

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHORAL RESPONSE • *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (Hymnal 85, Verse 3)

INTROIT • *Carol of the Stranger* - Abbie Betinis
-Lake Nona Singers

*Peace and grace be to this house where all are welcomed in;
Receive the guest, receive this heart: tell the Stranger, tell.
Tell the Stranger what you cannot tell those who love you and desire your joy: tell.*

*Make tall your walls, make long these beams, who once believed alone;
Make wide the circle, feed the fire: tell the Silence, tell.
Tell the Silence what you cannot tell those who love you and desire your joy. Tell.*

*Blessings be upon this place, let every wound be healed,
Let every secret, every dream: tell the Angel, tell.
Tell the Angel what you cannot tell those who love you and desire your joy. Tell.*

*Peace and grace be to this house, all will be returned;
Let every soul be called your own, tell the Mystery, tell.
Tell the Mystery what you long to tell those who love you and desire your joy.
Tell.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

* HYMN 119 • *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, in this wonderful season of Advent, let us go to God with our confessions of sin.

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

**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 shadows clear away.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, Jesus came to forgive our sins. In his name we are forgiven.

Amen.

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

LEADER: The peace of our Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: 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.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Westminster Ringers • *O Come All Ye Faithful* - arr. Sherman

THE 1ST LESSON ISAIAH 11:6-9

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

CHORAL RESPONSE • *Ose Shalom* - Leavitt
-Lake Nona Singers Tenor/Basses (Sung in Hebrew)

*May He who makes peace in high places, make peace for us and for all Israel.
And let us say, amen.*

2ND LESSON LUKE 1:26-35; 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Westminster Ringers • *Breath of Heaven* - Eithun

3RD LESSON LUKE 2:1; 3-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL • ***Angels We have Heard on High*** (Hymnal 113)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The First Noel* - Forrest
Chancel Choir and Lake Nona Singers

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***Doxology*** (To the tune of “O Come Emmanuel”)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

4TH LESSON LUKE 2:8-16

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

CHORAL RESPONSE • *Children, Go Where I Send Thee* - Johnson
-Lake Nona Singers S/A

5TH LESSON MATTHEW 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

CAROL • Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy
-WPPC Chancel Choir & Lake Nona Singers

6TH LESSON JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth

* HYMN 136 • **Go, Tell it on the Mountain**

* BENECTION

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart."
- Howard Thurman.

* BENECTION RESPONSE • **Hlolonofatsa (Bless Everything)**
-Lake Nona Singers

* POSTLUDE • **In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christian Ones, Rejoice)** - Young

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Interim Pastor

LITURGIST: Nancy Galyean

ADVENT LIGHTERS: John Gehrig & Matt Straub

MUSICIANS: Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organ
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells
Lake Nona Singers

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in recognition of our son Ethan achieving his Master's Degree in Computer Engineering. - Meg Thomas

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.

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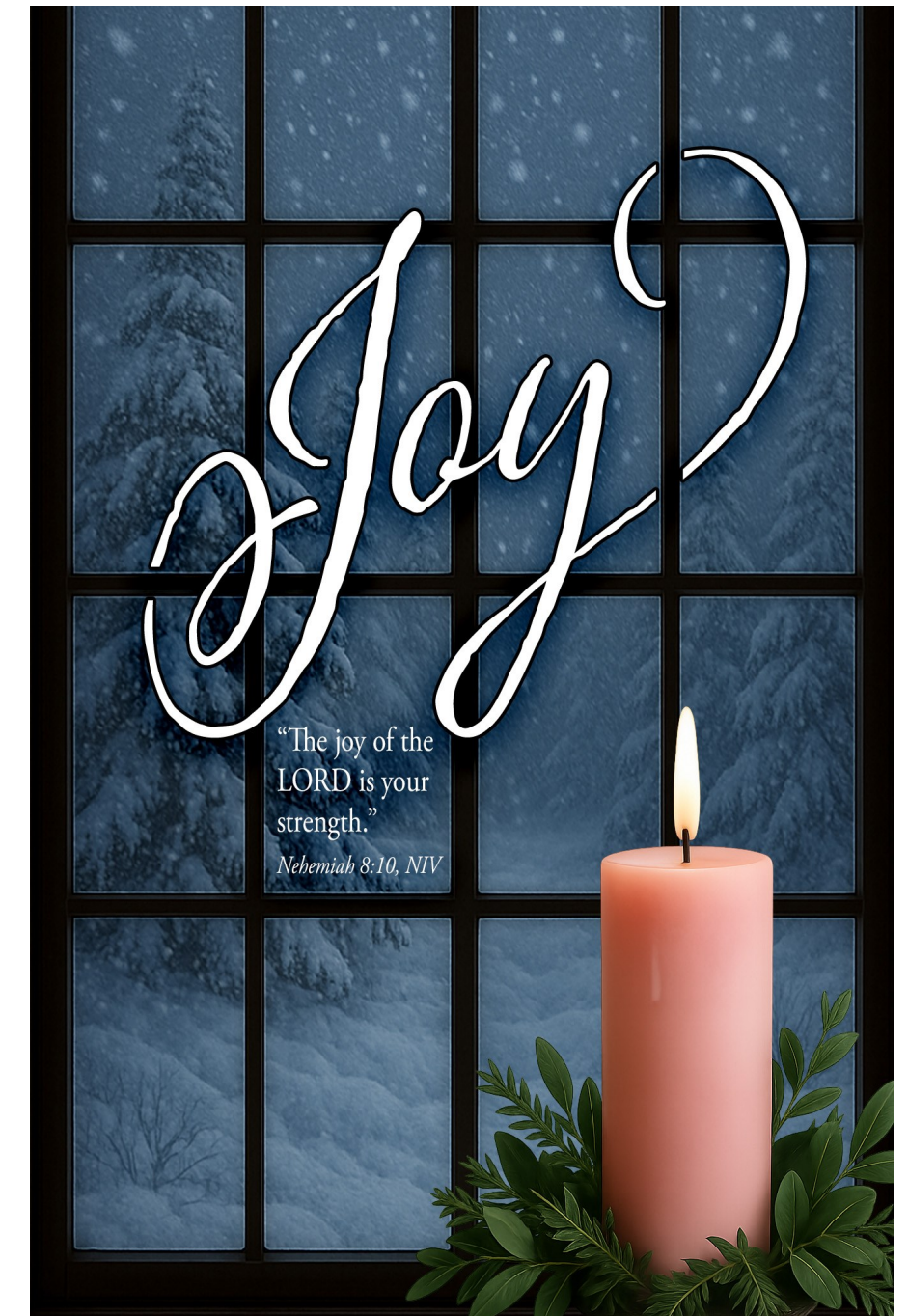
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The Session			The Diaconate		
2025	2026	2027	2025	2026	2027
Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Maria Garton	Meg Baldwin	Ernestine Beattie	Cynthia Nants
Mary Ferguson	Betty Johnston	Carel Thompson	Anna Caparis	Sue Howard	Robert Nevill
Cathy House	Shaheed Mohammed	Phyllis Woods	Lynne McKnight		
Glenn Riccio	Nelson Roe		Debbie Pauzar		
Ron Thompson			Debbie Roberts		
			Paula Smathers		
Staff					
The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Interim Pastor			Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant		
Justin Chase, Director of Music			Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant		
Penny Walsh, Organist			Valerie Beltrán, Children's Ministry Coordinator		
Sandra Shafer, Pianist			Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs		
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells			Adam Davies, Sunday Sexton		



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025
LESSONS & CAROLS



JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND
FELLOWSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST!



NEIGHBORS
& FRIENDS

CHRISTMAS *Musical Program*

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 18
11:30 AM

As we celebrate the Advent season, Neighbors & Friends invites you to a special musical program. Justin Chase, our very own Director of Music, will once again bring students from Lake Nona High School for a concert.

The concert will begin promptly at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall, followed by a catered lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$15. The students will join us around the tables as our guests. If you would like, you may purchase an extra meal or two to offset our expenses.

Reservations are due on Monday, December 15 and can be made by calling the church office, signing up on the bulletin board in the front office hall, or by looking for the "Sign Up Sisters" on Sunday mornings in the narthex. You are welcome to come for only the concert, and you are also welcome to bring your own meal.

All who attend will be enriched by the music from these amazing students, the fellowship that comes from sharing a meal, and the intergenerational conversation around the tables. Plan to come, and please invite your neighbors and friends to this celebration of the birth of Christ.



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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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Mary Beardall, who passed Tuesday, December 9. Service information is pending. Please keep Mary's family in your prayers.

NEW HANDBELL EQUIPMENT

Today, the Handbell Ensemble is excited to be ringing new equipment in church. With a generous donation from Dawn and George Sumrall in honor of George's birthday, we were able to purchase the 4th and 5th octave of Schulmerich Handchimes. This completes our handchime set so we now have newly refurbished 5 octaves of handbells that were looked at over the summer and a complete 5 octave set of handchimes. Thank you Dawn and George! What a great birthday gift to share!

MINI GLOBAL MARKET—TODAY

A Mini Global Market will be held today after the 10:30am service in Fellowship Hall. Equal Exchange will be there with coffee, tea, and chocolates, as well as Audrey Santiago for her Transitions Orphans Assistance Foundation. Please come and support these wonderful non-profit organizations.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING—DECEMBER 21

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken next Sunday, December 21. This is one of the 4 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 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 those who serve the church: past, present and future. Thank you

WHITE SOCKS

- Thurs, 12/18 11:30am Neighbors & Friends Luncheon
- Fri, 12/19 6:30-8pm Living Nativity
- Wed, 12/24 5pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- Wed, 12/24 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service