gone our own way, and in straying from you, we have sinned against you and our neighbor in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned in ways we recognize; we have sinned in ways we are blind to, often claiming we are innocent. So search us, God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Search us and set us free. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

—based on 1 John 1:8-9; John 8:32

Leader: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. This is the truth and truth will set you free.

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

“Counting to 77” (Matthew 18)

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!*
- *Please join us following the service for refreshments and fellowship in Alexander Hall.*

What’s Ahead at Willow Grove

- *Join us at 4 PM on May 16th for our International Concert & Dinner.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

†SONG OF RESPONSE

#240 “Out of the Depths”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

All: That we all may be one.

(Please pray silently for the unity of the church.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you.

All: That your Name would be honored by all people.

(Please pray silently for the mission of the church.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who lead and guide your church

All: That they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.

(Please pray silently for all who lead the church.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of comfort, You bear the pain of the world and stand with those who
sorrow.

**All: Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your
word, and bring them healing as a sign of your grace through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

(Please pray silently for those who are in need.)

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

“In Christ Alone”

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.



IN CHRIST ALONE

G D G A D/F# G Em A

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh; Full - ness of God in help - less
 There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
 No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in

5 D G D G A D/F#

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the
 me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

8 G Em A D G D

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones he came to save: 'til on the cross as Je - sus
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

11 A D/F# G Bm A G D G

peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
 died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 man, can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me

15 A D/F# G Em A D

all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine; bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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, Gary, Olivia, Ed, Sue, Frank, and Fred*

Today's Worship Assistants

Stefanie Velez – Lay Reader

Edwin Velez – 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

INTERNATIONAL CONCERT & DINNER

SATURDAY

MAY **16** 2026

4:00 P.M.

A free concert featuring
Chinese American Music Ensemble
Funds raised for local food banks

dinner tickets are: **\$14** for 13 and up
\$7 for children 6 to 12
children under 6 **free**

to purchase tickets please call August at
908 377-3469

for more details please visit
WWW.WILLOWGROVECHURCH.ORG



Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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