

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)* - Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God! With the Angels and hosts, we praise!

With the sun and moon, we praise!

With the fire and hail, we praise!

With the frost and snow, we praise!

With the mountains and valleys, we praise!

With the skies and the seas, we praise!

Praise God!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of abundance, You graciously provide for all Your children. Open our hearts, our hands, and our homes to all of Your creation, our adopted family, bound together not by biology or marriage, location or government, but by the richness of Your grace in Jesus Christ, sealed with the promise of Your Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words, and in whose power we pray. Amen.

* HYMN 115 (GTG Hymnal) • *Away in a Manger*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even in a season of celebration and joy, there is grief and pain. Even as we celebrate God's goodness, we know that we have not always lived it. Even in all of this, Christ comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, Your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what You have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with Your knowledge, so we may help bring forth Your peaceful kingdom. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ came into this world for us: imperfect humans, perpetual sinners, trying, learning, striving. He came to be tested, so that He might help us as we are tested, to forgive us all of our sins.

Praise be to our merciful and faithful high priest!

* RESPONSE • *Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High* **Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Silent Night* (GTG Hymnal 122, Verse 2)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 18:20-21

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 5:12

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"PROMISES IN THE NEW YEAR" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *In the Bleak Midwinter* - Trad.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (GTG Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Adapted from the Presbyterian Church Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

By intinction—please move to the front of the church at the direction of the ushers; please break off a piece of bread, then dip it in the cup before partaking; please return to your seats via the side aisles. If you need to be served at your seat, please notify an usher.

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

* HYMN 132 (GTG Hymnal) • *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • Toccata on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - Bish

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

LITURGIST: Pat Morgan

MUSICIANS: Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organ
Sandra Shafer, Soprano

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Carissa Taylor

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Syd Davis in celebration with love for Rick Davis on his birthday.

ANTHEM TEXT

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. He came to His own, and His own received Him not.

MUSIC

Our CCLI License number is 11184426; OneLicense.net number is 725233. Our CVLI License number is 505405959.

WORSHIP AIDS

Assistive hearing devices are available from an audio/visual technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

✠ COMMUNICATION INFORMATION ✠

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, please contact us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at darrenb@winppc.org or 407-647-1467 x 103. For pastoral emergencies when the church office is closed, call 407-647-1467 x 112.

PUBLICITY

If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please fill out the publicity request form located at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! Worship services are also available online. Sermons can be found at www.winppc.org/sermons.

THE BIBLE RECAP GROUP

Have you ever wanted to read the whole Bible? Did you start January 1st, and get bogged down quickly with the genealogies or pronouncing all those names? Or maybe it's just been a while and you'd like to try a new plan in 2023? If you're interested, sign up to be part of the *Bible Recap Group*. This chronological Bible reading plan covers the books of the Bible in timeline order. You will follow up your day's reading with a brief podcast (or video) from *The Bible Recap*. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet together after church to share insights or questions. Don't stress out about technology. We will meet in late January and get set up so you are ready to begin in February (taking some of the holiday/new year pressure off by starting the plan in February). To sign up call or email: Cathy House at 407-568-4254, or email: cathymh284@aol.com.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

We are asking for families or small groups to "host" a couple Sundays each year. All supplies are provided, including donuts. You would make the coffee prior to the service, be there to serve after the 10:30 service, and then provide basic cleanup. There will be written instructions for the coffee pot in the kitchen. To look at the available Sundays, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A8A92FA1F49-fellowship>

Questions? You can email Lisa Dreasher (lisa.dreasher@gmail.com) or Syd Davis (susieydavis@gmail.com) or catch us after church. There is also a paper sign-up available, and Lisa will enter it on the computer side so you get a reminder.

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN ROOM 301

1/8: Society of St. Andrew (SoSA)

Come learn about gleaning and how excess fresh produce from Florida growers is being salvaged to feed the hungry. Kelly Stainer, Regional Director of The Society of St. Andrew, will share with us the work of SoSA and tell us about any volunteer gleaning opportunities in the farm fields of Winter Park.



NOTES



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2023
COMMUNION SUNDAY



The Session

2022	2023	2024
Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean
Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig
Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach
Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago
Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel

The Diaconate

2022	2023	2024
Jane Munns	Ron Ellman	Ardyth Austin
Rachel Myers	Betty Johnston	Lisa Dreasher
Christine Rich	Sevilla Morse	Jerry Fitzgerald
Meg Ball Thomas	Cynthia Nants	Nancy Galyean
Jeanne Vinci	Jyme Smith	Andy Riccio

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, *Wycliffe*, Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)*, Guatemala

PC(USA) World Missions

Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Kenny Lovelace, Sexton
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant	