



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 3, 2021



World

COMMUNION SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION • Sara Van Arsdel

PRELUDE • *Panis Angelicus (Bread of Heaven)* - Franck

* CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

PRAYER OF ADORATION—Selected Verses Psalm 145

I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made. All Your works praise You, Lord. My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise the Lord forever. Amen.

HYMN 289 • *O God of Every Nation*

CALL OF CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, I love You and my neighbor. However, there are times when I can't think about anything but myself, my problems, my challenges, my struggles and of course my limitations. I confess, there are times I look around the world and wonder, where are You? There are relationships that are broken in my life. There are people who have hurt my feelings and I can't seem to move beyond the pain.

I too, have hurt people - and on top of that - there are broken systems, people are wounded, injustice slides by - it's disgusting and its tolerated. The worst thing is, those who hurt the most are blamed and shoved aside. Lord, it's a mess. Please, remind me once again of Your unfailing love, and that You are good, sovereign and mighty to save. Holy Spirit, please come into my life, and once again clean up the mess I and others have made.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Isaiah 53:1-5

He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

In Jesus Christ We are forgiven.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri*

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 7:1-3

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Peter 5:6-11

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

SERMON

"ESTHER" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • ***Come, Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy***

I will arise and go to Jesus;

He will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior,

O there are ten thousand charms.

* 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 triune 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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Hine Ma Tov - Allan Naplan*

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 142 • *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • Toccata on "O God Our Help in Ages Past - Burkhardt

NOTES

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser

LITURGIST

Rusty Baldwin

MUSICIANS

Director of Music: Justin Chase

Organist: Penny Walsh

Meg Ball Thomas, Flute; Daniel Gonzalez, Clarinet; Jeremiah Gonzalez, Trumpet

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Penny Walsh and Ryan Manning in loving memory of our beloved son & brother, Gregory E. Manning.

ANTHEM TEXT

Hine Ma Tov (sung in Hebrew)

Behold, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace.

MUSIC

Our CCLI License number is 11184426, and our OneLicense.net number is 725233.

☞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☜

Welcome

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! We will continue to offer our worship services online. Sermons can be found at www.winppc.org/sermons.

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family and friends of George Campbell, who passed September 27th. He was a Parish Associate here for many years. George and Martha moved to Oklahoma a couple of years ago to be near their daughter. Please keep Martha and their family in your prayers.

Congregational meeting—October 10th

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, October 10. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the new classes of officers to serve as Deacons and Elders. Biographies for each nominee are available in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15 AM Service Resumes

The 8:15 AM Worship Service is back! The service will resume on October 17th in the Chapel.

Peacemaking Offering TODAY

Today is World Communion Sunday and we will receive the Peacemaking Offering. Our PC (USA) partners will receive 75% of this offering to be shared with many around the world; the remaining 25% will stay in our own community and support *IDignity*, where volunteers help the needy in our community obtain their personal identification so they can access various aspects of daily living-- voting, access to banking, secure housing, become more self-sufficient, etc. Thank you for your generosity to help those less fortunate than we are. "As you have done for the least of these, you have done for me." ~ Compassion Committee

RIP Medical Debt

Our RIP Medical Debt campaign is well underway. We need less than \$2,000 to meet our \$10,000 goal to help our neighbors in need by relieving medical debt in Orange and Seminole counties. Let's help our neighbors have a wonderful Thanksgiving by relieving their medical debt!

Donations may be made on our crowdfunding page <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/orange-and-seminole-county-florida/>. They may also be made by check payable to RIP Medical Debt. Be sure to note on the memo line that the check is for the Winter Park Presbyterian Church Campaign. Checks may be dropped in the collection plate, given to Carolyn in the church office or mailed to RIP Medical Debt at 80 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, New York 10580.

RIP Medical Debt empowers donors to forgive billions in oppressive medical debt. They purchase the debt at pennies on the dollar making it possible for a \$100 donation to forgive \$10,000 in medical debt. This campaign provides us with the opportunity to make a little go a long way in following Jesus' instructions to care for those less fortunate.

For more information on RIP Medical Debt go to <https://ripmedicaldebt.org>.

Relationships in Action - Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM in Room 301

October 10 - *Paying for Our Sins: Alternative Narratives*

Jay Van Hook will lead us in examining different theories concerning the meaning of Christ's death on the cross as payment for our sins.

Seekers Class - Sunday Mornings at 9:15 in Room 315

What happened in the early days of Christianity from about 100 AD to 400 AD.? There were many leaders, both men and women, during this time, and their writings are available to us today. Have you heard of Tertullian, Pelagius, Blandina or Helena ... probably not. Come join the Seekers Class any Sunday and participate in a discussion led by Terry Irwin and Marilyn Bryant. Your faith will be enriched. (Bonus: Occasionally there are also donuts.)

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 the hallway of the front office. When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in.

Worship Aids

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

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 form located at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/>.

Transportation for Church Events

If you are in need of transportation to a church event, please contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your need.

| <i>The Session</i> | | | <i>The Diaconate</i> | | |
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| <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| Phillip Anderson III | Theresa Coker | Syd Davis | Mike Galyean | Susan Davis | Ron Ellman |
| Lisa Dreasher | Bonnie Gaughan | Fred Kittinger | Reta Jackson | Jane Munns | Betty Johnston |
| Jayne Leach | Fran Morrissey | Malcolm MacDiarmid | Julie Kent | Rachel Myers | Sevilla Morse |
| Shaheed Mohammed | Michele Trahan | Jim McKinney | Curtis Koon | Christine Rich | Cynthia Nants |
| Nelson Roe | Jay Van Hook | Dawn Sumrall | Sara Van Arsdel | Dennis Schmalstig | Jyme Smith |
| | | | Jeanne Vinci | Meg Ball Thomas | |

Staff

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| The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor | Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant |
| The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor | Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant |
| Justin Chase, Director of Music | Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant |
| Penny Walsh, Organist | Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs |
| Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music | Kenny Lovelace, Sexton |

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, East 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

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