

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
January 11, 2026
First Sunday after the Epiphany

*And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,
suddenly the heavens were opened to him
and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.
And a voice from the heavens said,
"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:16-17*



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 Psalm 34:1-4, 8

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: O taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

All: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

†OPENING SONG “Everlasting”

Everlasting, never changing,
Always knowing, knowing all.
You are Lord, You are God most high.
You are Lord, You are God most high.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

—Rick Founds

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: 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

—Daniel 9:9, 18

Leader: To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, even though we have rebelled against him ... O God, we do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.

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

“Send Us to the Pigs!” (Mark 5)

NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lay Reader

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!

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

All: give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

“Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me”

Please see page 6 for words and music

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem-er. There is no more for heav-en now to
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my side the Sav-ior, he will
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu-ture sure, the price, it has been
4. With ev-'ry breath I long to fol-low Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me



give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and free-dom, my stead fast love, my deep and bound-less
stay. I lab-or on in weak-ness and re - joic-ing, for in my need, his pow-er is dis-
paid. For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my par-don, and he was raised to o - verr-throw the
home. And day by day I know he will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the



peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus For my life is whol-ly bound to
played. To this I hold: my Shepherd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val-ley he will
grave. To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev-er, is my
throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, All the glo - ry ev-er-more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall ov - er-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
him. When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re-peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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, and Olivia*

Today's Worship Assistants

Stefanie Velez – 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 Whiteburst – Custodian

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Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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