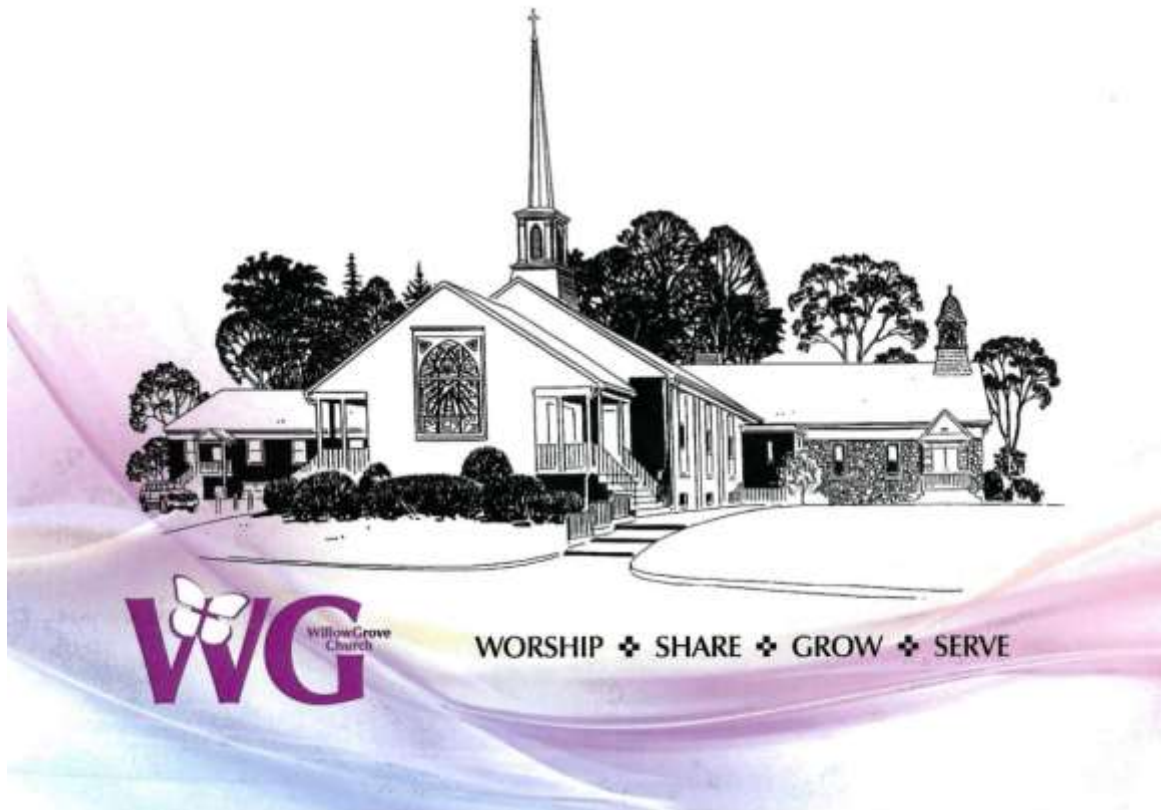


**Willow Grove Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, January 14, 2024**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

*“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”*  
*Titus 2:11-13*



WELCOME Visitors and Guests!  
We pray 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.

† *You are invited to stand or sit as the Spirit leads.*

**We Gather in God’s Name**

**Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 72:1-5

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son.  
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

**All: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.**

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

**All: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

† **Opening Song**

“The Name Of The Lord”

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High. *(repeat)*

*(chorus)*

The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
The righteous run into it and they are saved

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Word and Music by: Clinton Utterbach

**We Come before God to Confess**

**Invitation to Confession**                      based on John 3:19  
Leader: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession**  
**All: Eternal Light, shine in our hearts;**  
**Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;**  
**Eternal Power, be our support;**  
**Eternal Wisdom, scatter the shadows of our ignorance;**  
**Eternal Compassion, have mercy on us,**  
**that with heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face**  
**and be brought by your infinite mercy to the Holy Presence,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**                      1 John 1:5-7  
Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses 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.  
*(Words & music by Ken Medema @1973 Hope Publishing Company)*

**We Receive God’s Word**

**Message for Youth**  
  
**News For Our Community**    Lay Leader

***This Week at Willow Grove***

***What’s Ahead at Willow Grove***

- Thursday Bible Study meets weekly at 10:30. You may participate in person or virtually.
- MLK Day Of Service: Please join us on Monday, January 15th for a drop-in event at the church from 11:30am - 3:00pm to make sandwiches.
- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield's 37th Annual Interfaith Commemorative Service will be Monday, January 15, 2024, at 1:00 PM, at the First United Methodist Church.

**Scripture Reading**                      Ruth 4:13-17  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      “Kinsman Redeemer”                      Rev. Se Hyuk Park

**† Song of Response**    #341 “Blessed Assurance”

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
  
Leader: Let us pray to God asking for strength, because apart from him we can do nothing.  
**All: Dear God, help us love your ways. May we trust that following you is best for us even when we must deny ourselves.**  
*(Please pray silently for our struggle against sin.)*  
Leader: Lord, in your mercy  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Help us love our families and friends  
**All: Provide opportunity for reconciliation where needed, and may we not take for granted those who are close.**  
*(Please pray silently for wholeness in our relationships.)*  
Leader: Lord, in your mercy  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Help us love our enemies.

**All: May we seek to live peaceably with all people.**

*(Please pray silently for peace.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Help us love our community.

**All: May we care for the poor, oppressed, and lonely.**

*(Please pray silently that we would be a blessing to our community.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we love you and thank you that you have made your life with us.

**All: Help us to see and understand that without you we can do nothing. May we grow in our dependence, trust, and faith.**

Leader: And teach us to pray as You taught Your disciples to pray, saying:

**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 #455 “All Creatures of our God and King”**

#### **Benediction**

May Christ, the Son of God,

be manifest in you,

that your lives may be a light to the world;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

#### **The Dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.



**Willow Grove Mission Statement**  
Reflecting God's love, we love and serve all neighbors.  
With God guiding us, we are called to be an intergenerational  
Christian community helping people

***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 & Cathy*

*Healing prayers for  
David, Dorothea, Mavis, Sandra, Lorraine and Irany*

***Today's Worship Assistants***

*Stefanie Velez – Lay Reader*

*Karen Wirth - Greeter*

*We thank all our volunteers who make our service welcoming.*

*Doris Dias – secretary  
Office hours 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 sehyukp@gmail.com or contacting the church office*

**SESSION ELDERS**

Mavis Amaning (Communications)  
Linda DiDario (Administration/Spiritual Growth)  
Beth Klingelhofer (Worship)  
Sue Palmer (Congregational Life)  
Bonnie Ruggiero (Clerk/Mission)  
Stefanie Velez (Legal and Finance/Buildings and Grounds)  
August Ruggiero (Outreach)

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