

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.*

Psalm 104:30



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

—taken from Psalm 18

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say...

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say...

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

†OPENING SONG

“Behold, God Is My Salvation”

Behold God is my salvation
I will trust and will not be afraid
For the Lord my God
Is my strength and my song
He also has become my salvation
For the Lord my God
Is my strength and my song
He also has become my salvation

(Chorus)

La la la la la

(Words and Music by Stuart Dauermann)

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

—based on John 14:15-17, 21

Leader: Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command. and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

—Romans 5:1-2, 5

Leader: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

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

“Better Than Gold” (Acts 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.*

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

- *Lumos Candlelight Concert, Friday, June 5th, 2 sittings: 7-8 pm & 9-10 pm*
- *The youth will lead the service on June 14th for Youth Sunday at Willow Grove.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:16-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Walk by the Spirit”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

#316 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Wind of the Spirit, blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith. Re-awaken our love for you and give us energy to serve you in Christ’s Church. Help us recognize needs for ministry and mission, and equip us to meet new challenges in ways we haven’t dared before. Give us strength for the tasks to which we are called, both collectively and individually, and breathe through us in prayer and praise. Spirit of Power and Promise,

All: Move within us and renew our faith.

Leader: Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding for the challenges facing our communities and your creation in these complex times. Transform us as disciples who give faithful witness to you and your love. Spirit of Power and Promise,

All: Move within us and renew our faith.

Leader: Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment, for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief, and for those who face pressures coping with the cost of living. Spirit of Power and Promise,

All: Move within us and renew our faith.

Leader: Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus. Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers, equipped to serve the world you love in his name, warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ and dare us to live lives of loving service in his name as together we say the words he taught us:

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

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, Breathe new life in - to my will - ing soul.
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; May Your joy be seen in all I do.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, Giv - ing life to all that God has made,

Bring the pre - sence of the ris - en Lord To re - new my heart and make me whole.
 Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin In each thought and deed and at - ti - tude,
 Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth; Cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I can - not see;
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, Gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
 Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise. Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice

Give me pass - ion for Your pu - r - ity. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
 Turn my striv - ing in - to works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
 That in un - i - ty the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see.

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.



Our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

📅 Tuesday, June 16

🕒 11:00am

📍 FPUC Headquarters
905 Watchung Ave
Plainfield, NJ 07060

📞 Hosted by Family Promise Union County
908-289-7300 x208

📱 Scan to RSVP

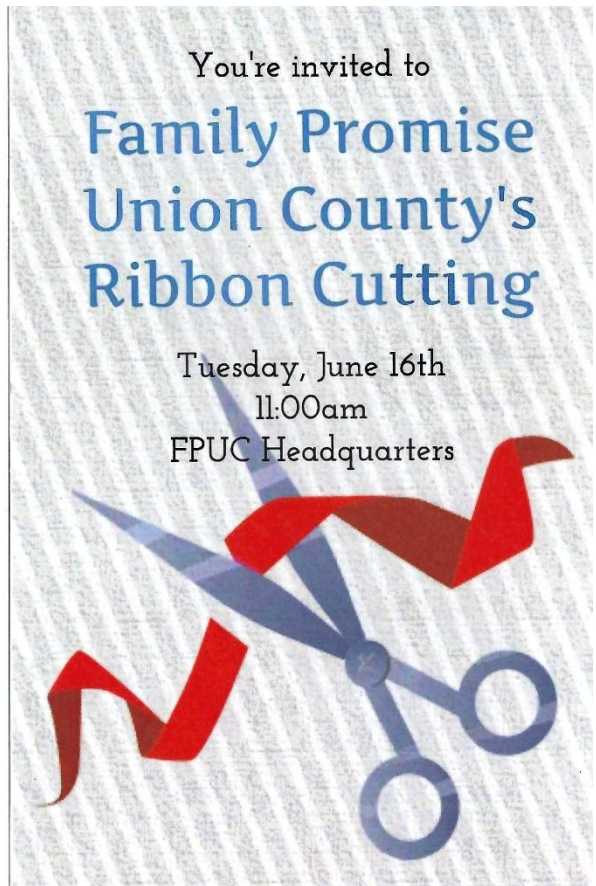


📌 Additional Information

Join us for a celebratory hour, take a tour of our new home, and meet the leadership and staff of Family Promise Union County.

RSVP's are helpful. Email Diane Esty at desty@familypromiseuc.org by June 10th to confirm your attendance.

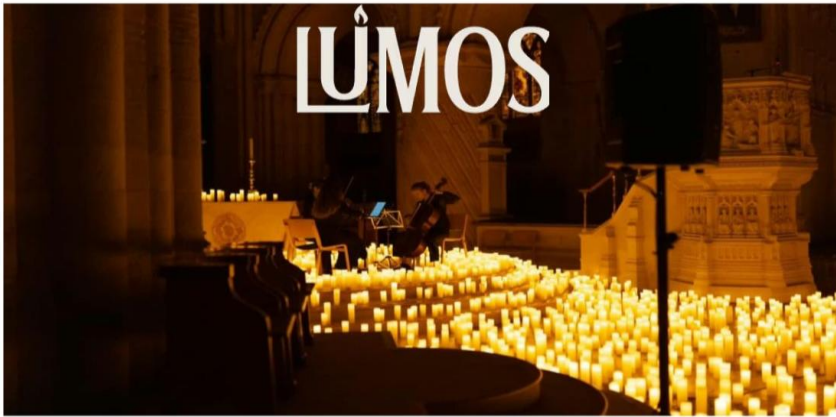
On-street parking is available, with overflow parking in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church parking lot located on First Place.



RSVP: DESTY@FAMILYPROMISE.UC.ORG BY JUNE 10, 2026

Contact Bonnie Ruggiero

Carpooling is suggested; Bonnie and August are traveling by train on 5/20/2026 to visit with their son and grandchildren.



A Vivaldi & Mozart Candlelight Experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting
indoor setting

**Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076**

Friday June 5th

2 Sittings: 7-8PM|9-10PM



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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 and Frank*

*Healing prayers for
Andy, August, Sandra, Lorraine, Irany, Carol, Gary, Olivia, Ed, Sue, and Fred*

Today's Worship Assistants

Edwin Velez – 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

Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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