

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *What Child Is This* - Foss (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go into the house of the Lord!

Let us meet God with joy!

God builds us up like a great city.

May peace be within our walls.

Let us seek the goodness of God;

let us go into the house of the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of all generations, though signs and seasons change, Your promise is faithful and Your word will never pass away. Give us courage and strength as we watch and wait for Jesus Christ, our redeemer, who is coming in glory to reign. Amen.

* HYMN 82 (GTG Hymnal) • *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the time for us to wake from sleep; salvation is near to us. Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin, and put on the armor of righteousness, asking our Savior for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when You forge them into instruments of peace. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE • *Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High* (GTG Hymnal 113)

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (GTG Hymnal 347, Verse 1)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 122

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 24:36-44

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

SERMON

"IN ROUTE BE READY" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

* THE REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The 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 *Once In Royal David's City* - Bern Herbolzheimer (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (to the tune of "O Come Emmanuel")

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 88 (GTG HYMNAL) • *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1, 6, 7)

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland* - Bach (10:30)

(Savior of the Nations, Come)

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

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

LITURGIST: Jayne Leach (10:30)

ADVENT LIGHTERS Judy Font (8:15)
Sandy Matrick and Sue Rudolph (10:30)

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

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

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☞

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Michelle, Cat, and Jen in memory of Carolyn Collett on her birthday.

ANTHEM TEXT

Text can be found in the GTG Hymnal, #140

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 contact us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at darrenb@winppc.org or 407-647-1467 x 103. 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.

SYMPATHY

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Don McCarter, who passed Monday, November 21. A service will be held in the WPPC Sanctuary on Thursday, December 1 at 2:00 PM. Please keep his wife, Johnnie, and their family in your prayers.

2022 ADVENT BOOKLET

The 2022 Advent Booklets are ready and will be sold before and after the 10:30 service today. We are asking for \$3 per booklet to offset the printing costs. Thank you to everyone who submitted artwork and photography.

“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.

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.

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.

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.

NOTES



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



The Session		
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		
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
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	
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