

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Today we welcome Barbara Sayles, Janie Clark Mach, and Phoebe Clark Drew-Bell. They will share with us how your church pledges help support international ministries like Scripture Union Peru and the Camp Kusi Mission for abandoned and at-risk children.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS – THURS OCT 15, 11:30 A.M.

Please join the Neighbors and Friends monthly gathering. We will have a catered lunch at the cost of \$15, followed by a special program. Our program will be presented by Mike Galyean, a member of WPPC. Mike will share the history of the Presbyterian Church with us. This program is timely as on Sun. Oct 25, we will celebrate our Presbyterian heritage with the "Kirkin' o' the Tartans." Mike is a wonderful presenter, and his love and knowledge of Presbyterian tradition and heritage will make this a program you will not want to miss. Reservations must be made by Mon, Oct 12. Please call the church office or add your name to the sheet located on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Because we must give the caterer a final headcount in advance, please note that RSVPs are a commitment to pay. If your plans change, let us know by Oct 12 by calling the church office or texting Paula at 407-782-5621 so we don't have to use church ministry funds to cover empty seats. You are welcome to bring your own meal or just come for the program.

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 A.M. IN RM 315

We are beginning a new Bible study on Christian Community and welcome you to join us 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the History Room (315) at any time during this ten-week study. Learn about the foundation of a Christian Community and several of its characteristics.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - BEGINS OCT 6, 2PM IN ROOM 301

Phyllis Woods will be leading a Women’s Bible Study every Tuesday afternoon in October. The first class is Oct 6. This is a four-week study and each week they will look at some of the Psalms of David.

PASTORAL SURVEY

Last spring the congregation was invited to take a short survey that gathered information about who we are as a congregation. The results of that survey were compiled and passed along to the Pastor Nominating Committee to help the PNC when it begins to search for the next installed pastor of the church. Now, we are inviting the congregation to take a follow-up (and final) survey that will answer the question of what we are looking for in our next installed pastor. What pastoral traits and characteristics are important to us here at Winter Park Presbyterian Church? What gifts and skills do we think our next installed pastor will need to help revitalize and grow our church in the years to come? Have a voice in the future of the church! Take the Pastoral Survey. It's easy to do online, takes only a few minutes, and is entirely confidential. The Pastoral Survey will open on Oct 2 and remain open until Oct 19. Let the PNC know what you think by completing the survey at <https://forms.gle/FuyooqSHuBVnwA2b8>.

THE COMPASSION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We support our partner church in Santa Clara, Cuba, Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, financially and by sending over-the-counter medicines. It has become increasingly difficult to communicate with these fellow Presbyterians. We need someone who speaks Spanish to assist us. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Galyean, Chair, Compassion Committee at nangalyean@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween Parade will take place on Oct 30 at 9:30am. If you would like to volunteer to pass out treats to the children, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the front office

UP NEXT . . .

- Tues, 10/6 2pm Women’s Bible Study, Rm 301
- Thurs, 10/8 4pm Budget/Finance Mtg, Rm 303
- Thurs, 10/8 6pm Worship Mtg, Library
- Thurs, 10/8 7pm Compassion Mtg, Zoom
- Fri, 10/9 5pm Kid’s Night Out, FH
- Sun, 10/11 11:45am CE Mtg, Rm 303
- Sun, 10/11 11:45am CLOC Mtg
- Sun, 10/11 11:45am Personnel Mtg, Rm 315
- Sun, 10/11 1:30pm Line Dancing, FH
- Mon, 10/12 6pm Hannah Circle, Rm 301
- Tues, 10/13 2pm Women’s Bible Study, Rm 301
- Wed, 10/14 10am PS Board Mtg, Rm 301
- Thurs, 10/15 11:30am Neighbors & Friends Lunch, FH

The Session			The Diaconate		
2026	2027	2028	2026	2027	2028
Syd Davis	Maria Garton	Rusty Baldwin	Meg Baldwin	Marilyn Bryant	Sue Howard
Betty Johnston	Lil Rea	Steve House	Ernestine Beattie	Cynthia Nants	Lynne McKnight
Shaheed Mohammed	Phyllis Woods	Jayne Leach	Debby Roberts	Robert Nevill	Debbie Pauzar
Nelson Roe		Ron Thompson	Jeanne Vinci	Paula Smathers	Frances Swope
Local Outreach Supported by WPPC					
Coalition for Women & Families Coalition for Homeless of Central FL-General Christian Service Center Health Care Center for Homeless Hope CommUnity Center Idignity Parramore Kidz Zone SALT Outreach, Inc. (Serving and Love Together)					
International Missions Supported by WPPC					
Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine Dr. Anne Hallum,, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, <i>Ecological Sustainability</i> , Costa Rica Dan Turk, <i>Environmental Education</i> , Madagascar Elizabeth Turk, <i>Community Health & HIV/AIDS</i> , Madagascar <i>Scripture Union Mission</i> , Peru					
Staff					
Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor			Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant		
Justin Chase, Director of Music			Pattie Lavelle, Bookkeeper		
Penny Walsh, Organist			Jessica Grablewski, Children’s Ministry Coordinator		
Sandra Shafer, Pianist			Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs		
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells			Mark Greenleaf, Property Manager		



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ORDER OF WORSHIP	
* Please stand as you are able	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
MOMENT FOR MISSION (10:30)	
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	
PRELUDE • <i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> – Fischer/Tornquist (10:30)	
INTROIT • <i>Jesus, We are Here</i> (10:30)	
* CALL TO WORSHIP	
Praise the Lord who provides and sustains.	
The Lord is the one in whom we put our trust.	
Praise the Lord who creates and redeems.	
The Lord is our hope and our salvation. Let us worship God!	
* PRAYER OF ADORATION	
Holy God, our lives are yours. We thank you for being ever-present with us. We know that we are never alone. Renew our hearts, refresh our spirits, and help us walk in your ways. Give us the words of life that we may understand your ways and follow your truth, this day and every day. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.	
* HYMN • 410 <i>We Are Standing on Holy Ground</i> (8:15)	
391 <i>This Is the Day</i> (10:30)	
CALL TO CONFESSION	
With faith in Christ’s righteousness and confidence in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
Living God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant. Instead, we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interest before the interest of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to work for your good pleasure. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.	
(Continue with silent confession <i>and reflection</i> .)	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God.	
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.	
* RESPONSE • <i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymnal 581)	

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:30)

All children and youth are invited forward for a special message before heading to Children’s Church.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:16-20

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“GOD WITH US” • Rev. Melanie Ruta

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Together We Rise - Johnson (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Gluten and soy free elements are available. Please see the server in the center aisle.

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.

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SERVING GOD’S PEOPLE

* HYMN 547 • Go, My Children, with My Blessing

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE • Prelude and Fugue in d minor – J.S. Bach (10:30)

<u>☞ SERVING TODAY ☞</u>
OFFICIATING MINISTER
Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor
LITURGIST
Robert Nevill (8:15)
Phyllis Woods (10:30)
COMMUNION SERVERS
Rusty Balwin, Rick Davis, Syd Davis, Steve House, Fran Morrissey, Robert Nevill, Debbie Pauzar, Paula Smathers; Sara Van Arsdel (Gluten Free); Ron Thompson, Coordinator (10:30)
MUSICIANS
Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Penny Walsh, Organ
Dave Rea, Piano (10:30)
AUDIO/VISUAL
Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch (10:30)

<u>☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☞</u>
FLOWERS
The flowers today are given to the Glory of God Penny Walsh in memory of Greg’s birthday.
ANTHEM TEXT
We are many voices rising like the sun. Calling for a world where love will overcome. Different paths, but sharing one common light, moving as one toward higher heights! Tuko pamoja, we stand together. Tuna Imani, We walk in faith. Tuko pamoja, we stand together, one world, one hope, one song. We have braved the silence, we have heard the cries. Still we walk with purpose, we lift our voices high! No one left in shadows, everyone belongs, every soul a story, every cry a song. Tuko pamoja, we stand together. Tuna Imani, we walk in faith. Tuko pamoja, we stand together, one world, one hope, one song. We rise together, Tuko pamoja! United forever, Tuko pamoja! Tuko pamoja, we stand together! Tuna imani, we walk in faith! Tuko pamoja, we stand together. One world, one hope, one world, one hope, one world, one hope, one song. We stand together!
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WORSHIP AIDS
Assistive hearing devices are available from an audio/visual technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

<u>☞ COMMUNICATION INFORMATION ☞</u>
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.
PUBLICITY
If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please send an email to cindym@winppc.org .
WI-FI
Wi-Fi is available for everyone. You’re welcome to connect during your time with us. Network: WPPC_Guest / Password: Welcome2Home!