

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *For the Beauty of the Earth* (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has looked favorably on all of God's people and has redeemed all of creation.

God has given us a mighty Savior, the Lord whose reign we celebrate.

We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

Let us worship God!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Righteous God, You have promised to gather the remnant of Your flock and bring them back into Your fold, where they will be fruitful and multiply. Save us from the enemies of sin and death, gather us into Your holy presence, and make us ready for Your coming realm of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

* HYMN 267 (GTG Hymnal) • ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

CALL TO CONFESSION

In humility we are called to confess our sin, reaching out in penitence to our Lord and Savior. Trusting in the merciful love of God, let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow Your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth, power, fads, people, feelings, and ideas. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what You are for us: a source of light on the way to peace. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness and guides our every step in the path of salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • ***Lord Jesus, Think on Me*** (GTG Hymnal 417, Verse 1)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 46

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:68-79

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

SERMON

“ZECHARIAH’S SONG” • 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, every where 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 *Lord of the Small* (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 268 (GTG HYMNAL) • ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Now Thank We All Our God* - Bach (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

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

LITURGIST: 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)
Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes,
Justin Chase, Dana Irwin, Jayne Leach, Lynne McKnight,
Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reiker, Holly Small,
Dawn Sumrall, and George Sumrall

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe,
and Carissa Taylor (10:30)

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die. Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give; our frail, lisping praise God will never despise. He sees His dear children through mercy filled eyes.

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.

CONCERT SERIES: POTPOURRI OF MUSIC—TODAY

The Worship and Music Committee is proud to offer a free concert, “Potpourri of Music” by the VFW Community Band. The concert will begin at 3pm today and is open to the public. We hope you will join us as they entertain us with seasonal music of Christmas as well as typical marches and patriotic music.

WPPC LIVING NATIVITY

The Living Nativity will be held Tuesday, December 20. The event will take place in the WPPC Sanctuary from 7-8:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to portray Joseph, Mary, and the Wisemen. If interested, please contact Barbara in the front office at 407-647-1467

ADVENT BOOKLET FOR 2022

We would love to have members of WPPC participate in this year's Advent booklet. We are looking for photos or drawings of scenes of nature, of churches, or of a Christmas setting that you find inspiring. If you want to include some lines about the scenes, that would be fine. To participate please email your submissions to Phyllis Woods at phylliscw@cfl.rr.com no later than this Tuesday, November 22nd.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT: WARMTH, HOPE, AND LOVE FOR UKRAINE

Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation (Audrey Santiago) is sponsoring a Christmas Project: Warmth, Hope, and Love for Ukraine, to support our Ukrainian brothers and sisters (orphans, widows, pensioners, young mothers whose husbands are in the Army, and just anyone who needs our help) in this time of war. TOAF will be purchasing warm blankets, socks, candles, food, and small gifts for 200-300 families in the Odesa region. One package will cost about \$100. If you'd like to be a part of this effort, donations can be given by check through WPPC. Please write TOAF on the memo line of your check or checks can be mailed to Audrey Santiago at 541 Evening Sky Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765. Learn more about Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation on our **new** website, www.transitionsoaf.org (coming soon).

POINSETTIAS—ORDER FORMS DUE BY DECEMBER 11TH

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 11th.

WHITE SOCKS

Please bring **NEW WHITE SOCKS** and deposit them in the marked containers in the front office. We will be accepting the socks up until December 5th. The Hannah Circle will be folding and packing them for the December Meal. The recipients of these socks are the people that come to the Coalition for the Homeless for an evening meal, or they are residents in the program. Our church has been doing this drive for over 20 years, and have dispensed literally thousands of pairs of socks. It's hard to describe the joy and thanks that is expressed for these simple gifts.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS” LUNCH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

We appreciate our wonderful friends at WPPC and the staff would like to celebrate Christmas with you on Wednesday, December 7. Just show up at noon to celebrate with us and the staff will do all the work! Please RSVP by December 1st to 407-647-1467. The WPPC bus will be available at 11:45am to pick up anyone from Westminster Towers wanting to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COALITION DONATIONS NEEDED

You can't imagine how much joy your donations of books, puzzles and crayons have brought to the children and parents we serve at the Coalition. However, our regular donations of magazines, books, and calendars for the men and women we serve has become very slim. On November 11th we served 29 children and 238 adults. We had 3 bags for children and 1 bag for adults. Would it be possible for WPPC members to provide reading materials for both children and adults? Please place your donations in the Coalition box in Fellowship Hall. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

COALITION MOVES TO FIRST FRIDAY IN JANUARY

Beginning in January 2023, the Compassion Committee's "Feeding the Homeless" team will be serving at the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless on the **1st Friday** of each month rather than the 2nd Friday. That means we will be serving on January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 5, November 3 and December 1. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Our next serving will still be the 2nd Friday, December 9, 2022.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Our annual Toy Drive will be Sunday, December 11 during both services. We will deliver them to Apopka on Tuesday, December 13 after we load the bus starting at 9am. If you would like to participate in any portion of this wonderful event, please contact Rachel Myers at 407-484-7290. A list of suggested toys is available in the Narthex. You can also help by ordering through Amazon and sending your order to Hope Community Center, Christmas Toy Sale, 1016 N Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712.

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

11/27: Thanksgiving Weekend—No Class

| The Session | | |
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| 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Theresa Coker | Syd Davis | Mike Galyean |
| Bonnie Gaughan | Fred Kittinger | John Gehrig |
| Fran Morrissey | Malcolm MacDiarmid | Jayne Leach |
| Michelle Trahan | Jim McKinney | Audrey Santiago |
| Jay Van Hook | Dawn Sumrall | Sara Van Arsdel |

| The Diaconate | | |
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| 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Jane Munns | Ron Ellman | Ardyth Austin |
| Rachel Myers | Betty Johnston | Lisa Dreasher |
| Christine Rich | Sevilla Morse | Jerry Fitzgerald |
| Meg Ball Thomas | Cynthia Nants | Nancy Galyean |
| Jeanne Vinci | Jyme Smith | Andy Riccio |

| Missions Supported by WPPC |
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| Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine |
| Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine |
| Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , Asia |
| Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria |
| Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala |
| PC(USA) World Missions |
| Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica |
| Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar |

| Staff | |
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| The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor | Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant |
| Justin Chase, Director of Music | Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant |
| Penny Walsh, Organist | Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant |
| Sandra Shafer, Pianist | Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs |
| | Kenny Lovelace, Sexton |



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

