

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"
Exodus 17:5-7



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 34

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Leader: Fear the Lord, you his holy people,

All: for those who fear him lack nothing.

Leader: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

All: Let us praise the Lord whose eyes are on the righteous and listens to their cries.

†OPENING SONG “Our God Is Lifted Up”

Our God is lifted up midst the shouts of joy.

Our God is lifted up midst the sounding of the trumpet.

Our God is lifted up midst the shouts of joy.

Shout joyfully unto our God.

Shout joyfully unto our God.

Let the trumpet make a joyful noise.

Let us lift our hands and praise our God.

For our God is lifted up,

Our God is lifted up,

Our God is lifted up on high.

—by Tim Smith

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: 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 — 1 John 1:5-7

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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

“Big Things on Big Mountains” (Matthew 17)

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

- *The Session will hold a regular meeting on Sunday March 15 in Alexander Hall, following the morning worship service. All are invited to attend. A zoom link is available on request.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:14-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Stronger One”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

#155 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

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

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

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.

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Capo 3 D Dsus D Dsus D Bm7 A

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. *What truth can calm the trou- bled soul? God is good, God is good.*
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"

 D A/C# Bm G D/A A D

What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem - er's blood.
 And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.

 F#m Bm Em7 D/F# G

Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from his com-mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed,

 D/A A Bm G D/A A D Dsus D

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the Rock of Christ?
 and we will feast in end - less joy when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. —

 Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G

O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O — sing hal - le -

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

lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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

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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