



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

*...as for me and
my household,*

**we will serve
the LORD.**

Joshua 24:15, NRSV



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE • Variations on *For the Beauty of the Earth*, Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call on the Lord's Name.

We lift our voices towards heaven.

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Father God we sing, Lord Jesus we pray and Holy Spirit we dance for joy.

Let us worship God.

RECOGNITION AND PRAYER FOR VETERANS

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor and protect the innocent. May the peace You left us, the peace You gave us, be the peace that sustains us, the peace that saves us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, Amen.

HYMN • *O Lord, How Shall I Meet you?*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Splendor, Light of light and God of gods, You have shone upon us and we have seen Your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Bathed in Your light, our faith and our life are shown to be shrouded and tarnished. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, in Your great mercy You forgive what we have been and mend our lives in a moment by moment dance with grace. Help us Holy Spirit, that we may walk in God's light, delight in God's will, and reflect God's radiance, to the glory of Jesus, our only hope, Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE • *Spirit of the Living God*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-4, 14-17

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

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

SERMON

"KEEP WATCH" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

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.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Andante Maestoso* • Holst/McChesney

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • Doxology

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 • *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *The God of Abraham Praise*, Burkhardt

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

MUSICIANS

Director of Music: Justin Chase

Organist: Penny Walsh

Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes, Justin Chase, Alan Davis,
Dana Irwin, Jayne Leach, Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reker, Holly Small,
Dawn Sumrall, George Sumrall, Sarah Thomas, Susan Davis-Director

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece

Doug Reece

Nelson Roe

MUSIC NOTES

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☞ 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.

We Honor Our Veterans

On Veterans Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America's quest for world peace and our nation's desire for justice and freedom throughout the world — our nation's higher goals.

Advent Booklet

We would love to have you contribute to this year's Advent Booklet. Have you been to a place in the great outdoors, or in a Church, or in any setting where you were overwhelmed by the beauty of the setting and especially felt God's presence? Do you have a picture of it that you can share or can you do some artwork of it? We would like people to submit these pictures, along with a paragraph or two about why this setting was so meaningful to them. You can also submit simple scenes of nature (birds, flowers, etc.) that we can use throughout the booklet. We are hoping to make this a very special booklet and would love for you to contribute your talents to it. Please submit your pictures and writing to Phyllis Woods at phylliscw@cfl.rr.com no later than Nov. 20th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Nativity

In strange times it is human nature that we seek out something familiar to bring us light and life. Living Nativity is a long held tradition of Winter Park Presbyterian Church. An opportunity for us to find Fellowship and service as we provide the community around us with the story of the Birth of Jesus Christ. 2020 has been a difficult year, for so many of us. But with your help, we believe that we have the property, space, and dedication to pull off Living Nativity this year and make it spectacular...but with a few changes.

Instead of our ordinary Living Nativity where people cluster and gather together for a prolonged period of time, Community Life and Outreach Committee plans to turn the Church into a walking museum of tableaus that tell the story of the Birth of Christ. Using lighting, tents, costumes, live animals, the carillon, and volunteers, it is our hope that we will safely provide our Living Nativity in a new, fresh, and inviting way for the community.

What do we need to make this work? You.

We want to attempt something that has never been attempted at WPPC. It's going to take all of us. It's going to require volunteers. It's going to require us to step outside of our box and maybe try something that we haven't done in years past. We'll need more people to be angels and shepherds and wise men than before. We'll need a couple of Marys and a couple of Josephs. We're going to need people to serve as narrators and speakers through the night; people willing to serve in a parking lot and act as tour guides. We'll need people willing to help with set up and people willing to help with tear down.

We can do this! I've seen this church do amazing and fascinating things in the last five years. From the depths of my soul I know and truly believe that we as a church can come together and accomplish anything God asks us to. It's going to be different, it's going to be a lot of work, but I believe that with all of us working together we can make this into the highlight of the year for us as well as for the community. If you are free on December 19 from 7-9pm, please contact me. If you have grandchildren or friends or family in the area who are free and willing to volunteer, please contact me. If you neighbors are looking for some way to give something awesome to the community, please get in touch with me! We will make sure that every precaution is in place and that people have a job appropriate for them. We can do this WPPC! We just need you!

~Rev. Emily Wasser

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.

The Session			The Diaconate		
<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Doris Anguish	Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Ardyth Austin	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis
Marilyn Bryant	Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Cathy House	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns
Rick Davis	Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Caroline James	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers
Steve House	Shaheed Mohammed	Sean Tallungan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich
Larry Seel	Peter Rice	Michelle Trahan	Dennis Schmalstig	Sara Van Arsdel	Meg Ball Thomas
Bob White	Nelson Roe	Jay Van Hook	Matt Straub	Jeanne Vinci	

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Ball, *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

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

Mark Hare, Haiti; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music

Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
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