

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 Rev. Emily Wasser at emilyw@winppc.org or 407-647-1467 x 114. 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.

The Session			The Diaconate		
2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Hal Eastburn	Will Lawrence	Doris Anguish	Peggy Bargar	Nancy Appich	Ardyth Austin
Reta Jackson	Will McCurdy	Marilyn Bryant	Almeda Dean	Barbara Edwards	Caroline James
Don McCarter	Rachel Myers	Rick Davis	Carol Howell	Bonnie Gaughan	Jim McKinney
Debby Roberts	Dail Pribil	Steve House	Betty Johnston	Fran Morrissey	Ellenorr Osterhaus
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Phyllis Woods	Debby Tallungan		Ginny Seel	Eileen Silvers	

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Ball, *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

Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell, Brazil; Jenny Bent, Dominican Republic;
Mark Hare, Haiti; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard, Interim 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

Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton
Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton
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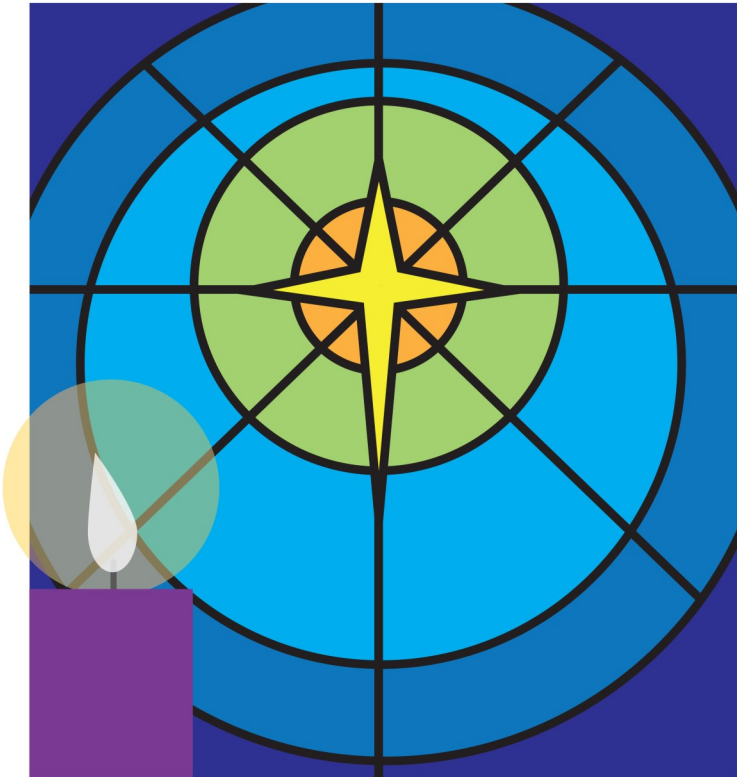
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Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2, 2018 • 8:15 & 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY COMMUNION



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

WELCOME TO WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hello! Welcome home to worship at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Whether this is your first time here or your hundredth, we're glad that you've chosen to join us today!

Here at Winter Park Presbyterian Church we strive to be a community of members joined together through new life by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. Our goal is to be a people who live out of God's redeeming grace, witnessing to the new life given by God by engaging in ministries of compassion and justice.

Whether you are interested in finding education classes, a group who shares your interests, or looking to connect with our community, there is something for everyone here. It is our hope that you will find this church to be a place where you feel welcomed and will join in on our activities as we all seek to grow in our faith. Welcome!



Emily Wasser
Associate Pastor

If You Are New Here

We invite you to write your name(s) in the red registration pad when it is passed down the pew. If you would like information on the ministries of this church, please include your contact information. Also, greeters and ushers at the entrances can provide you with information about our programs and volunteer opportunities. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in fellowship hall following the service.

Worship Aids

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

Worshipping with Children

Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. They are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment, following which they may return to sit with their families, or (Pre-K—3rd grade) leave for Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. In addition, childcare for preschool-age children is available in our nursery, room 608, during all services.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Elders are available to pray with you after the service, at the front of the sanctuary. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the back of the sanctuary) and give it to an usher.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 2

8:15 – 9am
9:15 – 10:15am
9:30am – 12pm
10:30 – 11:30am
11:35am – 12:35pm
5 – 7pm

Worship Service with Communion, Chapel
Sunday School
Library Open
Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
WPPC Ringers, Room 102
Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Room 204

Monday, December 3

9am – 12pm
7 – 9pm

Library Open
Book Club, Room 303

Tuesday, December 4

10:30 – 11:30am
6:30 – 7:15pm

Staff Meeting, Room 301
Children/Youth Choir, Room 102

Wednesday, December 5

Noon
3 – 4pm
6 – 7pm
7:15 – 8:45pm

Bulletin Materials Due
Worship Planning, Room 303
Westminster Ringer, Room 102
Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 6

9am – 12pm
10 – 11:30am

Library Open
Caregiver Support/Networking Group, Room 301

Friday, December 7

11:30am – 1:30pm
11:30am – 12:30pm
5:30 – 8:30pm

Friendship Club, Fellowship Hall
Tai Chi
Parents Night Out, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 8

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, December 9

8:15 – 9am
9:15 – 10:15am
9:30am – 12pm
10:30 – 11:30am
11:35am – 12:35pm
5 – 7pm

Worship Service & Toy Drive Collection, Chapel
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Stewardship Update

Thanks be to you who have pledged! The church is closing in on the goal of \$516,426! Current pledges are \$427,672. There is so much God is calling us to do and we rejoice in seeing His work being accomplished through our church's missions and in our presence here in Winter Park. If you have not yet pledged, or would like to make an additional pledge to help us plan for the coming year, please mail your pledge card, or place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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

December 9: No Class; Gather/Sort toys for Hope CommUnity Center

Moment of Kindness

Carolyn Boyle contributes to our church life in so many ways. We all enjoy the beautiful banners she has created that enhance the reverence of our sanctuary and the worship we celebrate together in our church home. She has thoughtfully arranged for some of the banners to include participation from our congregation. She is an excellent Sunday School teacher for young children. Her many gifted artistic projects enrich their knowledge about Jesus and the love of God. This makes learning dynamic and enjoyable for the children. When she participates in the Children's Moment during church it is also warm and rewarding. Of special note this Christmas Season, is the Advent Celebration pamphlet Carolyn made for the children which features the stained glass windows in our sanctuary for them to color as they focus on the wonderful events leading to the birth of Christ. The Advent pamphlet is outstanding, as is Carolyn's presence at WPPC.

We want to highlight the many ways you make our church a home by acknowledging moments of kindness—a way to inspire, grow, and connect. If you would like to share a moment of kindness please email Cindy Mitchum - cindym@winppc.org.

Communion Servers at Westminster Winter Park

Deacons and Elders are needed to serve communion to the members of the Westminster Winter Park Community on the second Thursday of each month. Deacons and Elders can be those who currently serve on their respective board or those who are not currently active. Volunteers are asked to meet in the multi-purpose room at Westminster Winter Park, set up the communion elements, serve communion, and clean up. It usually takes about one hour to complete. To sign up, please visit <http://winppc.org/volunteer> or contact the church office.

Highlights of the Season

- Advent Study continues every Sunday through December 30, 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM, Room 317
- Christmas Toy Drive, December 9, 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
- Young at Heart Christmas Concert, December 18, 2:00 PM
- Living Nativity, December 14 & 15, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Service of the Longest Night, December 23, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Chapel
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM

SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard, Interim Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER: The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

LITURGISTS: Malcom MacDiarmid (8:15)
Meg Baldwin (10:30)

MUSICIANS: Penny Walsh, Pianist (8:15)
Penny Walsh, Organist; Chancel Choir - Justin Chase, Director;
Alex Pollard, Soloist; Sarah Thomas, Cello (10:30)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Pastor Emily

GREETERS: Crystal Fern and Margie Meliza (8:15)
Doris Anguish, Gary Henderson, Curtis Koon, Debby Roberts, Ann Tebbetts (10:30)

USHERS: Crystal Fern and Margie Meliza (8:15)
Wade Edwards, Allen Shaw, Hilda Shaw, Stephen Smith, Bob White,
Tracy White (10:30)

ELDERS: Will McCurdy and Debby Tallungan (10:30)

COMMUNION SERVERS: Crystal Fern and Margie Meliza (8:15)
Rick Davis, Bonnie Gaughan, Steve House, Caroline James, Curtis Koon,
Jim McKinney, Dail Pribil, Debby Tallungan, Phyllis Woods (10:30)

ADVENT LIGHTERS: Margie Meliza (8:15)
Jayne Leach (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Stephen Smith, Pierce Barger,
Ethan Thomas (10:30)

WORSHIP MATTERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Joan Schwab in memory of her grandson, Kyle Christopher Schwab.

Worship Resources Online

You will find bulletins for upcoming and past worship services at winppc.org/bulletins.

Music Notes

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

When the prelude begins, all are invited to enter a period of quiet reflection so that those wishing to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation may so do. Please silence all electronic devices.

* Please stand as you are able

† **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD** †

PRELUDE Pastorale on *LePrologue de Jesus* • Martin

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT *Light One Candle*

* CALL TO WORSHIP Our souls magnify the Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.
 God has done great things. Holy is God's name!
God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord,
God's love from generation to generation!
 Let us Worship God.

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

* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF **Advent God, come among us.**
 CONFESSION **Awaken us to your presence,**
 and fill us with your love.
 Forgive us when our hunger for justice
 gives way to our hunger for power.
 Forgive us when our hope for peace
 is swallowed by our fear of failure.
 Forgive us when our songs of faith
 are drowned out by the shouts of the world.
 Advent God, come among us,
 and make all things new.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection until response is introduced)

Advent Study

Advent is here! Help prepare your hearts and minds for Advent this year by joining in with Rene Cuthill during the Sunday School Hour as she continues to lead a special Advent Study entitled, *All I Want For Christmas: Opening the Gifts of God's Grace*. This special five week study will began Sunday, November 25 and meets room 317. Books are available to reserve in the church office. Please don't miss out as we explore the greatest gift this season has to offer: God's Grace.

Christmas Poinsettias

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. The forms must be completed and returned with payment by December 14.

Christmas Card Project

The Deacons will sponsor Christmas cards for the congregation to send to those members who cannot come to church regularly. Each Sunday, December 2, 9, and 16, after the services, the Deacons will be in Fellowship Hall with the cards and the list of members. During the week the cards and list will be in the Healthy Living Room. The cards will be mailed on December 18th. Say "Merry Christmas" to someone you haven't seen for a while!

White Socks Drive

This year we will be serving the Homeless later than usual. Please bring your socks by December 28th so we can take them with us when we serve that night. The recipient's 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 18 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 Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Cuba Trip Donations

Peter & Melanie Rice, Reta Peterson, Kathy Peterson, Kathy Masatelli and Fran Morrissey plan to visit Santa Clara, Cuba. WPPC now has a relationship with Santa Clara Presbyterian Church, where they will be staying. They will experience the church activities and continue to build a friendship/relationship with them. It is customary to take our Cuban church hosts small, practical gifts of items often lacking in their environment. A complete list of items needed is available in the front office and narthex. Donations can be dropped off in the front office.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

WPPC has been collecting phones in our church for several years. If you are upgrading your cell phones for Christmas, please donate your old phones to our outreach ministry, *Cell Phones for Soldiers*. In the past years we have donated over 1000 phones! "Thank You" to everyone who has donated phones. Please keep it up; it's for a great cause. You can also donate tablets & digital music players. A box is in Fellowship Hall on the white shelf, where you can put your phones and other electronic devices mentioned above. This is an outreach program of the WPPC Compassion Committee.

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Journey to Christmas

A great time was had by all at last weeks Journey to Christmas. Children (and adults) had fun creating snowflake & angel ornaments, graham cracker Crèche scenes, orange & clove pomanders, and small Christmas wreaths followed by a lunch of yummy pizza. We were lucky to have Frank Jamison there to make sure the memories last for a lifetime! Pictures can be seen at www.winppcphotos.org.

Book Club of WPPC

Tomorrow night we'll will have our annual cookie exchange. Please bring three dozen cookies—two dozen to share and one dozen to freeze for the Living Nativity. We'll also be discussing the book *Christmas Garland* by Anne Perry. The group discussion is open for everyone who likes to read! If you have any questions, please contact Drew Byrne at drewbyrne26@gmail.com.

Friendship Club Christmas Celebration

Friendship Club Christmas Celebration, featuring the *Young at Heart Chorale* under the direction of our own Jodi Tassos, will be Friday, December 7 at 11:30 AM. A Christmas ham dinner is planned and the cost is \$5. Products of the month are paper goods, to include baby diapers, and men's white socks. Please make your reservations by noon on Wednesday, December 5. If you need transportation from the Towers or the Mayflower, please state that when you make your reservation. **Parking Information:** Please try to carpool to alleviate the parking crunch. There will be parking available in the main parking lot, the pine tree lot to the east of the church, and on the north side of Dundee (the street that's along the church property). If you wish to attend the concert and not have lunch with us, the concert will begin about 12:15 PM.

CommUnity Apopka Toy Drive

Our congregation has been so generous every year in donating to the Apopka Toy Drive. The collection will take place next Sunday, December 9 during both services. A list of suggested toys is available on the bulletin board in the front office. If you are able to help sort collected items, please contact Rachel Myers at myers.rachel58@gmail.com. Help is also needed delivering donated items on Tuesday, December 11.

Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out is an opportunity for the children of the church, as well as those in the community, to get together for games, movies, pizza, and more so that parents can enjoy a date night or fellowship with other parents. Parent's Night Out is scheduled for the first Friday of every month. Our next night out is December 7th from 5:30-8:30PM. Children aged 3 (and potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to join! The cost is just \$5 per child and reservations are required as spots are limited. Please contact the front office (407-647-1467) to reserve your child's spot today. Any adults who are willing to help chaperone this event (all activities will be led by Pastor Emily), and Youth willing to lend a hand for service hours, please contact Pastor Emily - emilyw@winppc.org.

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RESPONSE ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (verse 1)*** - Hymnal 5

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE ***Gloria Patri*** - Hymnal 579

* PEACE The peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE (8:15) • **Doxology** - Hymnal 592 (*To the tune of Veni Emmanuel*)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, oh Israel!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Father's Love/A Spotless Rose* • Joseph Martin

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE (10:30) • **Doxology** - Hymnal 592 (See text at 8:15)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† LISTENING FOR THE WORD †

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30) Pre-K to 5th grade children are invited to the chancel steps for a special message. Afterward, they will rejoin their families to continue with worship.

FIRST READING Psalm 25:4-10
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Jeremiah 33:14-16
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON THE COMING OF THE LORD • The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard

* AFFIRMATION 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.**

† SEALING THE WORD • SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

* HYMN 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You may partake of the bread as you are served or with the minister after all are served. Please partake of the cup as you are served. For gluten-free bread, please notify the server in the center aisle.

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION

**God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness, and peace
of your promised new creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy realm.
Lead us to live in joy expectation
of the coming again in glory
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

† FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD †

* HYMN 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

* BENEDICTION

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RESPONSE *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come to Thee, O Israel*

* POSTLUDE *Swiss Noël* • Daquin

