



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 12, 2021



*Third Sunday
of Advent*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Do You Hear What I Hear?* - Regney/Shayne arr. Wagner (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Let us sing praises to the Lord,

for God has done glorious things.

Let us shout aloud and sing for joy,

for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Come, let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of our salvation, You straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good You have begun in us. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN 41 • *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (8:15 verses 1 & 3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's salvation, faithfulness and merciful love, lifting our voices together let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that, in the midst of Your glorious creation, we have neglected our role in its care. We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely, those on the margins and those who are oppressed. We focus on our own desires, while forgetting the needs of our neighbors. We have not prepared a way for the Lord, through either our words or our deeds, neither through our actions nor our thoughts. Grant us Your mercy in forgiveness; and lead us to act with compassion and justice, guided by Your glorious light. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely God is our salvation! We will trust in the Lord's goodness and will not be afraid. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30) *(Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.*

Afterward, Pre-K through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church in the Library.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 25:1-9

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Rejoice in the Lord • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

RESPONSE • *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,

As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,

That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

* THE AFFIRMATION 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 • *Mary’s Story and Magnificat* - John Ferguson (10:30)

Jeremiah Gonzalez, trumpet; Jackson Chase, narrator

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 49 • *Once in Royal David’s City* (8:15 verses 1 & 4)

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Toccata on: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* - Bish (10:30)

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Rev. Emily Wasser

ADVENT LIGHTERS

Steve & Cathy House (10:30)

LITURGIST

Steve House (10:30)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Theresa Coker (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organ

WPPC Ringers: Ardyth Austin, Lynne McKnight, Cynthia Nants,
Bethanne Seel, Griffin Seel, Larry Seel, Nolan Seel, Meg Thomas,
Annette Weidner; Dana Irwin, Director (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe (10:30)



☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

ANTHEM TEXT

The text for this anthem is from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1, verses 46-55. Mary's Song.

MUSIC

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



☞ NOTES ☜



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! We will continue to offer our worship services online. Sermons can be found at www.winppc.org/sermons.

Lessons & Carols—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.

There's Still Time! Order your poinsettia now!

The deadline has been extended and you still have a chance to order your poinsettia. Forms for purchasing a poinsettia to serve as a memorial or as a tribute of honor is available in the narthex and the front office. Each poinsettia is \$15.

Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken next Sunday, December 19. 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.

Relationships in Action Annual Christmas Party

The R in A Sunday School Class would like to invite everyone to join them in room 301 at 9:15 next Sunday, December 19 for food, fellowship and fun! Food for brunch will be provided. Please come by and join us for a gathering of friends to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

Lake Nona Singers Christmas Concert

This Thursday, December 16, the Lake Nona Singers, under the direction of Justin Chase and Aaron Kaas, will give a concert for the whole congregation and guests. This will be a true matinee performance because it will be in the morning –11 AM to be exact. Take a break from the busy-ness of the season to enjoy the beautiful music these young people perform. The concert will be in the sanctuary and last no more than an hour. The event is sponsored by the Friendship Club, which is part of the Church Life and Outreach Committee, and all ages are welcome. Hope to see you at 11 AM on Thursday, December 16 for this Christmas treat.

Living Nativity—December 18th

This Saturday December 18, from 6:00-8:30PM Winter Park Presbyterian Church will be hosting our annual Living Nativity! Just as we did last year, our Nativity will be broken up into several tableaux that guests will come and walk through as they experience the birth of Jesus Christ. But, as always, in order for Living Nativity to work, we need you! And your family! And your friends! And your neighbors! We need volunteers. Actors, guides, dressers, set decorators, even technicians are all required to help our Nativity run smoothly and for that we need you! So, if you are available on December 18th, whether it's for a few minutes or a couple of hours, please contact Emily Wasser immediately so we can find a perfect place for you to serve. We look forward to seeing you!

Worship Aids

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

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 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/>.

<i>The Session</i>			<i>The Diaconate</i>		
<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis	Ron Ellman
Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers	Sevilla Morse
Shaheed Mohammed	Michele Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich	Cynthia Nants
Nelson Roe	Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Dennis Schmalstig	Jyme Smith
			Jeanne Vinci	Meg Ball Thomas	

Staff

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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
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

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
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