

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MINUTE FOR MISSION • Audrey Santiago

PRELUDE • *Variation on an Olde Irish Air* - McMichael (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

To You, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

Have mercy on us!

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Hear us when we call!

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

We will magnify Your holy name!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God who listens with compassion and hears us before we cry out: We gather this morning in various states of being. Some of us have barely made it, while others couldn't wait to arrive. Some carry burdens we can hardly bear, while others among us rejoice at lightened loads. Whatever season we are in, we ask You to do what You always do and be who You always are. Move within us and through us to bring about new life, new possibilities, and new spaces for Your imagination to take root and Your restorative work to emerge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN 4 • *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise be to Christ! Alleluia!

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal 581)

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *You Are The Lord, Giver of Mercy* (Hymnal 437)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 90

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:14-30

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

SERMON

“THE TALENT SHOW” • 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 true 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 *America, Give Thanks* - Stephenson (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (GTG 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 384 • *Soon and Very Soon*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *The God of Abraham Praise* - arr. Burkhardt (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

LITURGIST: Phyllis Woods (10:30)

MUSICIANS: Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)
WPPC Ringers (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Carissa Taylor

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Penny Walsh in loving memory of her son, Greg.

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.

✠ 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. 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/>.

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.

2023 ADVENT BOOKLET—SUBMISSIONS DUE BY NOVEMBER 21ST

For the Advent Booklet this year, we would like people to write about an especially memorable Christmas they experienced - perhaps it was because a family member they hadn't seen in a long time was able to be present, or maybe it was because they were traveling in another city or country, or maybe it was because of an unusually beautiful Christmas service. We look forward to hearing about these experiences. We would also like to include photos and artwork of Christmas scenes, scenes of nature, or beautiful indoor settings. Please send these to Phyllis Woods - phylliscw@cfl.rr.com as soon as possible, but no later than November 21st. Thanks in advance for your always meaningful participation in our Advent booklets.

POINSETTIAS—ORDER FORMS DUE BY DECEMBER 14TH

Our church will once again be graced with poinsettias as we celebrate Christmas. Forms for purchasing a poinsettia to serve as a memorial, or as a tribute of honor are available in the narthex and the front office. Each poinsettia is \$15. Order forms must be returned by December 14th.

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

On November 3rd, our volunteers made 313 meals, 39 of those for children. The magazines, books, calendars, and Bibles you donated were displayed on tables for adults and children. They love these "gifts." Thank You so much for these donations! Individually wrapped forks, and sets (fork, spoon, knife, napkin) are used in the 100+ To Go dinners we make for those not able to eat in the dining room. So, these utensils are always needed, and we thank you for donating them! All of the above items can be placed in the Coalition bin located in the Fellowship Hall. And lastly, we could always use another volunteer to serve on the 1st Friday. No long term commitment needed. Call or email Anna Caparis: 707-889-4768 or AnnafromAL@yahoo.com.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Wendy Stafford, our Health Care Coordinator, will be doing blood pressure checks in her office between services on the first Sunday of each month, starting with December 3rd. Her office is located in the front office across from the reception area.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE—DECEMBER 10TH

Our annual Toy Drive will take place on Sunday, December 10 during both services. We will deliver them to Apopka on Tuesday, December 12 after we load the bus starting at 9am. If you would like to participate in any portion of this event, please contact Rachel Myers at 407-484-7290. 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 (NB to size 5). You can also help by ordering through Amazon. Send your order to Hope Community Center, Christmas Toy Sale, 1016 N Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712.

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HANNAH CIRCLE

The Hannah Circle will meet Monday, December 11 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share for our pot luck dinner. Also bring a small gift that will fit in a small brown paper bag—\$10 or under. No breakable items please! All are welcome.

CUBA PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES NEXT TRIP

The next Cuba Partnership trip to Cuba will be March 11-19, 2024. They will fly into Santa Clara and visit Presbyterian churches in El Centro Presbytery, in the provinces of Villa Clara and Sancti Spiritus. Go to www.cfpresbytery.org/cuba for more information and to get a copy of the application. Applications must be received by December 15th to allow sufficient time to obtain the required religious visas.

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN ROOM 301

November 26 - Thanksgiving Weekend
The R in A class will not meet this Sunday.



The Session

2023	2024	2025
Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker
Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson
Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach	Cathy House
Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago	Glenn Riccio
Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Ron Thompson

The Diaconate

2023	2024	2025
Ron Ellman	Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin
Betty Johnston	Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis
Sevilla Morse	Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight
Cynthia Nants	Andy Riccio	Debbie Pauzar
Jyme Smith		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

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, Senior 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
Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator
Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
Adam Davies, Sexton



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

