



*Jesus
& Lives!*

*Let us
rejoice!*

Christ is risen from the dead. I CORINTHIANS 15:20 (NKJV)



Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2026
The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Day)

*So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

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

Leader: Christ our Lord has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who
have fallen asleep.

People: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Leader: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

People: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.

Leader: Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven. Let us worship the living King.

People: Alleluia! Let us praise His holy name!

†OPENING SONG

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic - es, Christ has con- quered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp - ty now, its mouth de - clares:
3. Hear the earth pro - test and trem-ble, see the stone re - moved with pow'r;
4. Doubt may lift its head to mur- mur, scoff- ers mock and sin - ners jeer;
5. We ac - claim your life, O Je - sus, now we sing your vic - to - ry;

Sing as all the earth re - joic - es; res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.
 “Death and I could not con - tain him, for the throne of life he shares.”
 all hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble, but can - not with - stand his hour.
 but the truth pro - claims a won - der thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con - quest keeps us free.

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 He has con - quered, he has con - quered, Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!
 He is ris - en, he is ris - en, now re - ceive the ris - en King!
 Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION —2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Leader: As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON —1 Peter 1:18-21

Leader: You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Trumpet Voluntary” (John Stanley)

Florian Schantz, trumpet

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Burning Hearts, Open Eyes”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Michelle Larbi, Rachel Park, Aiden Velez

Questions for the candidates

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God sent to redeem the world; do you love and trust him as the one who saves you from sin; and do you, with repentance and joy, embrace him as the Lord of your life?

I do, with God's help.

Do you believe that the Bible is the Word of God revealing Christ and his redemption, and that the confessions of this church faithfully reflect this revelation?

I do, with God's help.

Do you accept the gracious promises of God sealed to you in your baptism, and do you affirm your union with Christ and his church, which your baptism signifies?

I do, with God's help.

Do you promise to accept the spiritual guidance of the church in a spirit of Christian love and participate in its worship, fellowship, and mission?

I do, with God's help.

Question for the congregation

Do you promise to love and support these brothers and sisters with your prayers, encouragement, and example?

We do.

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: ... And so, with all who have gone before us, with all who seek your truth, and with all creation that sings your praise, we lift our voices and join the song of heaven:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Minister: ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: ... Send us out now as a people who live by your promise, who trust your power to make all things new, and who follow Christ in the way of life.

**All: Ground us in your grace. Grow us in your love. Lead us on your way.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, You rose in victory over death and the grave, and you have brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

All: We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in sickness, in fear and anxiety, in distress, and in need.

(Pray silently for those who suffer.)

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, You rose from death in triumph over evil and oppression:

All: We ask you to restrain the wickedness in our community and nation.

We ask you to destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit.

We pray that you would protect us from the temptations, lies and accusations of the devil.

(Pray silently for the coming of Jesus' kingdom.)

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, You rose from death to reconcile us to God:

All: We pray for our friends who do not yet know you; We pray for the deepening of our faith in the gospel of grace.

(Pray silently for the spread of the gospel.)

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you 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

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BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.



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, Sue, and Frank*

Today's Worship Assistants

Linda DiDario – Lay Reader

Edwin Velez – Greeter

We thank all our volunteers who make our service welcoming.

Richard Corretore, Lowell Schantz, and Florian Schantz – Guest musicians

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



Easter Flowers

Name	Tulips	Lilies
Linda & Paul DiDario - In celebration of Willow Grove Youth	2	
Sue Palmer - In memory of parents Bill and Nancy Godfrey and husband Jim Palmer	1	1
Wilma Sinnock – In celebration of my wonderful church family	1	1
<p style="text-align: center;">Judy Murphy – In memory of: Walt Murphy –husband Charles and Betty Howard – father & mother Ryan Howard – brother Ann Baker – friend</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And in celebration of the ministry of Pastor Se Hyuk Ministry at Willow Grove</p>	4	2
Beth Klingelhofer – in remembrance of Jim Wightman		2
Trudy Kligelhofer – in memory of Al Klingelhofer		1
Karen Wirth – In celebration of our church family	1	1
Stefanie Velez – in celebration of Easter	1	1
Rachel Dias - In celebration of family	2	
Doris Dias – In celebration of family and blessings received	2	2

Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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