



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 19, 2021

*Lessons  
& Carols*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\* 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 15 • *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers***

\* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Assured that God hears our repentance, let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet You. You call us to repent, but we turn away from You. You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for You. Forgive us, God of grace. Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with You when all Your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

RESPONSE • ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Hymnal 5, verse 4)***

**At His feet with six-winged seraph;**

**Cherubim with sleepless eye,**

**Veil their faces to the presence,**

**As with ceaseless voice they cry:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

**Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\* RESPONSE • ***Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymnal 23)***

**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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*

*I Wonder as I Wander* - Niles/Bettcher

THE 1ST LESSON - Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on Him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what His eyes see,  
or decide by what His ears hear;  
but with righteousness He shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

*Veni, Emmanuel* - arr. John Michael Trotta

THE 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."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."  
Then the angel departed from her.

**CAROL (HYMN 16) • *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (Verses 1 and 2)***

### THE 3RD LESSON - Luke 2: 1; 3-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should 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.

*O Magnum Mysterium* - Kevin Memley

Sung in Latin

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,  
that beasts should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger.  
O blessed virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

### THE 4TH LESSON - Luke 2: 8-16

In that 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, raising 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.

*Do You Hear the Shepherd?* - Ingram

*Dance and Sing* - Gifford

### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC • *Rejoice!* - Gwennyth Walker

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye Heav'nly Host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE 5TH LESSON - Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed His star at its rising, 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.

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men 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 at its rising, 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 (Choir and Congregation) - *We Three Kings*

**We three kings of orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
Oh, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide with thy perfect light.  
Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.  
Oh, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide with thy perfect light.**

## THE 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 overcome it.

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 29 • *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

\* BENEDICTION

" 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.

Benediction Response:  
Hlolonofatsa (Bless Everything!)



**☞ SERVING TODAY ☜**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER**

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

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

The Rev. Emily Wasser

**LITURGIST**

Phyllis Woods

**ADVENT LIGHTERS**

Jeanne & Richard Vinci and Madeleine, Mark & Oliver Bergman

**MUSICIANS**

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organ

Westminster Ringers

Chancel Choir

WPPC Children's Choir

Lake Nona Singers

**AUDIO/VISUAL**

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe



**☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜**

**MUSIC**

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

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

The poinsettias in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by the congregation of WPPC. A complete list of dedications is included in this bulletin. If you ordered a poinsettia, you can pick yours up after the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service.

### **Memorial Service**

A Memorial Service will be held for Rick Dillard who passed November 29th. The service will be held this Tuesday, December 21 at 10:00 AM. A reception will follow the service in fellowship Hall.

### **Christmas Joy Offering**

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken TODAY, 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.

### **Christian Service Center Blue Bags**

Christian Service Center (one of the mission partners with WPPC) is requesting life essentials for homeless individuals. The wish list includes: pop top cans of fruit, canned soup or chili, jars of peanut butter, gently used tennis shoes, gently used jeans, tee shirts in good condition, belts, new underwear, and new socks. They can be placed in the Red barrels by the office and fellowship hall by December 20th and will be brought to the Christian Service Center. ~Compassion Committee

### **Chrismon Pictures**

Pictures of the Chrismons and our Chrismon Christmas Tree have been added to the website. They can be viewed at <https://www.winppcphotos.org/Chrismons-and-the-Chrismon-Tree/Chrismons-and-the-Chrismon-Tree>. A hard copy booklet of the photos, produced by the church, is available for a nominal donation (\$3).

### **Lost Kitchen Items**

As our Coalition cooks began to work their magic to prepare the 7-layer salad to be served at the Coalition on Friday, December 10, they were unable to locate 2 of the 6 large pans used to layer, mix and serve the salad (dimensions 20" x 12" and 6" deep). After a complete search of the church, the team used 4 smaller pans to replace the 2 missing. This led to difficulty refrigerating 8 rather than 6 pans and transporting more pans to and from the Coalition. In addition, the team found many knives missing that normally hang on the wall under the AC controls. These items are critical to WPPC's "Mission to Feed the Homeless" and will have to be replaced. If you have any information on the location of these items, please contact Nancy Galyean [nangalyean@gmail.com](mailto:nangalyean@gmail.com) or 407.929.0903. If you have borrowed or moved pans/knives, please return them to the WPPC kitchen.

### **Relationships in Action - Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM in Room 301**

December 26th - *No Class*

Christmas weekend—The R in A class will not be meeting this Sunday.





## *Poinsettia Dedications*

<i>Doris Anguish</i>	<i>In loving memory of my husband, Don Anguish</i>
<i>Meg &amp; Rusty Baldwin</i>	<i>In appreciation of Music, Family, and Ministers</i>
<i>Mary Beardall</i>	<i>In loving memory of my favorite husband, Bill Beardall</i>
<i>Oliver Bergman</i>	<i>In honor of Nanna Jeanne &amp; Poppa Richard, Pastor Emily, Aunt Jodi Tassos, Auntie Allie, Uncle Davey &amp; Posey</i>
<i>Yvonne Cobb</i>	<i>In loving memory of Jerry L. Cobb and Edward L. Dycus</i>
<i>Scott Dainton &amp; Laura Fischer</i>	<i>In loving memory of Edward Robertson; In honor of Lois Robertson</i>
<i>Paul &amp; Robin Danley</i>	<i>In loving memory of our parents, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ellsworth Danley, and Mr. &amp; Mrs. William M. Reid</i>
<i>Alan &amp; Susan Davis</i>	<i>In honor of our children and grandchildren</i>
<i>Corinne J. Dodd</i>	<i>In loving memory of Ori Sue &amp; James H. Jordan</i>
<i>John &amp; Lisa Dreasher</i>	<i>In loving memory of Robert &amp; Donna Talkington and Robert Dreasher; In honor of Dorothy Dreasher</i>
<i>The Edwards Family</i>	<i>In loving memory of Melissa Edwards; In appreciation of Dr. Bess &amp; his family</i>
<i>Phil &amp; Donna Ettinger</i>	<i>In loving memory of Herman &amp; Lucy Vollstedt and John &amp; Doris Ettinger</i>
<i>Crystal Fern</i>	<i>In loving memory of Ray &amp; Betty Fern, Tom Lisle, and Donald Ross, Jr.</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Nancy Galyean</i>	<i>In appreciation of Justin Chase, Penny Walsh, Cindy Mitchum, and Barbara Hordern</i>
<i>Janet Hall</i>	<i>In loving memory of my husband Art Hall and my son Terry Hall</i>
<i>Norlin &amp; Myrna Ham</i>	<i>In honor of Nathan, Mary, and Christopher</i>
<i>Steve &amp; Cathy House</i>	<i>In appreciation of the audio-visual ministry crew, and our ministers &amp; staff</i>
<i>Carol Hunt</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Reta Jackson</i>	<i>In loving memory of Hal &amp; Teresa Rivers</i>
<i>Betty Johnston</i>	<i>In loving memory of Chuck Johnston</i>
<i>Marilyn Kiester</i>	<i>In loving memory of my amazing parents, Gordon &amp; Rae Kiester, and my wonderful brother, Ken Kiester. I will carry you in heart always</i>
<i>Dan &amp; Fred Kittinger</i>	<i>In loving memory of our mother Xandra Whittaker Roth, and our grandparents Heskin &amp; Betty Whittaker</i>
<i>Bill &amp; Becky Sewell Manuel</i>	<i>In loving memory of Mary &amp; Cecil Sewell; In appreciation of the Glory of God!</i>
<i>Ann McIntosh</i>	<i>In loving memory of my husband Mac McIntosh</i>
<i>Jane T. Munns</i>	<i>In appreciation of the members of WPPC</i>
<i>Rachel Myers</i>	<i>In appreciation of the Congregation for supporting the CommUnity Toy Drive</i>
<i>Cynthia Forrester Nants</i>	<i>In loving memory Bruce Arlington Nants, Louise &amp; Jack Nants, and Fran &amp; Gene Forrester</i>
<i>Julia S. Rankin</i>	<i>In loving memory of my parents, Fred R. &amp; Julia M. Seibert</i>
<i>Dave &amp; Lil Rea</i>	<i>In appreciation of family</i>
<i>Debby Roberts</i>	<i>In loving memory of my parents, Dan &amp; Anita Carney</i>
<i>Lois Robertson</i>	<i>In loving memory of my husband, Edward Robertson</i>
<i>Peggy &amp; Esmé Schuckers</i>	<i>In loving memory of my parents, H. Ellsworth (Herb) &amp; Helen Miller</i>
<i>Annette &amp; Joe Stewart</i>	<i>In appreciation of our Church Staff</i>
<i>Dawn &amp; George Sumrall</i>	<i>In loving memory of Dawn's mother Irene Trippler and in appreciation of WPPC's unseen volunteers</i>
<i>Meg Ball Thomas</i>	<i>In loving memory of Bob &amp; Vicky Ball, Bill Ball, and Art Thomas</i>
<i>Mary &amp; Jay Van Hook</i>	<i>In loving memory of our parents Jacob J. &amp; Pauline Weston and Arthur &amp; Jo Van Hook</i>
<i>Jeanne Vinci</i>	<i>In honor of all caregivers—past and present</i>
<i>Penny S. Walsh</i>	<i>In loving memory of my son, Gregory E. Manning; In honor of Justin Chase, Director of Music</i>
<i>Tracy &amp; Bob White</i>	<i>In loving memory of our parents, Jack &amp; Elizabeth White and Harry &amp; Evelyn Truchelut</i>

## 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](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/>.

<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

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  
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  
Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

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