

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME**

We are so happy you are here today and welcome everyone! We also welcome our preschool families today and celebrate as the children sing and we have an opportunity to share in food, fun, festivities, and fellowship following our service.

**WELCOME TO THE PULPIT**

Hoover and Olivia Haney were raised in South Carolina and Virginia, respectively, and met in seminary. They married in 1986, and are the parents of four grown children, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. They spent most of their ministry in Western Virginia, serving in smaller congregations. They moved to Florida after serving as Transitional Presbyters in South Carolina. They enjoy hiking, reading, cooking and eating and are glad to be in Central Florida

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Warren Deatrick, who passed on November 3rd. Please keep his family in your prayers. Service information has not been provided at this time.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Do you enjoy putting up decor for the Holidays? Do you ever wonder how all the beautiful Christmas decorations show up in the sanctuary? The Worship & Music Committee is looking for assistance next Sunday, November 24, immediately following the 10:30 service. We will be decorating the sanctuary, including the Chrismon Tree, and would love to have your help. No reservation needed.

**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 this Thursday in Fellowship at 11:30am for the monthly luncheon. 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. **If you would like to bring a "gently used" purse to the gathering you may do so. They will be donated to our speaker.** 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 lunch is \$15. **Reservations are due tomorrow, 11/18 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 begins at 12:30pm. Please come and celebrate the joy of giving thanks for the fellowship that Neighbors & 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.

**SEEKERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:15AM IN THE CE BUILDING PARLOR**

The Seekers adult Sunday School class will continue to explore and study Identity. November 17th - Faith Traditions (1 Samuel 1; 20-28). November 24th - The importance of relationships (Genesis 25:27-34). All are welcome!

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**ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**

Our annual Toy Drive will be Sunday, December 8 during both services. We will deliver them to Apopka on Tuesday, December 10 after we load the bus starting at 9am. Suggested gifts are: bicycles; skateboards; scooters; helmets; tricycles; dolls of all colors; arts and crafts kits; play 'pretend' kits, jewelry & makeup; sports balls of all kinds; educational games & books; NEW socks, pajamas, play clothes, underwear for boys & girls; cars & trucks (especially medium/large vehicles); board games for children of all ages; toys, clothing & blankets for infants & toddlers; baby diapers (sizes 2-6). You can also help by ordering through their Amazon Wish List (<https://a.co/jh6ilVv>). Send your order to Hope Community Center, Christmas Toy Sale, 1016 N Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712.

Monetary donations for bicycles and helmets to be delivered as part of the Hope Community Center Toy Drive will be accepted through November 24th. Contributions may be placed in the bike helmet located in the Narthex following the 10:30 service.

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

The Nominating Committee is still in need of a couple Deacons to begin service in 2025. Forms for submitting suggested names are available in the Narthex and the front office. Please return completed forms to the front office.

**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).

The Session		
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	

The Diaconate		
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 17, 2024  
 TWENTY-SIXTH 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 • *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - arr. McChesney (10:30)

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Caring God, You are always with us, but sometimes that can be hard to remember. When it feels like we are praying alone, grant us confidence that You are with us. In times when our spirits feel more settled, help us to share that peace with neighbors who need it. Amen.**

CHILDREN SING (10:30):

*Jesus Loves Me*

*This Little Light of Mine*

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Children's Dismissal**

\* HYMN 370 • *This Is My Father's World*

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

**You are the God of all people, O Lord, the creator of all things good. Forgive us when we fail to see the good. Forgive us when we refuse to see the "all." We are searching for Your presence and grasping for Your grace, unable to believe that we cannot be separated from Your love. Forgive us, God of mercy, and through Christ our Redeemer, free us to try again. 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)

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (Hymnal 415, verse 3 & refrain only)

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all.  
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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:21-30

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

SERMON

"WE'RE ONLY HUMAN"

\* 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 *We Gather Together* - arr. Raney (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 838 • *Standing on the Promises*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* - Albrect (10:30)

## ✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

**OFFICIATING MINISTERS**

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Hoover Haney, Co-Interim Presbyter  
The Rev. Olivia Haney, Co-Interim Presbyter

**LITURGISTS**

Jim Esch (8:15)  
Rick Davis (10:30)

**MUSICIANS**

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)  
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)  
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)  
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells (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 John Gehrig and family in loving memory of Carla Gehrig.

**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/>.