



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



*First Sunday
of Advent*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - Krug (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory be to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb
who was, and is, and is to come,
who holds, bears, and rules all things now and forever.
To God be all praise, honor and glory. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Come, Holy Spirit, upon these words we hear, and upon our minds and hearts as we hear them. Breathe Your truth into us, blow away all that is false, and fill us with the love that came and dwelt among us - full of grace and truth incarnate. Come, Holy Spirit.

* HYMN 2 • *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even if we were barely watching, scarcely listening or simply distracted by the baubles of this life, we've been invited, we've been counseled, we've been called to get ready. And for all this we have every reason to repent, to reconcile, and to give thanks.

Let us pray seeking the grace, mercy and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess we have sinned against You, against our neighbors, and against our enemies. We have acted as if Your reign were not coming, as if our lives depended only on us and our plans. We have not loved You and we have harmed and disrespected those whom You love.

Have mercy. Forgive us. Change, shaped and mold us. Set us on right paths, whatever it takes. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit send us out to be agents of grace, mercy and compassion.

Thanks be to God for the gift of grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE • *Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High* **Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30) *(Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews. Afterward, Pre-K through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church in the Library.)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 25:1-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

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

SERMON

"The Fig Tree" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

PASTORAL PRAYER CONCLUDING WITH 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.

RESPONSE • ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,

Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

* THE AFFIRMATION 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 *Lo, How a Rose/The Rose* - arr. Craig Hella Johnson (10:30)

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 8 • ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*** (8:15 verses 1 & 3)

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Deck the Halls* - Ellsasser (10:30)

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Rev. Emily Wasser

LITURGIST

Jayne Leach (10:30)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lisa Dreasher (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organ

Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes, Justin Chase, Alan Davis, Dana Irwin, Jayne Leach, Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reker, Holly Small, Dawn Sumrall, George Sumrall, Sarah Thomas; Susan Davis, Director (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe (10:30)

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

Flowers

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Wade & Barbara Edwards In memory of their mothers Stella Denson and Dorothy Edwards, who shared today's date as their birthday.

ANTHEM TEXT

This anthem is a blending of the two songs.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came a Flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True Man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

Some say love, it is a river that drowns the tender reed; some say love, it is a razor that leaves your soul to bleed; some say love, it is a hunger; an endless aching need; I say love, it is a flower, and you, its only seed. It's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance; it's the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance; it's the one who won't be taken who cannot seem to give; and the soul afraid of dying that never learns to live. When the night has been too lonely and the road has been too long, and you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong, just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snow, lies the seed that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose.

MUSIC

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Welcome

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! We will continue to offer our worship services online. Sermons can be found at www.winppc.org/sermons.

Poinsettias—Order Forms Due by December 5th

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 is available in the narthex and the front office. Each poinsettia is \$15. Order forms must be returned by next Sunday, December 5.

White Socks Drive—Deadline: December 5th

This year we will be serving the Homeless earlier than usual so please bring your socks before 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. 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 Compassion Committee thanks you for your continued support.

CommUnity Toy Drive—Collection: December 5th

It's time to be generous to those in need. Our annual Toy Drive is Sunday, December 5. Contact Rachel Myers at 407-484-7290 if you would like to help box the toys on Sunday after the service and/or deliver them on Tuesday, December 7. 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 (newborn to size 5). 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.

Living Nativity—December 18th

On Saturday December 18, from 6:00-8:30PM Winter Park Presbyterian Church will be hosting our annual Living Nativity! Just as we did last year, our Nativity will be broken up into several tableaux that guests will come and walk through as they experience the birth of Jesus Christ. But, as always, in order for Living Nativity to work, we need you! And your family! And your friends! And your neighbors! We need volunteers. Actors, guides, dressers, set decorators, even technicians are all required to help our Nativity run smoothly and for that we need you! So, if you are available on December 18th, whether it's for a few minutes or a couple of hours, please contact Emily Wasser immediately so we can find a perfect place for you to serve. We look forward to seeing you!

Children's Church Adults Needed

We are in search of individuals who are willing to help with Children's Church. Every Sunday, on non-communion days, children who are 2nd grade and younger have the opportunity to leave "the Big Church" after Children's Moment and go to their own "Children's Church" for educational worship. Helping with Children's Church is easy and only requires assisting the main teacher as well as having a background check. The duty is divided up evenly between all volunteers so that the schedule rotates. If you are willing to serve as a helper for Children's Church, please contact Emily Wasser.

Relationships in Action - Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM in Room 301

December 5th - *Toy Collection*

The R in A class will not meet next Sunday as room 301 will be used to collect the toys for the Hope Community Center. We will be helping the Compassion Committee sort the toys that will be delivered to HCC in Apopka on Tuesday, December 7.

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TNT (Tuesday Nights Together)

The time has finally arrived! TNT...is back!!!! Our beloved Tuesday Nights Together program is finally returning after nearly two years of hiatus! Tuesday Nights Together is our education program at Winter Park Presbyterian Church, taking place for six weeks every semester, join us for educational classes, fellowship, and, of course, dinner! Further details on TNT will be released soon, but for now we are in need of people who are willing to teach classes. Got a hobby you want to share with others? Want to lead a Bible Study on your favorite book of the Bible? If you have a hidden talent you want to teach to others, then leading a TNT class is perfect for you! If there's a class you would like to share with our congregation, then please contact Emily Wasser at emilyw@winppc.org 407-647-1467. We can't wait to be together again!

The Coalition needs your help!

Beginning in January, 2022 the Compassion Committee needs a volunteer to reheat the meat/pasta dish in the WPPC kitchen before we serve it at the Coalition. We alternate preparing the pasta/meat dish or 7-layer salad each month so the reheating would only be needed 6 times per year—January, March, May, July, September, November (odd numbered months). The task begins at 1:30 PM and ends by 4:00 PM on the 2nd Friday of those months. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Nancy Galyean at nangalyean@gmail.com or 407-929-0903.

We have a potential crisis in the kitchen since our team of volunteers that prepare the food is very short-handed. The pots and pans used to brown the meat and cook the pasta are very heavy. If you could lend a hand, even if only on the odd-numbered months, please contact Nancy Galyean. Our cooks gather on the Thursday before the 2nd Friday at 9:30 AM and are finished by 11:30 AM.

In addition, our folks that cut and bag the brownies could use some additional volunteers. They work their magic on the Friday morning (2nd Friday) at 9:00 AM and are usually finished by 10:30 AM. Please contact Nancy Galyean for more information.

We now serve women and children living at the Coalition in addition to residents living at the Mens' Service Center and community guests. For years we have provided reading materials (magazines, books, calendars) to our guests and now have the opportunity to include items that would be enjoyed by women and children. Please place any reading materials for men, women and children in the Coalition box in Fellowship Hall.

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NOTES

Worship Aids

Assistive hearing devices are available from an audio/visual technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

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/>.

The Session			The Diaconate		
2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis	Ron Ellman
Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers	Sevilla Morse
Shaheed Mohammed	Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich	Cynthia Nants
Nelson Roe	Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Dennis Schmalstig	Jyme Smith
			Jeanne Vinci	Meg Ball Thomas	

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. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music

Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
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