

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Roulade on We Three Kings* - Barr (10:30)

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine: for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

**We come to this space, following the star, seeking a miracle.**

You will see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice  
**for here we find a prophecy fulfilled, and a mystery revealed!**

#### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of the sunrise and the evening star, You have revealed to us Your love in Jesus Christ: a love so long expected yet so surprising in its unfolding. Gather us from near and far. Awaken us to Your unexpected revelation, the justice of Your slow-dawning kin-dom, the mystery of Your boundless invitation. Shine through us, that all people would be drawn to Your light in us through Jesus Christ, in whom we have access to You in boldness and confidence through faith to pray. Amen.**

#### \* HYMN 744 (GTG Hymnal) • *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when God's light gives us a clear path to follow, we find ourselves wandering in the wilderness. We do not need to hide from the light; we can come before God with every part of our lives, that we may be restored to God's way for us.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One of Israel, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to Your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do Your will. Amen.**  
*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God calls to us from wherever we are. God's love shines like a beacon.  
God's voice echoes in our souls,  
**"You are forgiven!"**

#### \* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (GTG Hymnal 581)

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* (GTG Hymnal 183, Verse 1)

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-14

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

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:8-13

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

#### SERMON

"Father of the Faithful" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

#### \* THE REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *For All That You Have Done* - arr. Sorenson (10:30)

#### \* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (GTG Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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 96 (GTG HYMNAL) • *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

#### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *March of the Wisemen* - Black (10:30)

## **✠ SERVING TODAY ✠**

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

**LITURGIST:** Jim Esch (8:15)  
Phyllis Woods (10:30)

**MUSICIANS:** Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)  
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)  
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

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

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## **✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠**

#### 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.

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## **✠ COMMUNICATION INFORMATION ✠**

#### PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, please reach out to us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at 407-647-1467 or [darrenb@winppc.org](mailto:darrenb@winppc.org). 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 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](http://www.winppc.org/sermons).

**CONCERT SERIES—GOSPEL MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 3PM**

WPPC members and guests will have the unique opportunity of welcoming the combined forces of the Maynard Evans High School Gospel Choir, directed by Ms. Edith Wright, and the Gospel and Cultural Choir of the University of Central Florida. Be prepared to be energized for the new year ahead! Add some sparkle to your New Year by joining us! A meet and greet reception will follow the concert, which is free and open to the public.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lisa.dreasher@gmail.com)) or Syd Davis ([susieydavis@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**1/15: Spiritual Conversation with Jim Esch**

Jim's topic will be Grace Revealed: Justification and Sanctification (explained through Romans).

**FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate flowers for the weekly worship service in honor of/in memory of someone special or of a special occasion, please pick a date and put your name on the sign-up chart located in front office hallway by the double doors leading to the sanctuary. When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION**

We are pleased to have an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. An authorization form is available from the church office and can be returned to Carolyn Achenbach. You can also securely set up one-time and recurring giving on our website at [winppc.org/give](http://winppc.org/give) and clicking "Member Giving."

**NOTES**



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2023



<b>The Session</b>		
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

<b>The Diaconate</b>		
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

<b>Missions Supported by WPPC</b>	
Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine	Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , Asia	Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala	
<b>PC(USA) World Missions</b>	
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica	Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

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