



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 7, 2021
COMMUNION SUNDAY



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION • Dr. Robert Gamble

PRELUDE • *We Gather Together* - Young

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture the flock under His care.

* RECOGNITION AND PRAYER FOR VETERANS

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation as defenders of freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor and protect the innocent. May the peace You left us, the peace You gave us, be the peace that sustains us and the peace that saves us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, Amen.

HYMN 379 • *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

CALL OF CONFESSION

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show God's love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, God of mercy, our hearts are open before You. You know our greatest areas of strength and our greatest areas of weakness. You know the wonderful creative things we are capable of and You know the terrible ways we often see ourselves and others. We confess we do not understand ourselves. Still, You alone love us, forgive us, even create us knowing our limitations. You see something within us we struggle to see ourselves. You see beauty, wonder, intelligence, imagination and an untapped capacity to love and serve others. Father, thank You for the forgiveness we find in Your Son Jesus Christ and for welcoming us home once again.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Psalm 28:6-7

God's love is declared by the Psalmist, "Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord, is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise God.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri*

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *O for a Closer Walk with God*

**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 22:1-7
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1st Corinthians 12:4-7
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"BALAAM: SHARING OUR GIFTS" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *You Raise Me Up* - arr. Joseph Martin

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • Doxology

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 155 • *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Old Hundredth* - Bock

NOTES

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser

LITURGIST

Cynthia Nants (10:30)

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ardyth Austin, Carol Bess, Steve House, Curtis Koon, Will McCurdy, Jim McKinney,
Debby Roberts, Eileen Silvers, Sara Van Arsdel, Phyllis Woods (10:30)

USHERS

Mitch Bargar, Peggy Bargar, Steve House, Susan Price, Michelle Trahan (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Director of Music: Justin Chase

Organist: Penny Walsh

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

FLOWERS

The flowers are given for the Glory of our Loving God in celebration of our 29th wedding anniversary today. We thank those in this congregation who have prayed for and encouraged us during difficult and celebratory times. And we thank all of you role models whose enduring marriages are a quiet, steady inspiration for us. God bless you, Larry and Bethanne Seel

ANTHEM TEXT

When I am down and oh, my soul so weary, when troubles come and my heart burdened be;
Then I am still and wait here in the silence until You come and sit awhile with me. You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on Your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be. There is no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when You come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes I think I glimpse eternity. You raise me up.....

Music

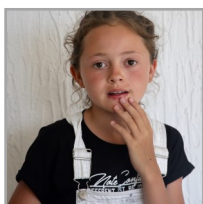
Our CCLI License number is 11184426, and our OneLicense.net number is 725233.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Minute for Mission—Dr. Robert Gamble



“Today I took a picture... that was so compelling...There was something about this little girl’s eyes, so full of love and being loved, that little sparkle of hope, and yet the fingers just touching her lips saying, 'I'm worried.' It was overwhelming.”
-Robert Gamble, June 2021.

Dr. Robert Gamble is the Executive Director of This Child Here, at work in Ukraine, training foster families to receive children from orphanages, teaching teens the techniques of peacemaking, offering group therapy to the children of soldiers, working with single parent families of the rural poor, and promoting Alternatives to Violence in the war zones of the east.

We Honor Our Veterans

On Veterans Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America’s armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America’s quest for world peace and our nation’s desire for justice and freedom throughout the world — our nation’s higher goals.

Concert Series—VFW Concert

Join us this afternoon for a concert celebrating our Veterans. The concert will begin at 4:00 PM in the WPPC Sanctuary followed by a reception. The Community Band has been performing together for more than 25 years. The band is organized to support VFW Post 2093 in Orlando and is dedicated to entertaining and supporting veterans and the local community. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be taken.

Hannah Circle Meeting

Hannah Circle resumes in-person meetings on Monday, November 8, from 7:00-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to join this 2nd Monday of the month gathering of sisters who pray together, study together, and enjoy a lot of fellowship. Pat Morgan will continue to lead our studies. She was the Director of Christian Education at WPPC prior to her retirement a couple of years ago and we are blessed to have her as our study leader. This year we will be using the Horizon Bible Study put out by the PC(USA). It is entitled “What My Grandmothers Taught Me! Learning from Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus”. If you have questions and please contact Eileen Silvers, Hannah Circle Chair - eileens@cfl.rr.com.

Advent Booklet for 2021

We would love to have members of WPPC participate in this year's Advent booklet. We are looking for original art and photography. The booklet will be in three parts. The first part will focus on references to Christ in the Old Testament, the second part will focus on the Christmas story as presented in the New Testament, and the third part will focus on biblical references to Christ in the future.

Suggestions for art or photos would be: pictures of Churches, altars, candles, wreaths, nativity scenes, holly, poinsettias, etc. We would also like to have inspirational nature scenes of mountains, valleys, the ocean, etc. Finally, we would like to have pictures of clouds, sunsets, rainbows - any unique sky scene. If you would like to participate, please email Phyllis Woods at phylliscw@cfl.rr.com. All artwork and photography must be received no later than November 21. (We would prefer it earlier than this.) The booklets are planned to be distributed on November 28. We will be very grateful for your contribution.

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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.

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

November 14 - *The Holy Land Revealed-Lecture 11: The Maccabean Revolt*

This session will continue our exploration of the Hellenization of the Holy Land. While the Maccabees are known for having opposed the imposition of Greek culture and religion on the Jews, once they became the rulers, they began adopting various aspects of Greek culture.

Sunday School

Children: Nursery for ages 1 month-3 years (608), Ages 3 years-Grade 2 (101), Grades 3-5 (201)
At Winter Park Presbyterian Church, we are blessed to host Sunday School classes for young and elementary aged children. Both classes use a curriculum which invites children to explore the stories of the Bible through video, crafts, games, and mission. In Sunday School they will begin to form the building blocks for a lifelong, deep faith in Christ.

Adults & Youth: Relationships in Action (301) and Seekers (315)

Relationships in Action (R in A) - Relationships in Action is adult Sunday School class that studies issues “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” Each week features a different theme and a different speaker to present each topic. They are interested in social issues that affect their lives and the lives of others and how we as followers of Christ can be a factor in positive change.

Seekers: The Seekers is a discussion based adult Sunday school class that studies a wide variety of topics ranging from Books of the Bible to Theology to Current Events. They are a support group that spends time on fellowship as well as discussion and they are able to disagree, yet move in a positive direction during their discussions.

Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the weekly worship service in honor of/in memory of someone special or of a special occasion, please pick a date and put your name on the sign-up chart located in the narthex. When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in.

Electronic Giving Option

We are pleased to have an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. An authorization form is available from the church office and can be returned to Carolyn Achenbach. You can also securely set up one-time and recurring giving on our website at winppc.org/give and clicking “Member Giving.”

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/>.

Transportation for Church Events

If you are in need of transportation to a church event, please contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your need.

<i>The Session</i>			<i>The Diaconate</i>		
<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
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	Michele 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	

Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor	Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music	Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, East Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, *Wycliffe*, Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)*, Guatemala

PC(USA) World Missions

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