

**Willow Grove Presbyterian Church**  
**February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

*For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,  
but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,  
but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
1 Corinthians 1:22-24*



**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 Isaiah 40

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**All: He does not grow tired or weary, and his understanding is  
unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even  
youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

**All: But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; They will  
soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will  
walk and not be faint.**

#### †OPENING SONG

“He Reigns on High”

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty. He reigns on high.

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty. He reigns on high.

One thing have I desired O Lord.

That I may dwell in Your house forever,

that I may always see Your beauty,

and know the Fullness of Your power.

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty He reigns on high.

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty He reigns on high.

Praise the Lord!

—Steve Young

## **WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful in our relationship with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our relationship with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

—Romans 8:1-2

Leader: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

### **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**

“The Best is Yet to Come” (Mark 6)

***This Week at Willow Grove***

- *Join us for our weekly prayer meetings! The Zoom link is 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***

- *We will hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2026, immediately following worship. The agenda includes electing new Session members and trustees, approving the Pastor's Terms of Call, and receiving the 2026 budget. A Zoom option will be available for those unable to attend in person.*
- *February 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 pm*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 15:8-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Found in the Dark”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

**†SONG OF RESPONSE**

#298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**WE FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,**

Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

#### **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 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: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death;  
rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 AFTER COMMUNION

**All: Holy God, nourished by this table, send us into the world to build  
your Beloved Community with courage, compassion, and hope.  
Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to You in His name.

**All: Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve Your will and show Your steadfast love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Please pray silently for the world.)*

Leader: Merciful God, You bear the pain of the world.

**All: Look with compassion on those who are suffering and those who are sick; cheer them by Your Word, and bring healing as a sign of Your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Please pray silently for those who sorrow.)*

Leader: Gracious God, You have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ.

**All: Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together, and proclaiming the good news to the world, that all may believe You are love, turn to Your ways, and live in the light of Your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Please pray silently for the church.)*

Leader: Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray, teach us to pray as our Savior taught us, 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**

“Behold the Lamb”

### **BENEDICTION**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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# BEHOLD THE LAMB

F<sup>2</sup>/A                      G/B            C            Dm<sup>7</sup>   C/E            G            C/E            F<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>7sus</sup>    G<sup>7</sup>    F<sup>2</sup>/A                      G/B            C            Dm<sup>7</sup>   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    F<sup>2</sup>            G<sup>7sus</sup>    G<sup>7</sup>            C                      C/E            F<sup>2</sup>                      C<sup>2</sup>/E Fmaj<sup>7</sup>    G<sup>2</sup>    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    F<sup>2</sup>                      C<sup>2</sup>/E    F<sup>2</sup>            G            C/E            F<sup>2</sup>                      C<sup>2</sup>/E Fmaj<sup>7</sup>    G<sup>7sus</sup>    G<sup>7</sup>

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    F<sup>2</sup>/A                      Fmaj<sup>7</sup>    G<sup>7</sup>                      C<sup>2</sup>                      C<sup>2</sup>/F

a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
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18    C<sup>2</sup>                      C<sup>2</sup>/F                      C<sup>2</sup>

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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*

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

## ***Today's Worship Assistants***

*Bill Buchanan – Lay Reader*

*Karen Wirth – 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](mailto: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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