

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.

Contact: jasonm@winppc.org; 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/>. You can reach the Director of Communications at rians@winppc.org.

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.

The Session			The Diaconate		
2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Mike Galyean	Hal Eastburn	Will Lawrence	Howard Evans	Peggy Bargar	Nancy Appich
Terry Irwin	Reta Jackson	Will McCurdy	Curtis Harrison	Almeda Dean	Barbara Edwards
Jayne Leach	Don McCarter	Rachel Myers	Gary Henderson	Carol Howell	Bonnie Gaughan
Meg Ball Thomas	Debby Roberts	Dail Pribil	Allen Shaw	Betty Johnston	Fran Morrissey
Mary Van Hook	Sara Van Arsdel	Doug Reece	Jyme Smith	Sevilla Morse	Cynthia Nants
	Phyllis Woods	Debby Tallungan	Jeanne Vinci	Ginny Seel	Eileen Silvers

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Ball, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine
 Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine
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 Dr. Anne Hallum, *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)*, Guatemala

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Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell, Brazil; Jenny Bent, Dominican Republic;
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Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 17, 2017 • 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Jacopo da Pontormo, Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, 1527-1528

WELCOME TO WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you're a guest or a long-time member, we're glad you joined us in worship this morning to celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent.

Winter Park Presbyterian Church strives to be a community where we find new life by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. We seek to be a people who live out of God's redeeming grace, witnessing to the new life given by God by engaging in ministries of compassion and justice.

There are many opportunities here to connect with others. It is our hope that you find this church to be a place where you feel welcomed and equipped to grow in your Christian faith.



Jason T. Micheli
Senior Pastor

If You Are New Here

We invite you to write your name(s) in the red registration pad when it is passed down the pew. If you would like information on the ministries of this church, please include your contact information. Also, greeters and ushers at the entrances can provide you with information about our programs and volunteer opportunities. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in fellowship hall following the service.

Worship Aids

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

Worshiping with Children

Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. They are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment, following which they may return to sit with their families, or (Pre-K—3rd grade) leave for Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. In addition, childcare for preschool-age children is available in our nursery, room 608, during all services.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Elders are available to pray with you after the service, at the front of the sanctuary. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the back of the sanctuary) and give it to an usher.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 17

8:15 AM to 9:00 AM Worship Service, Chapel
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM Sunday School, Room 301
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:35 AM to 12:35 PM WPPC Ringers, Room 102
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting, Room 102
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Salt of the Earth Young Adult Group, Panera Bread, Winter Park
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Youth Group Ice Skating Party and Panera Dinner

Monday, December 18

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Library Open
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Women's Game Night, Parlor
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Room 204

Tuesday, December 19

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 301
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM History Committee Work Groups, Room 315
6:30 PM to 7:15 PM Children's Choir, Room 102
7:15 PM to 7:45 PM Youth Ensemble, Room 102

Wednesday, December 20

12:00 PM Bulletin Materials Due
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Worship Planning, Room 303
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Westminster Ringers, Bell Room
7:15 PM to 8:45 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 21

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Library Open
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Service of the Longest Night, Chapel

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:35 AM to 12:35 PM WPPC Ringers, Room 102
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting, Room 102
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Worship Service, Sanctuary
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service of the Longest Night this Thursday at 7 pm in the Chapel

The holidays can be a painful time for those experiencing loneliness and loss. A space is needed to acknowledge the sadness and concern that may be present. This service provides such a time of quiet reflection, special music, healing prayer, and candlelight. You may know others who would like to attend this service, invite them to come with you. Perhaps you just need a quiet time of reflection and prayer amid the chaos. All are welcome.

Christmas Card Project

The deacons are sponsoring a Christmas card project. Send a card to someone who is unable to attend service, or a member you haven't seen in a while. There is a table in Fellowship Hall with cards which you can sign and the Deacons will stamp and send. Maybe you can write a short note wishing them a Merry Christmas. One small gesture could mean the world to someone.

Women's Game Night

A night to unwind, enjoy great snacks, fun games, and good conversation! Join us tomorrow evening in the Parlor from 6-9 pm .

Moment of Kindness

It's people like you that make our church a special place to be. We want to highlight the many ways you make our church a home by acknowledging moments of kindness—a way to inspire, grow, and connect. If you would like to share a moment of kindness please email rians@winppc.org.

This week we would like to take a moment to recognize Will McCurdy for generously giving his time and dedication to getting the church office painted.

Christmas Eve Evening Services

WPPC offers three services to celebrate Christmas Eve. Please join your church family as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

- 5:00 pm Family Service - music, lessons & candle lighting tailored for children
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Service - Chancel Choir performances and traditional songs & readings
- 11:00 pm Communion Service - Chancel Choir performances and Holy Communion

Childcare is available during the 7:00 pm service.

No Classes Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Christmas Eve, there will be no class: Sunday School and Relationships in Action.

Christmas Day Service

Next Sunday, December 24, there will be one morning service at 10:30 am and no service at 8:15 am.

SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Jason T. Micheli, Senior Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER: The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor of Family Discipleship

LITURGISTS: Debby Roberts (8:15)
Debby Tallungan (10:30)

MUSICIANS: Deniz Uz, Organist; WPPC Chancel Choir - Justin Chase, Director;
Westminster Ringers - Susan Davis, Director

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Pastor Emily

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Abby Lee, Will Lawrence, and Lexi Barger

GREETERS: Cameron White (8:15)
Doris Anguish, Fern Barnard, Wade Edwards, Ann Tebbetts (10:30)

USHERS: Donna Ettinger and Margie Meliza (8:15)
Wade Edwards, Allen Shaw, Hilda Shaw, Stephen Smith,
Bob White, Tracy White (10:30)

ELDERS: Mike Galyean and Debby Roberts (10:30)

ADVENT LIGHTERS: Carla Gerhig and John Gerhig

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Stephen Smith, Ethan Thomas (10:30)

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rita Sue Miller, by Dave Miller; Paul Miller; and Steve, Cheryl, Pierce, Corbin, and Lexington Barger, with gratitude for all the beautiful moments she shared with her family.

Worship Resources Online

You will find bulletins for upcoming and past worship services at winppc.org/bulletins. An archive of recent sermons is available at winppc.org/sermons.

Bulletin Cover Image

Pontormo, Jacopo da, 1494-1556 . Annunciation to the Virgin Mary (detail), from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54162> [retrieved December 11, 2017]. Original source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/8545333@N07/2236199623/>.

Music Notes

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

When the prelude begins, all are invited to enter a period of quiet reflection so that those wishing to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation may so do. Please silence all electronic devices.

* Please stand as you are able

† **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD** †

PRELUDE *Largo from Sonata in C, BWV 529* • J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT *Savior of the Nations, Come/O Come, O Come Emmanuel* • Hanna
(Westminster Ringers) (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Jesus says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
God sends good news to the oppressed.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN 411 *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF
CONFESSION **God of mercy and grace,
we are meant to praise you
and give thanks to you always.
We confess that we do not live
out of constant gratitude.
We harbor resentment for what we lack.
We doubt your compassion.
We find it hard to give ourselves to others,
in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.
Forgive us, we pray.
Heal and restore us.
Help us to live holy and joyful lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Continue with silent confession and reflection until response is introduced)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Joanna Wallace, our organist from 1989-1999, who passed away on December 8.

We would also like to extend sympathy to the family of Phyllis Woods, whose mother passed away. Please keep the family in your prayer.

Living Nativity

Thank you to the many volunteers that made our 54th annual Living Nativity a meaningful event for so many in the community. We appreciate each person that served in an acting role, technical position, set-up and clean-up, and cookie donations. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Christmas Joy Offering TODAY

This is one of the four annual PC (USA) Special Offerings. Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent Offering. Fifty percent of receipts from this offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Thank you for generously giving to assist those who serve the church: Past, Present and Future.

Youth Ice Skating Party and Panera Dinner

This evening the youth group will be going to the ice skating rink in downtown Winter Park, then Panera for dinner. The event will take place 4-7 pm. And remember, no youth group next week on Christmas Eve!

Advent Study

Come deepen your experience of Advent in a study happening this Sunday and next. The study is using the book "While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent," and is led by Rene Cuthill. It meets at 9:15 am in Room 317. Join us on this journey as we explore our understanding of the ever so familiar stories of Advent.

Christmas Poinsettias

Our church is once again graced with poinsettias as we celebrate Christmas. Thank you for the poinsettia orders placed in honor and memory of loved ones. A complete list of dedications will appear in the December 25 bulletin. Poinsettias may be picked-up following the services on Christmas Day.

RESPONSE ***Let all Mortal Flesh (Verse 3)*** - Hymnal 5

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE ***Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High*** (Hymnal 23)
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

* PEACE The peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE (8:15) • **Doxology** - *Sung to the tune of Veni Emmanuel*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *This Christmastide* • Fraser

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SERMON THE LORD'S FAVOR
The Rev. Dr. Jason T. Micheli

* 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.**

† FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD †

* HYMN 13 ***Prepare the Way***

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel***

* POSTLUDE xyz • xyz

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