

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Go Tell It on the Mountain / Joy to the World* - Sanders (10:30)

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Into the dry and desolate places of our lives, God brings salvation.  
**The desert rejoices and blossoms, the wilderness teems with life.**  
Sorrow and sighing will flee:  
**let us come into God's presence with singing!**

#### LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE • **Light One Candle** (GTG Hymnal 85, Verse 3)

#### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of joy, each week we come ever closer to You. We feel our hearts quickening with excitement at the approach of Jesus' birth. May our souls magnify You, as Mary's did. May our lives point to Yours, as John's did. May we remain patient, listening for Your Word and Your Spirit, even as we prepare for the Christmas celebration. With hope, peace, joy, and love we pray. Amen.**

#### \* HYMN 145 (GTG Hymnal) • *What Child Is This*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

The life of faith is not only about being faithful to God. It is knowing that God is faithful to us. Trusting that God will never turn away from us, let us tell the truth about our lives.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those You would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow Your way of life and truth. Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is nothing and no one that is too far gone for God to redeem. There is no land too parched that God cannot make streams of living water flow. Beloved, we are forgiven!  
**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\* RESPONSE • **Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High** (GTG Hymnal 113)  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** (GTG Hymnal 347, Verse 3)

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:6  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:24-28  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

"PEACE" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

#### \* THE REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The 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.**

#### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

##### INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Celtic Advent Carol* - Angerman, Barrett, & Martin (10:30)

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Doxology** (to the tune of "O Come Emmanuel")

##### PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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 106 (GTG HYMNAL) • *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

#### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *O Come, All Ye Faithful* - Cherwien (10:30)

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## **SERVING TODAY**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER:** The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

**LITURGIST:** Jim Esch (8:15)  
Nancy Galyean (10:30)

**ADVENT LIGHTERS:** Julie & Emily Elizabeth Kent (8:15)  
Frank & Wendy Jamison (10:30)

**MUSICIANS:** Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)  
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)  
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)  
WPPC Ringers: Ardyth Austin, Lynne McKnight,  
Cynthia Nants, Carissa Taylor, Meg Thomas;  
Dana Irwin, Director (10:30)

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Carissa Taylor

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## **WORSHIP MATTERS**

#### ANTHEM TEXT

Be not afraid, I bring you good news. The Savior is coming in glory to you He shall be called "God's Holy One". Will you be ready for Him when He comes? Light the candle, Jesus is coming. Open your hearts, prepare ye the way. Sleepers awake, for soon is the dawning. He will turn night into glorious day. Be of good cheer and put away fear, the light now is coming to dry every tear. Love now with us, God's perfect Son. Will you be ready for Him when He comes? Veni Emmanuel, captivum solve Israel. Jesus is Coming. Could He be coming today?

#### 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.

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## **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 contact Dr. Darren Bess at [darrenb@winppc.org](mailto:darrenb@winppc.org) or 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/>.

## 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](http://www.winppc.org/sermons).

### COMING UP AT WPPC

- ◆ Toy Collection today in room 301; Toy delivery December 13
- ◆ Poinsettia order forms due today
- ◆ Young at Heart at 2pm on Tuesday, December 13
- ◆ Lesson & Carols Service at 10:30am on December 18
- ◆ Harp Ensemble Concert at 3pm on Sunday, December 18
- ◆ Living Nativity 7-8:30pm on Tuesday, December 20
- ◆ Christmas Eve—One Service at 7pm
- ◆ Christmas Day—One Service at 10:30am
- ◆ New Year's Day—One Service at 10:30am

### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken next Sunday, December 18. 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 from this offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses/families. The other 50 percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please give generously to those who serve the church: past, present and future. Thank you. ~ The Compassion Committee

### CONCERT SERIES—HARP ENSEMBLE CONCERT

On December 18 at 3pm, a Harp Ensemble concert of Christmas holiday music will be presented by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Harp Society. The Chapter's mission is to celebrate the legacy of the harp through education and awareness, inspire excellence in performance, and empower the next generation of harpists. This chapter will host the American Harp Society's National Convention in Orlando in 2024. Performers on December 18th will include professional harpists, teachers, and their students. The concert is free and open to the public! A meet and greet reception will follow the concert.

### WPPC LIVING NATIVITY

The Living Nativity will be held Tuesday, December 20. The event will take place from 7-8:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to portray Joseph and the Wise Men. We also need volunteers to help wherever needed. If interested, please contact Barbara in the front office at 407-647-1467.

### COALITION DATE CHANGE

Beginning in January 2023, the Compassion Committee's "Feeding the Homeless" team will be serving at the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless on the 1st Friday of each month rather than the 2nd Friday. That means we will be serving on January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 5, November 3 and December 1.

### RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN ROOM 301

#### 12/18: Christmas Party—Adult Classes

The Relationships in Action Sunday School class welcomes members of WPPC adult classes to join us in Room 301 from 9:15-10:15. Anyone who would like to bring a small brunch food item is more than welcome to do so.

## NOTES



### The Session

2022	2023	2024
Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean
Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig
Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach
Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago
Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel

### The Diaconate

2022	2023	2024
Jane Munns	Ron Ellman	Ardyth Austin
Rachel Myers	Betty Johnston	Lisa Dreasher
Christine Rich	Sevilla Morse	Jerry Fitzgerald
Meg Ball Thomas	Cynthia Nants	Nancy Galyean
Jeanne Vinci	Jyme Smith	Andy Riccio

### 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

### PC(USA) World Missions

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

### Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor	Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
	Kenny Lovelace, Sexton