

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. Contact: jasonm@winppc.org; 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/>. You can reach the Director of Communications at rians@winppc.org.

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		
2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Mike Galyean	Hal Eastburn	Will Lawrence	Howard Evans	Peggy Bargar	Nancy Appich
Terry Irwin	Reta Jackson	Will McCurdy	Curtis Harrison	Almeda Dean	Barbara Edwards
Jayne Leach	Don McCarter	Rachel Myers	Gary Henderson	Carol Howell	Bonnie Gaughan
Meg Ball Thomas	Debby Roberts	Dail Pribil	Allen Shaw	Betty Johnston	Fran Morrissey
Mary Van Hook	Sara Van Arsdal	Doug Reece	Jyme Smith	Sevilla Morse	Cynthia Nants
	Phyllis Woods	Debby Tallungan	Jeanne Vinci	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. Jason T. Micheli, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor for Family Discipleship
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Deniz Uz, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant

Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Rian Schaible, Director of Communications
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton
Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 3, 2017 • 8:15 & 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION



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WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WELCOME TO WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you're a guest or a long-time member, we're glad you joined us in worship this morning to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

Winter Park Presbyterian Church strives to be a community where we find new life by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. We seek 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.

There are many opportunities here to connect with others. It is our hope that you find this church to be a place where you feel welcomed and equipped to grow in your Christian faith.



Jason T. Micheli
Senior 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.

Worshiping 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

Communion Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM to 11:30 AM Christmas Toy Drive, both services
8:15 AM to 9:00 AM Worship Service, Chapel
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM Sunday School, Room 301
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:35 AM to 12:35 PM WPPC Ringers, Room 102
10:45 PM to 12:15 PM Salt of the Earth Young Adult Group, Panera Bread, Winter Park
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Magic of Bronze Concert, Sanctuary
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Youth Group Grades 6-12, Room 202
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Magic of Bronze Reception, Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 4

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Library Open
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Room 204

Tuesday, December 5

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 301
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM History Committee Work Groups, Room 315
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Community Life Meeting
6:30 PM to 7:15 PM Children's Choir, Room 102
7:15 PM to 7:45 PM Youth Ensemble, Room 102

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Cooking for the Coalition for the Homeless, Kitchen
12:00 PM Bulletin Materials Due
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Worship Planning, Room 303
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Westminster Ringers, Bell Room
7:15 PM to 8:45 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 7

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Cooking for the Coalition for the Homeless, Kitchen
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Library Open
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Caregiver Support/Networking Group, 303

Friday, December 8

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Sandwich Prep, Kitchen
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Sort Toiletries for the Coalition, Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Friendship Club, Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Homeless Coalition Meal

Saturday, December 9

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Shoppe, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 10

8:15 AM to 9:00 AM Worship Service, Chapel
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM Sunday School, Room 301
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:35 AM to 12:35 PM WPPC Ringers, Room 102
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting, Room 102
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Salt of the Earth Young Adult Group, Panera Bread, Winter Park
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Room 202

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coalition for the Homeless - CHRISTMAS CARDS & STAMPS

We are asking for your assistance in buying U.S. postage stamps for the homeless. Every Christmas season WPPC takes cards and stamps down to the Coalition, helps the clients write, address, stamp, and send them. We will be doing this when we serve food on December 8. Several clients have told us that this is the only time this year that their families will hear from them. If you would like to contribute stamps for this ministry, please leave the stamps at the church office. The Christmas cards can be left in Fellowship Hall with the donations for the Coalition for the Homeless.

White Socks Drive is Here Again

This year we will be serving the homeless earlier than usual. We will be taking them downtown to the Homeless Coalition on December 8, so please bring your socks before then. The recipient's of these socks are the people that come to the Coalition for the Homeless. Our church has been doing this drive for over seventeen years, and have dispensed literally 1000s 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. We will be accepting the socks up until December 8.

Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Shoppe, December 9, Fellowship Hall, 9am-1pm

Bring your friends and family along to enjoy breakfast with Santa and get your Christmas shopping done with one of a kind gifts! Join our preschool families Saturday, December 9, in Fellowship Hall for a fun-filled day the whole family can enjoy!

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.

Highlights of the Season

- Advent study starts and continues every Sunday through December 30, 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM, Room 317
- Christmas Bells, featuring Magic of Bronze, December 3, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- Christmas Toy Drive, December 3, 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
- Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Shoppe, December 9, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Only one service, "Lessons & Carols," December 10, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Sanctuary
- Lake Nona High School Choir, December 12, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- Young at Heart Christmas Concert, December 14, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- Living Nativity, December 15 & 16, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, On the Lawn
- Service of the Longest Night, December 21, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Chapel
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, December 24, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM, Sanctuary

SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER:	The Rev. Dr. Jason T. Micheli, Senior Pastor
ASSISTING MINISTER:	The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor of Family Discipleship
LITURGISTS:	Jeffry Jontz (8:15) Rene Cuthill (10:30)
MUSICIANS:	Deniz Uz, Organist; WPPC Chancel Choir - Justin Chase, Director; WPPC Ringers - Dana Irwin, Director, Children's Choir - Susan Davis, Director
CHILDREN'S MOMENT:	Pastor Emily
GREETERS:	Cameron White (8:15) Doris Anguish, Curtis Koon, Joann Roberston, Ann Tebbetts (10:30)
USHERS:	Margie Meliza and Kim Vogt(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:	John and Carla Gehrig (8:15) Marilyn Bryant, Gary Henderson, Steve House, Terry Irwin, Reta Jackson, Will McCurdy, Eileen Silvers, Jyme Smith, Matt Straub, Phyllis Woods, (10:30)
ADVENT LIGHTERS:	Margie Meliza (8:15) Holly Small and Matt Straub (10:30)
AUDIO/VISUAL:	Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Stephen Smith, Ethan Thomas (10:30)

THANK YOU TO THE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED IN TODAY'S SERVICE:
Andy Anderson, Stella Angov, Emma Baldwin, Sarah Johnson, Molly Lapchick,
Zachary MacDonald, Jackson McCurdy, Willard McCurdy, Sawyer Micheli,
Angelica Nassar, Graham Niemi, Paige Niemi,
Connie Joy Tallungan

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Wade and Barbara Edwards in memory of their parents.

Worship Resources Online You will find bulletins for upcoming and past worship services at winppc.org/bulletins. An archive of recent sermons is available at winppc.org/sermons.

Bulletin Cover Image

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Original source: heqigallery.com.

ORDER OF WORSHIP • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659* • J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

INTROIT *Angels Carols* (WPPC Ringers)

CALL TO WORSHIP Jesus says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Heaven and Earth will pass away,
But the word of God endures forever.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN 9 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF
CONFESSION **God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times
and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away
and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand,
so that we may be ready for that day
when you come to reign in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Continue with silent confession and reflection until response is introduced)

† FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD †

* HYMN 6 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel*

* POSTLUDE *Prelude in C major, BWV 545* J.S. • Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Rosemary Zimmerman who passed away on November 23. She was 97 years old and greatly admired by those who knew her. Please join us in praying for her loved ones during this time. If you would like to send regards to the family, contact the church office for mailing information.

Advent Study Starts Today

Come deepen your experience of Advent in a study beginning today, continuing on the Sundays in Advent, and ending the Sunday after Christmas. The study will be using the book "While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent," and will be led by Rene Cuthill. It will meet at 9:15am in Room 317. The study looks at some biblical figures often overlooked at Advent, which will help us look at some of our own faith questions raised by the season. Join us on this journey as we explore our understanding of the ever so familiar story.

Christmas Toy Drive

Our congregation has been so generous every year in donating to the Apopka Toy Drive. We are collecting again today during both services. 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 5.

Magic of Bronze Concert and Reception

Join us tonight for a family event that will prepare your heart and soul for the magical Christmas season. Magic of Bronze is a Christmas concert full of familiar songs, played by Central Florida's finest hand bell group. The concert will be held in the sanctuary from 5-6pm. There will be food and festivities afterwards in Fellowship Hall.

Relationships in Action, Every Sunday at 9:15 AM in Room 301

The Relationships in Action Sunday School Class will take a break from "having a Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other" to refresh ourselves once again from the wealth of Christmas music. Matt Straub will present an eclectic sampling of traditional and contemporary religious Christmas music culled from the internet. Anyone for Mozart's *Adagio in C for* (Ben Franklin's) *Glass Harmonica*?

RESPONSE ***Let all Mortal Flesh (Verse 1)*** - Hymnal 5
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE ***Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High*** (Hymnal 23)
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE (8:15) • **Doxology** - *Sung to the tune of Veni Emmanuel*
Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
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Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Personent Hodie* • arr. Hoggard

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**We believe
that God brings justice to the oppressed
and gives bread to the hungry.
We believe that God
frees the prisoner
and restores sight to the blind.
We believe that God
supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,
helps orphans and widows,
and blocks the path of the ungodly.**

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

* HYMN 4 ***Creator of the Stars of Night*** (First verse solo, verses 2 - 4 all)

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 joyful expectation
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