

**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).

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

A Celebration of Life Service for Carla Gehrig will be held on Saturday, November 16 at 10:30am. In honor of Carla's love of hats, please wear your favorite and in honor of her colorful life and personality, please wear warm colors. A catered luncheon in Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

We've received 92 pledges and the current total submitted is \$396,000. We are currently at 99% of our \$400,000 goal! Thank you all again for your generosity and we will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

**NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS LUNCHEON—NOVEMBER 21ST @ 11:30AM**

November has arrived and with it comes the joy of being thankful for Friends and Neighbors who will gather on November 21st in Fellowship at 11:30am for the monthly luncheon. During this time together we will share the many blessings for which we are thankful. We have a special program. Heather Case, founder and CEO of *One Purse* will give a presentation. *One Purse* is an organization that provides care for vulnerable women and victims of human trafficking. Come and join us as we learn about this vital program. It will enlighten us on more opportunities to serve our community. We will have a delicious meal prepared by Chef Scott and as a special touch, our own Preschool children will provide the table decorations. The cost of the catered luncheon is \$15.00. **Reservations are due on November 18th by calling the church office or signing up on the bulletin board in the front hall.** If you choose to bring your own meal you may do so and join us around the tables. You are also welcome to join us for the program which will begin at 12:30pm. Please come and celebrate the joy of giving thanks for the fellowship that Neighbors and Friends provides.

**ADVENT BOOKLET**

For our Advent booklet this year, we are asking people to reflect on and write about one of the four themes that are associated with Christmas: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. You may write about special Christmases over the years when you especially thought about these words, or just write about what these important words mean to you in general. Here are some suggested meanings of these words: **Hope** is often associated with a trust in God's faithfulness, and a belief in His promises; **Peace** is often seen as relying on God's presence in the often chaotic events going on in the world, the "peace that passes understanding"; **Joy** is the feeling of gladness, rejoicing, and gratitude that is often so present at Christmas, a trusting in the goodness of the Lord in spite of circumstances that may be difficult; **Love** is especially shown in the profound love shown in God's gift to us of Jesus Christ, and the power of this love to transform ordinary human beings. Also welcome are photos and artwork of meaningful Christmas scenes and images. Please send to Phyllis Woods at [phylliscw@cfl.rr.com](mailto:phylliscw@cfl.rr.com) no later than November 25th. Looking forward to receiving the always beautiful contributions from our congregation.

**LIVING NATIVITY SIGN-UP**

WPPC will present our annual Living Nativity performance on Friday, Dec 20, with two performances. As always, this major production requires lots of help! There is a sign-up poster in the narthex, and we need help with greeters and parking lot attendants, cookie bakers, actors (all roles non-speaking), stage setup (i.e. muscles!) and more. If you can help, please sign up on the poster as soon as possible! If you have questions or would like to know more, contact Steve House at 407-758-3613, or [stevhwppc@aol.com](mailto:stevhwppc@aol.com).

**HURRICANES HELENE & MILTON**

Hurricanes Helene and Milton impacted many communities with storm surge, wind damage, flooding, and downed trees. For information on how you can help, please go to [www.flapdan.org](http://www.flapdan.org).

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**MAGAZINES, BOOKS, BIBLES, AND NEW VOLUNTEERS**

All of the above! That's what is needed for the success of our church's outreach at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. On the 1st Friday of the month, we take the church bus to Orlando and bring dinner and volunteers to serve. On November 1, we served 252 men, women, and children. Here are a few things you can do to support this compassionate work: 1) Bring gently used or new magazines, books, activity books, and bibles—for adults and for children—to church and put them in the big collection bin in the Fellowship Hall; 2) Plastic cutlery from restaurant take out (unused only) may also be put in the collection bin; 3) Volunteer to ride with us to the Coalition and help serve the guests or host the donation table. New volunteers (individuals 13 yrs and older, and couples) are always welcome, and we don't expect you to volunteer every month. Maximum of 10 volunteers each month. There's an orange sign up sheet hanging on the wall just past the front office, but you can also call or text the coordinator, Anna (707-889-4768), and she will answer any questions you may have. Sponsored by the Compassion Committee.

**UP NEXT . . .**

Mon, 11/11	6pm	Hannah Circle (Rm 301)
Wed, 11/13	7pm	Bible Study (Rm 301)
Sat, 11/16	10:30am	Celebration of Life Service for Carla Gehrig (Sanctuary)
Sun, 11/17	10:30am	Fall Festival
Thurs, 11/21	11am	Communion at Westminster WP
Thurs, 11/21	11:30am	Neighbors & Friends (FH)
Thurs, 11/21	6pm	Trustee Meeting
Thurs, 11/21	7pm	Diaconate Meeting
Thurs, 11/21	7pm	Session Meeting

<b>The Session</b>		
2024	2025	2026
Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis
John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Cathy House	Shaheed Mohammed
Audrey Santiago	Glenn Riccio	Nelson Roe
Sara Van Arsdel	Ron Thompson	

<b>The Diaconate</b>		
2024	2025	2026
Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin	Ernestine Beattie
Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis	Sue Howard
Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight	
Andy Riccio	Debbie Pauzar	
	Debby Roberts	

**Missions Supported by WPPC**

Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine  
 Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine  
 Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, Asia  
 Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, *Wycliffe*, Nigeria  
 Dr. Anne Hallum, *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)*, Guatemala  
 Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba

**PC(USA) World Missions**

Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica  
 Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

**Staff**

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor  
 The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Adult Ministry Coordinator  
 Justin Chase, Director of Music  
 Penny Walsh, Organist  
 Sandra Shafer, Pianist  
 Scott Beck, Director of Handbells  
 Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant  
 Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant  
 Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant  
 Valerie Beltrán, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
 Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator  
 Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs  
 Adam Davies, Sexton



**Winter Park**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* - Pelz (10:30)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather for worship,  
**let us offer praise to God.**  
As we join voices and hearts,  
**we learn the importance of each one of us.**  
As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,  
**we learn that our whole is more than its parts.**  
**Let us worship God.**

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Giving God, as we share what we have, seeking to further Your work in this world, remind us that abundance does not always mean extravagance and that humble offerings are holy. Whether we offer a grand gesture, a simple meal, or two small coins, lead us in the way of generosity. Amen.**

\* HYMN 363 • *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

As children of God, we come to God in our joys, in our sorrows, in our fears, and in our guilt. Knowing that God loves us and embraces us, let us bring our confessions to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of abundance, You have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following You and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all You have given. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to You. Amen.**  
*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has destined us not for wrath, but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that we may live with Him.  
**Praise be to Christ! Alleluia!**

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

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (Hymnal 415, verse 2 & refrain only)

**Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify,  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.  
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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 9:24-28  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"THE KINSMAN REDEEMER" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

\* THE 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 *Spirit Divine* - Durance (10:30)

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (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 697 • *Take My Life* (verses 1-4)

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • Fugue in d minor - Bach (10:30)

## SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

LITURGISTS

Glenn Riccio (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 (10:30)

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## WORSHIP MATTERS

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by the WPPC Chancel Choir in memory of Hal Eastburn, dedicated choir member, composer, arranger, and choral director. Hal passed on August 25, 2024.

ANTHEM TEXT

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou has for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that will unclasp and set me free. Silently I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine. Open my mind, that I may read more of Thy love in word and deed. What shall I fear when Thou dost lead? Only for light from Thee I plead. Silently, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine, Spirit divine! Spirit divine! Open my way that I may bring trophies of grace to Christ, my King; echoed in love, Thy word shall outring sweet as the note that angels sing. I am ready, my God, Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine, Spirit divine, Spirit divine, Spirit divine!

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/>.