

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
August 3, 2025
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*“Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices
and have clothed yourselves with the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.
In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!”*
Colossians 3:9-11



WELCOME Visitors and Guests!
We pray for God's blessing for us all
as we worship together today.
Please silence your cell phones,
wear your masks if you wish,
and pass the peace of Christ safely.

†Please rise in body or spirit.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

—from Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds —
his name is the Lord — and rejoice before him.

All: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.
Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.

All: Summon your power, O God; show us your strength, O God, as you have done before.

†OPENING SONG

“Rejoice In The Lord”

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| 1. Rejoice in the Lord. Rejoice in the Lord,
lift up your hands in jubilation;
Rejoice in the Lord, Rejoice in the Lord,
Rejoice in the God of our salvation. (2x) | 2. Give Him the glory, for He is our King;
We are His people his praises we sing.
(2x)
And again I say; |
| 3. Rejoice in the Lord. Rejoice in the Lord,
lift up your hands in jubilation;
Rejoice in the Lord, Rejoice in the Lord,
Rejoice in the God of our salvation. | |

Words and music by Russell Lowe

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION —based on Romans 8:39

Leader: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON —Ezekiel 36

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your 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

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!

What's Ahead at Willow Grove

- *Our next Evening Summer Service will be on August 17th at 5:00 PM, followed by a potluck dinner in Ryno Hall—all are welcome!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 42:1-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Joseph’s Dreams Come True”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

#384 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

WE FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: ... Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.:

All: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Minister: Christ is the bread of life:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,

until you come in glory.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Gracious God, we thank you for the love that brings us food from heaven, gives us the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth. Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of his Holy Spirit, we may continue his work in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

OFFERING

† 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal His glory among all nations,

All: Hear us as we pray for Your church. Bless the teaching and preaching of your word that those who hear may be built up in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pray silently for the Church.)

Leader: Lord God of our fathers, who has promised to take care of our every need,

All: Give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons. Grant all in authority over us wisdom and strength to honor Your will through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pray silently for our world.)

Leader: Most merciful Father, comfort all who believe the good news of Your grace.

All: We pray for all who are distressed: the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those afflicted in body and mind. Comfort and relieve them according to Your power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pray silently for all who suffer.)

Leader: And now, as our Savior taught us, let us humbly 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

†SONG OF DEPARTURE

“Behold the Lamb”

(Please see page 8 for words and music)

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth proclaiming our Savior's death until he comes.

All: Thanks be to God.

BEHOLD THE LAMB

F²/A G/B C Dm⁷ C/E G C/E F²

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
 2. The bod - y of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
 3. The blood that cleans-es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
 4. And so with thank-ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

4 C/G G^{7sus} G⁷ F²/A G/B C Dm⁷ C/E G C/E

And we re-mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -
 Eat and re-mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
 Drink and re-mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
 and to re-mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

7 F² G^{7sus} G⁷ C C/E F² C²/E Fmaj⁷ G² C/E

-give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 -ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro -

11 F² C²/E F² G C/E F² C²/E Fmaj⁷ G^{7sus} G⁷

drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace
 -claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

15 F²/A Fmaj⁷ G⁷ C² C²/F

a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.

18 C² C²/F C²

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
Helena, Mavis, Sandra, Lorraine, Irany, Carol, and Bill*

Today's Worship Assistants

Bill Buchanan – Lay Reader

Sue Buchanan – 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@willongrovechurch.org or contacting the church office

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church holds CCLI license #3219335

For women seeking a space to explore life.

Support Group

Our group *explores*

Combating **anxiety** and
navigating life's daily
challenges.

This group provides a
supportive space for
women to **connect**,
share experiences, and
learn coping skills,
strategies, and
effective interventions.



Counseling Centers for Human Development
Scotch Plains, NJ

Be part of the *conversation*

This group is facilitated
by a **licensed mental
health provider**. We
offer a safe environment
to explore personal
issues, build self-
awareness, and develop
resilience.

When and Where

Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm
Beginning Mid **August**

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Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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