

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *We Gather Together* - Young (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God!

Worship God with gladness!

Come into God's presence with a song!

Know that the Lord is God.

God made us. We belong to God.

Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!

* 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 81 • *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God. This is the same Christ Who came to be with us, to laugh with us, cry with us, break bread with us, and be one of us. Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness, knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we had known it was You, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was You, Lord, we would have given You food. If we had known it was You, Lord, we would have taken You in. If we had known it was You, Lord, we would not have passed You by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored Your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask You to help us change our ways. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured and strengthens the weak.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!

* 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 100

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:31-46

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

SERMON

“KNOWING AND BEING KNOWN” • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

* THE REAFFIRMATION 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 *Ye Followers of the Lamb* - arr. Ditterich (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 643 • *Now Thank We All Our God*

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)
Gary Henderson (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

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☞

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Wade & Barbara Edwards in memory of their parents, Dorothy & Harold Edwards and Stella & Earl Denson.

ANTHEM TEXT

1) O brethren ain't you happy, O brethren ain't you happy, O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. O brethren ain't you happy, O brethren ain't you happy, O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. 2) O sisters ain't you happy, O sisters ain't you happy, O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. O sisters ain't you happy, O sisters ain't you happy, O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. O sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, O sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. O sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel, Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. 3) O I'm glad I am a Christian, I'm glad I am a Christian, I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb. I'm glad I am a Christian, I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel, Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. O sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel, ye followers of the Lamb. 4) O I mean to be obedient, I mean to be obedient, I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. O sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. O sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel, O sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

December 3rd - Annual Christmas Musical Event

The R in A Sunday School class will present its annual Christmas musical event on December 3rd, in Room 301, beginning at 9:15am.

Featured will be the musical duo Pluck and Blow ~ Vickie Schultz, harpist and Matt Straub, pipes. Not a "performance" but a gathering ~ and we'll reminisce about Christmases past

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.

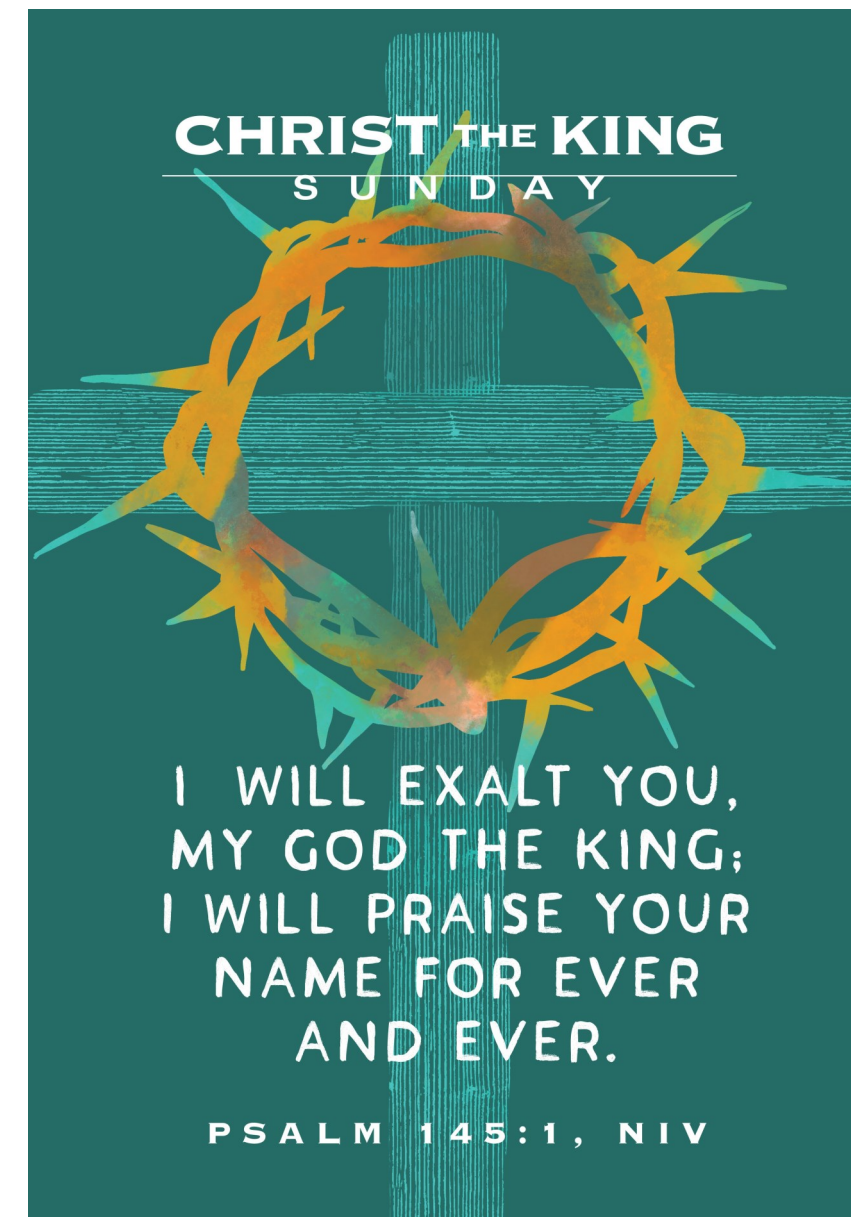
PUBLICITY

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/>.



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 2023



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