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.

Stewardship
We are called to be stewards of what God has blessed us with throughout the year. Making a commitment to the church during our annual pledge campaign helps Session plan for the upcoming year. Please drop your completed pledge card in the white church in the narthex or the offering plate.

Wednesday Nights – Nov 11, 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Join us this week as we wrap up Wednesday Nights Together with a conversation on strategic planning to re-open the old CE building. Moving from having a place just for WPPC members to meet for Sunday school to having a "community" building to minister to the community.

Friendship Club – Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m.
Please join the Neighbors and Friends monthly gathering. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a holiday feast followed by a time of interactive fellowship. All of us will be enriched by a program of song, table activities and the group game, Left, Right, and Center! Our very own musicians, Sevilla Morse and Lynne McKnight, accompanied by Dave Rae, will lead us in singing Thanksgiving songs. We ask that you bring a small gift in a gift bag for the group game. Gifts must be under $5 and can be as simple as a candy bar; just use your imagination as the bags will be passed around! Meals are $15 and reservations are due by Monday, Nov. 16. Please note that RSVPs are a commitment to pay. If your plans change, let us know by Nov. 16 by calling the church office or texting Paula at 407-782-5621 so we don't have to use church ministry funds to cover empty seats. You are welcome to bring your own meal. Thanksgiving is a time when we celebrate our many blessings. Plan to come and share in the joy of fellowship that comes from being a part of the Community of Christ! And don't forget to bring a neighbor or friend!

Advent Booklet
For our Advent booklet this year, we felt it would be fun and inspiring to have as many people as possible participate by writing about things they love about our Church. Our theme is "Home, Love and Joy." Please write a paragraph, no longer than a half page, about what you have found joyful and rewarding about being part of our Church. We will provide a picture to go with each submission. *Here are a few suggestions to write about: Sunday services and worshiping in our beautiful sanctuary, being a member of our choir or being involved with music in any way, serving on a committee, helping with VBS, going on a mission trip, teaching Sunday School, helping with the Living Nativity, helping with the Toy Drive, being part of Neighbors & Friends, dancing with the line-dancing group, baking for special events, and praying and caring for others*. We would love hearing about both the small things and larger projects you are part of but please focus on one area in particular that you find especially meaningful. We're looking forward to receiving your contributions and interested in reading about the ways you find joy and meaning in serving our Church. Please have your submissions in no later than November 20th (the sooner, the better) and send by email to Phyllis Woods at phylliscw@cfl.rr.com.

Toy Drive
Our annual Toy Drive will be Sunday, Dec. 6 during both services. Suggested gifts are: bicycles; skateboards; scooters; helmets; tricycles; dolls of all ethnicities; arts & crafts kits; play pretend kits (makeup, jewelry, toy constructions kits & more); sports balls of all kinds; toy cars/trucks (especially medium/large sizes); educational games (STEM science & math kits); board games for all ages; children's books (fiction, adventure or picture books); household items (kitchen towels, utensil sets, etc.); socks, pajamas, & underwear for boys/girls; infant /toddler toys, clothing & blankets; baby diapers (size 1-6). No time to shop? You can also help by ordering through their Amazon Wish List (https://a.co/jh6iIVv). Send your order to Hope Community Center, Christmas Toy Sale, 1016 N Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712.

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Fall Festival—11/15
You are invited to join us on Sunday, November 15 for our Fall Festival. At the 10:30 a.m. service the children from the Preschool classes will sing songs to celebrate the season. After the service, join us for food, live music, bounce house, and more! Admission is free and we hope to see you there!

Seekers Sunday School Class, Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Room 315
On Sunday, November 15, we are beginning a Sunday Advent Study on Incarnation and welcome you to join us at any time during this study which will conclude on Sunday, December 20. The study will use excerpts and a video from the book "Incarnation" by Pastor Adam Hamilton and will explore the meaning of Jesus's birth by examining the titles given to Him in the Gospels that illuminate his divine nature**.**

Celebration of Ukraine – 11/15
Audrey Ball will present a Moment for Mission at both services and will speak at the Relations in Action Sunday school class on Nov. 15. You are welcome to visit the Ukraine table in Fellowship Hall after both services. Information will be provided about Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, as well as a mini-market which will feature some special gifts handmade by Ukrainian families and children. All donations and proceeds from the market will go directly to programs in Odesa.

Up Next . . .

➢ Sun, 11/8	9:15am	Anne Taylor of *IDignity*, Rm 301
➢ Sun, 11/8	11:45am	CE Mtg, Rm 303
➢ Sun, 11/8	1:30pm	Line Dancing, CE Bldg.
➢ Sun, 11/8	1:30pm	Lee Corbett Memorial Svc, Sanctuary
➢ Mon, 11/9	6pm	Hannah Circle, Rm 301
➢ Wed, 11/11	10am	PS Board Mtg, Rm 301
➢ Wed, 11/11	5:45pm	Wednesday Night Study, FH
➢ Thurs, 11/12	4pm	Budget & Finance Mtg, Rm 303
➢ Thurs, 11/12	6pm	Worship & Music Mtg, Library
➢ Thurs, 11/12	7pm	Compassion Mtg, *Zoom*
➢ Sun, 11/15	After Svcs	Celebration of Ukraine Mini Market, FH
➢ Sun, 11/15	11:30am	Fall Festival
➢ Thurs, 11/19	11:30am	Neighbors & Friends Lunch, FH
➢ Thurs, 11/19	7pm	Joint Deacon/Session Mtg

The Session

2026	2027	2028
Syd Davis	Maria Garton	Rusty Baldwin
Betty Johnston	Lil Rea	Steve House
Shaheed Mohammed	Phyllis Woods	Jayne Leach
Nelson Roe		Ron Thompson

The Diaconate

2026	2027	2028
Meg Baldwin	Marilyn Bryant	Sue Howard
Ernestine Beattie	Cynthia Nants	Lynne McKnight
Debby Roberts	Robert Nevill	Debbie Pauzar
Jeanne Vinci	Paula Smathers	Frances Swope

Local Outreach Supported by WPPC
Coalition for Women & Families | Coalition for Homeless of Central FL-General
Christian Service Center | Health Care Center for Homeless
Hope CommUnity Center | Idignity | Parramore Kidz Zone
SALT Outreach, Inc. (Serving and Love Together)

International Missions Supported by WPPC
Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine
Dr. Anne Hallum,. *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation),* Guatemala
Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, *Ecological Sustainability*, Costa Rica
Dan Turk, *Environmental Education*, Madagascar
Elizabeth Turk, *Community Health & HIV/AIDS*, Madagascar
Scripture Union Mission, Peru

Staff

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Pattie Lavelle, Bookkeeper
Penny Walsh, Organist	Jessica Grablewski, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells	Mark Greenleaf, Property Manager

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Order of Worship

* Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prelude • *Blessed Assurance* – arr. Dobrinski (10:30)

* Call to Worship

Rejoice and be glad!
For God is our salvation.
Rejoice and be glad!
For the Lord our God is worthy of praise. Let us worship!

* Prayer of Adoration

Great and loving God, your wisdom is radiant and unfading, easily discerned by all who seek your way. Give us the grace to live confidently and expectantly by the light of your mercy and grace, trusting that the Lord of history, who has been approaching from all eternity, comes to us continually with compassion, redemption and hope. Amen.

* Hymn 362 • ***Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers***

Call to Confession

We are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who pardons our offenses.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.
(Continue with silent confession *and reflection.)*

Assurance of Pardon

God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* Response • ***Gloria Patri*** (Hymnal 581)

Children's Message (10:30)

All children and youth are invited forward for a special message before heading to Children's Church.

First Reading

Psalm 78:1-7
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Traveling Together" • Rev. Melanie Ruta

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Response • ***Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart*** (Hymnal 427)

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.
Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

* The Affirmation of Faith – *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music *Rejoice Greatly!* - Geschke (10:30)

* Offertory Response ***Doxology*** (Hymnal 606)

Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 757 • ***Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples***

* The Charge and Benediction

* Postlude • *Ein feste Burg (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)* - Albrecht (10:30)

SERVING TODAY

Officiating Minister
Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

Liturgists
Glenn Riccio (8:15)
Robert Nevill (10:30)

Musicians
Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells (10:30)

Audio/Visual
Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch (10:30)

WORSHIP MATTERS

Flowers
The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Letha Corbett.

Music
Our CCLI License number is 11184426; OneLicense.net number is 725233;

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

Large Print Bulletins
If you would like a large print bulletin, please let an usher know.

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.

Publicity
If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please send an email to cindym@winppc.org.

Wi-Fi
Wi-Fi is available for everyone. You're welcome to connect during your time with us. Network: WPPC_Guest / Password: Welcome2Home!