

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Lo, How a Rose Is Blooming* - Manz (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are coming; Your salvation is nearing.

Teach us Your paths as we wait on Your coming promise.

The heavens are speaking; Your kingdom is arriving.

Strengthen our hearts as we wait on Your coming promise.

The world is turning; new life is appearing.

Keep us alert as we wait on Your coming promise.

We worship You with waiting hearts this day.

Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE • ***Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*** (Hymnal 85, Verse 1)

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of darkness, in these days marked by cold air and growing night, gather us in Your secret place of waiting. Remind us that the dark is not empty. Show us where new life is being formed. Reveal to us the fertile grounds of our waiting, that we might bear witness to Your incarnation among us, both now and in the days to come. Amen.

* HYMN 82 • *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

In this season so many voices wish to claim our attention, our time, and our dollars. Still God claims our whole lives: soul, body, heart, and mind. In humility let us confess our faults to the Voice who proclaims our forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Coming Christ, You may not find us as You hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Show us the signs of Your coming, that we may stand before You, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As sure as the fig tree blossoms, so sure is the salvation of God, poured out for the world in Jesus Christ our Lord. Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE • **Refrain from *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE • ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*** (Hymnal 347, verse 1)

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

SERMON

"SIGNS OF ADVENT" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Prepare Ye the Way* - Barrett/Smith (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***Doxology*** (Sung to the tune of "Veni Emmanuel")

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* REAFFIRMATION 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Gluten and soy free elements are available. Please see the server in the center aisle.

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 88 • ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** (verses 1, 6 & 7)

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Deck the Halls* - Ellsasser (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

LITURGISTS

Jim Esch (8:15)

Jeanne Vinci (10:30)

ADVENT LIGHTERS

Debby Roberts (8:15); Rusty & Meg Baldwin (10:30)

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ernestine Beattie, Lisa Dreasher, Dick Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, John Gehrig, Debbie Pauzar, Andy Riccio, Debby Roberts; Ron Thompson (Gluten Free); Steve House, Coordinator (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Carissa Taylor (10:30)

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

MUSIC

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

Our CVLI License number is 505405959.

WORSHIP AIDS

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

✠ COMMUNICATION INFORMATION ✠

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 call Dr. Darren Bess at 407-647-1467 x103 or email him at darrenb@winppc.org. For pastoral emergencies when the church office is closed, call 407-647-1467 x112.

PUBLICITY

If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please fill out the publicity request form located at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/>.

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.

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. Each poinsettia is \$15. Order forms must be returned by December 16th.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS OUTING

The Neighbors and Friends will meet for a lunch gathering on Thursday, December 5, at Friendly Confines at 11:30am. Friendly Confines is located in the plaza at Aloma and 436 in Winter Park. All are welcome.

WHITE SOCKS

Please bring NEW WHITE SOCKS and deposit them in the marked containers in the front office. We will be accepting the socks through the end of December. The Hannah Circle will be folding and packing them for the January 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.

2024 ADVENT BOOKLET

The Advent Booklets are now available. Because of the kindness of an anonymous donor, there is no cost. Thank you to everyone who submitted reflections, photos, and artwork.

HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER DRIVE
Sponsored by the Compassion Committee.

PLEASE BRING NEW TOYS ONLY.

TOY COLLECTION
Sunday
December 8th

TOY DELIVERY
Tuesday
December 10th

Suggested Toys
BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, HELMETS, TRICYCLES; DOLLS OF ALL COLORS; ARTS & CRAFTS KITS; PLAY "PRETEND" KITS, JEWELRY & MAKEUP; SPORTS BALLS OF ALL KINDS; EDUCATIONAL GAMES & BOOKS; NEW SOCKS, PAJAMAS, PLAY CLOTHES, UNDERWEAR FOR BOYS/GIRLS; CARS & TRUCKS (ESPECIALLY MEDIUM/LARGE VEHICLES); BOARD GAMES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES; TOYS, CLOTHING & BLANKETS FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS; BABY DIAPERS (SIZES 2 TO 6)

You can also help by ordering through their Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/jh6ilVv> and sending your order to:
Hope Community Center - Christmas Toy Sale
1016 North Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712

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TRANSITIONS ORPHAN ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation's (Audrey Santiago, Ukraine mission) Christmas Project is currently underway. For more details about the project and how to help, please email Audrey at ajkball@gmail.com. Donation information can be found at www.transitionsoaf.org.

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Thurs, 12/5	11:30am	Neighbors & Friends Outing at Friendly Confines
Sun, 12/8	8:15 & 10:30am	Toy Collection
Mon, 12/9	6pm	Hannah Circle Christmas Party
Fri, 12/13	5pm	Kid's Night Out
Tues, 12/17	2:30pm	Young at Heart Chorale
Wed, 12/18	5pm	Kid's Night Out
Thurs, 12/19	11am	Communion Svc at Westminster WP
Thurs, 12/19	11:30am	Neighbors & Friends Luncheon
Fri, 12/20	6:30-8pm	Living Nativity
Sun, 12/22	10:30am	Service of Lessons & Carols
Tues, 12/24	5pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
Tues, 12/24	7pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY



The Session		
2024	2025	2026
Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis
John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Cathy House	Shaheed Mohammed
Audrey Santiago	Glenn Riccio	Nelson Roe
Sara Van Arsdel	Ron Thompson	

The Diaconate		
2024	2025	2026
Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin	Ernestine Beattie
Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis	Sue Howard
Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight	
Andy Riccio	Debbie Pauzar	
	Debby Roberts	

Missions Supported by WPPC

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

PC(USA) World Missions

Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
 Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
 The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator
 Justin Chase, Director of Music
 Penny Walsh, Organist
 Sandra Shafer, Pianist
 Scott Beck, Director of Handbells
 Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
 Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
 Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
 Valerie Beltrán, Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator
 Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
 Adam Davies, Sexton