

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](mailto:emilyw@winppc.org) or 407-647-1467 x 122. 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		
2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Will Lawrence	Doris Anguish	Phillip Anderson III	Nancy Appich	Ardyth Austin	Mike Galyean
Will McCurdy	Marilyn Bryant	Lisa Dreasher	Barbara Edwards	Caroline James	Reta Jackson
Rachel Myers	Rick Davis	Jayne Leach	Bonnie Gaughan	Jim McKinney	Julie Kent
Dail Pribil	Steve House	Shaheed Mohammed	Fran Morrissey	Dennis Schmalstig	Curtis Koon
Doug Reece	Larry Seel	Peter Rice	Cynthia Nants	Matt Straub	Sara Van Arsdel
Debby Tallungan	Bob White	Nelson Roe	Eileen Silvers		Jeanne Vinci

Missions Supported by WPPC
Audrey Ball, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , East Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , 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	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	Kenny Lovelace, Sexton
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children’s Music	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs

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Winter Park  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 8, 2019 • 8:15 & 10:30 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WELCOME TO WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are new to our church or community, we would very much like to offer you our friendship.

We strive to be a caring group of people seeking to grow in our commitment to Christ and the service of others. Our church offers a variety of education, fellowship, worship, and mission opportunities with something for most everyone. You will find information on current events at the end of this bulletin.

If you would like to learn more about the church, or if we can assist you in some way, please speak to an elder in the front of the sanctuary following the service, or to one of the pastors. May God bless you!



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 and bulletins 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

**Sunday, December 8**  
8:15 – 9am                      Worship Service/Toy Drive, Chapel  
9:15 – 10:15am              Sunday School  
9:30am – 12pm                Library Open  
10:30 – 11:30am              Worship Service/Toy Drive, Sanctuary  
12 – 1pm                        PNC Meeting, Room 317  
5 – 7pm                         Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Room 204

**Monday, December 9**  
9:30am – 12:30pm            Library Open  
11:30am – 12:30pm           Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 – 9:30pm                Hannah Circle Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, December 10**  
10:30 – 11:30am              Staff Meeting, Room 303  
2 – 4pm                        Young at Heart Chorale Christmas Concert, Sanctuary  
6:30 – 7:15pm                Children/Youth Choir, Room 102

**Wednesday, December 11**  
10 – 11am                      Preschool Board Meeting, Room 303  
Noon                            Bulletin Materials Due  
4 – 5pm                        Worship Planning, Room 303  
6 – 7pm                        Westminster Ringers, Room 102  
7:15 – 8:45pm                Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 12**  
9:30am – 12:30pm            Library Open  
11am – 12pm                  Communion Service at Westminster Winter Park

**Friday, December 13**  
11:30am – 12:30pm           Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, December 14**  
All Day                         No Scheduled Activities

**Sunday, December 15**  
9:15 – 10:15am              Sunday School  
9:30am – 12pm                Library Open  
10:30 – 11:30am              Lessons & Carols Worship Service  
12 – 1pm                        PNC Meeting, Room 317  
Noon                            Covenanter Article Submission Deadline  
4 – 7pm                         Youth Group (Grades 6-12) Photo Scavenger Hunt/Dinner

**❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧**

**Cookies Needed for Living Nativity**

Cookies are needed for the Living Nativity. We need vast amounts of cookies to feed the hundreds (literally) of kids, young and old, who will flock into our fellowship Hall after the four performances the evenings of Friday and Saturday, December 20 & 21. Cookies are our Christmas presents for our neighbors who come to see us and hear our Christmas message. Please leave your contributions, appropriately labeled, in the kitchen beginning Wednesday, December 18.

**White Socks Drive—Collection Deadline: December 25th**

This year we will be serving the Homeless later than usual so please bring the socks before December 25th. We will be taking them downtown 2 days later. 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 19 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 or Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting the socks up until December 25th. Thank you!

**Moment of Kindness**

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](mailto:cindym@winppc.org).

**Service of the Longest Night - Sunday, December 22 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel**

The holidays can be a painful time for those experiencing loneliness and loss. A space is needed to acknowledge the sadness and concern that may be present. This service provides such a time of quiet reflection, special music, healing prayer, and candlelight. You may know others who would like to attend this service; invite them to come with you. Perhaps you just need a quiet time of reflection and prayer amid the chaos. All are welcome.

**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.

**Upcoming Christmas Events**

- ◆ December 15<sup>th</sup> - Service of Lessons & Carols, One Service at 10:30 AM
- ◆ December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - Living Nativity at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 & 8:30 PM nightly
- ◆ December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Service of the Longest Night at 7:00 PM
- ◆ December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Services at 5:00, 7:00 & 11:00 PM

These events are great opportunities to invite friends and neighbors to WPPC.

**SERVING TODAY**

- OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard, Interim Pastor
- ASSISTING MINISTER: The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
- LITURGISTS: Glenn Riccio (8:15) Steve House (10:30)
- MUSICIANS: Penny Walsh, Pianist (8:15)  
Penny Walsh, Organist; Chancel Choir - Sandra Shafer, Director  
Meg Ball Thomas, flute; Susan Davis, flute; Matt Straub, flute; Holy Small, piano;  
WPPC Ringers - Ardyth Austin, Fiona Harper, Will Lawrence, Jayne Leach,  
Cynthia Nants, Stephanie Nants, Bethanne Seel, Griffin Seel, Larry Seel,  
Meg Thomas; Dana Irwin, Director (10:30)  
Children’s Choir - Susan Davis, Director; Penny Walsh, piano (10:30)
- CHILDREN'S MOMENT: The Rev. Emily Wasser (10:30)
- CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Jennifer Fields, Scotty Frazier (10:30)
- GREETERS: Theresa Coker and Margie Meliza (8:15)  
Doris Anguish, Gary Henderson, Curtis Koon, Debby Roberts, Ann Tebbetts (10:30)
- USHERS: Theresa Coker and Margie Meliza (8:15)  
Wade Edwards, Allen Shaw, Hilda Shaw, Stephen Smith, Bob White,  
Tracy White (10:30)
- ELDERS: Doris Anguish and Lisa Dreasher (10:30)
- ADVENT LIGHTERS: Carla & John Gehrig (8:15) Cathy & Steve House (10:30)
- AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Stephen Smith (10:30)

Thank you to the children who participated in today's service:  
Bianca Anderson, Stella Angov, Emma Baldwin, Sarah Johnson, Lauren Lapchick, Molly Lapchick,  
Matthew Leslie, Ava Manning, Connie Joy Tallungan, Esther Grace Tallungan, Jackson Thomas

**❧ WORSHIP MATTERS ❧**

**Flowers**

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Joan Schwab in loving memory of her husband, George and grandson, Kyle Schwab. Thanks for the wonderful memories.

**Worship Resources Online**

You will find bulletins for upcoming and past worship services at [winppc.org/bulletins](http://winppc.org/bulletins).

**Music Notes**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*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                    *The First Noel* • Huff ( 8:15)  
                                 *Greensleeves* • Purvis (10:30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT                    *Ding Dong Merrily on High* • arr. Wagner (10:30)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP       Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,  
                                 **welcomes you to this place.**  
                                 As one body, with one voice,  
                                 **we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,**  
                                 **counsel, knowledge, and joy.**  
                                 Let us worship God!

\* HYMN 23                    *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF                    **Gracious and welcoming God,**  
CONFESSION                **have mercy on your people.**  
                                 **We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.**  
                                 **We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends**  
                                 **as beloved children whom you have made.**  
                                 **In your mercy, forgive us,**  
                                 **for we repent of our ways**  
                                 **and look to your power to heal us and raise us up,**  
                                 **so that, at the last, you will gather us to you**  
                                 **and give us peace. Amen.**  
                                 *(Continue with silent confession and reflection until response is introduced.)*

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**Christmas Toy Drive—TODAY**

Our congregation has been so generous every year in donating to children in need. Today, during both services, donations will be received. Thank you to all who donated.

**Mini Global Market in Fellowship Hall Today!**

Last chance to buy FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, and CHOCOLATE BARS. All items are ON SALE!!!

**One Service Next Sunday at 10:30 AM**

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate this Christmas Season with a special service of Lessons & Carols.

**Young at Heart Chorale—December 10th**

This Tuesday, the WPPC sanctuary will be filled with sounds of the season when the Young at Heart Chorale performs its annual Christmas concert. The event begins at 2:00 PM and is open to the entire community.

**Christmas Cards**

The Deacons are providing Christmas cards to send to our homebound members. Please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall and write a card to someone in our church family who cannot come to services due to health or mobility issues. We have the directory, the cards, and the stamps and plan to mail the cards by December 18th. During the week the cards and list will be in the Healthy Living Room. Let's spread some Christmas joy!

**Christmas Poinsettias**

Our church will once again be graced with poinsettias as we celebrate Christmas. Please stop by the table in fellowship hall today to fill out a form, designate how many plants you're purchasing and the dedication. They are still a bargain at only \$15 and may be taken home, or given to a shut-in or loved one, after the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve service. After today forms will be available in the front office. The forms must be completed and returned with payment by December 13th.

**Christmas Joy Offering**

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken next Sunday, December 15. This is one of the four annual PC (USA) Special Offerings taken every year. Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent Offering. Fifty percent of receipts are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers, their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please give generously to assist those who serve the church: past, present and future. Thank you.

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

**December 15—Annual Christmas Music Hour**

"Matt & Friends" will present a quiet Christmas music program featuring flute and hammered dulcimer. Matt Straub will be our host.

RESPONSE                    *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (verse 2)* - Hymnal 5  
King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC (10:30)                *Good Christian Men, Rejoice!*  
    *What Child is This?*  
    *Angels We Have Heard on High* • arr. Schuster

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • **Doxology** *(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;  
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Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, oh Israel!

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1ST READING	Isaiah 11:1-10 The word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
2ND READING	Matthew 3:1-12 The word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
SERMON	THE FIRE OF GOD • The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard
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† FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD †

* HYMN 49	<i>Once in Royal David’s City</i>
BENEDICTION	
* BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come to Thee, O Israel</i>
* POSTLUDE	<i>Vom Himmel Hoch, Da Komm’ Ich Her</i> • J S Bach <i>(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)</i>

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