



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 13, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *O Come, All Ye Faithful* - Raney

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

The Lord has made salvation known and revealed God's righteousness to the nations.

God has remembered His love and faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

HYMN • *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Holy Spirit, help us we pray. Help us to see You as our center, and to cling to the good that You create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear His love and truth to the world. We pray in and through Jesus, Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE • *Gloria from Angels We Have Heard On High*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE • *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (verse 3)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 126

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:47-56

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SERMON

"Mary's Remarkable Song" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11, NIV

Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Away in a Manger* • arr. Behnke

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • Doxology

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 • *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not
the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife
to hear the angels sing!

And you, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* - Bish

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

MUSICIANS

Director of Music: Justin Chase

Organist: Penny Walsh

Pianist: Holly Small

Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes, Justin Chase, Alan Davis,
Dana Irwin, Jayne Leach, Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reker, Holly Small,
Dawn Sumrall, George Sumrall, Sarah Thomas, Susan Davis (Director)

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece

Doug Reece

Nelson Roe

MUSIC NOTES

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





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.

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, mobility issues, or because of the current COVID pandemic. During the week the cards and list will be in the Healthy Living Room. Let's spread some Christmas joy!

Advent Booklet

The Advent Booklet is ready and will be available today after the service. A table is set up outside the sanctuary. A \$3 per copy charge is being requested to offset the printing costs.

Chrismon Tree Booklet

The Worship & Music Committee has reissued the Chrismon Tree Booklet. This booklet was originally done in 1989. The committee is asking for a minimum donation of \$2 and they will be available on Sunday mornings and in the front office.

White Socks—Deadline is December 30th

This year we will be serving the Homeless later than usual so please bring your socks before December 30th. 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 1000's 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 FRONT OF THE CHURCH. We will be accepting the socks up until December 30th. The Compassion Committee thanks you for your donations!

Living Nativity—Saturday, December 19

Mark your calendars! WPPC will host Living Nativity on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. The last admittance will be 8:00 PM. Living Nativity, much like this year, is going to be a bit different. Christmas is an opportunity for us to rejoice in the things that we have and to wonder in all that we are capable of. We appreciate your support as we continue on in keeping this wonderful and beautiful tradition alive and well at WPPC.

Virtual VBS—December 28-31, 10-11:30am

This year Central Florida Presbytery is hosting a Winter Virtual VBS from December 28-31. This virtual VBS will feature daily theme Bible verses, exploration of the theme through storytelling, arts and crafts, movement, and science activities. The kids will also have discussion times in breakout groups by age. In the Advent lead up to the 4-day VBS, families are encouraged to choose at least one service project a week and to take a picture of "flat" Little Baby Jesus and post it to our Journeys with Jesus Facebook Group. Deadline to register is December 15th 2020. To register or to get more information go to <http://www.cfpresbytery.org/upcoming-events.html>.

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/>.

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		
2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Doris Anguish	Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Ardyth Austin	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis
Marilyn Bryant	Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Cathy House	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns
Rick Davis	Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Caroline James	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers
Steve House	Shaheed Mohammed	Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich
Larry Seel	Peter Rice	Jay Van Hook	Dennis Schmalstig	Sara Van Arsdel	Meg Ball Thomas
Bob White	Nelson Roe		Matt Straub	Jeanne Vinci	

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. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
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
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