



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 20, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Silent Night* - arr. Krug

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 5:7-8

But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house.

I will bow down toward Your holy temple in awe and wonder of You.

Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness;

Make Your way straight before me.

HYMN • *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God, there are times when we have forgotten what Advent is about. During this season, we also confess to making the list and checking it twice, and looking to our own selfish comforts, rather than caring for others. We also admit our fear and lack of trust in Your promises. By Your grace, remove the blinders of material gain and the near-sightedness of fear, so that we may see and truly celebrate the arrival of our salvation through Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You see, at just the right time,

when we were still powerless,

Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Because of His love, we are forgiven.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

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

SERMON

"Possible Impossibility" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH • *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 *There is Faint Music in the Night* • Dan Forrest

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 • *What Child is This*

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful* - Burkhardt



☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir: Justin Chase, Director

Organist: Penny Walsh

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

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

ANTHEM TEXT

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;
a frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.
A shelter from the winter storm; a straw-lined manger, safe and warm;
and Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby's sleepy sighs.
Her eyes are fixed upon His face; unheeded here is time and space;
Her heart is filled with blinding joy for God's own Son—her baby Boy.

MUSIC NOTES

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



Poinsettia Dedications

<i>Doris Anguish</i>	<i>In loving memory of my husband, Don Anguish</i>
<i>Ardyth Austin</i>	<i>In loving memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Rusty & Meg Baldwin</i>	<i>In honor of our family. We are very blessed and appreciate them; In appreciation of our music program. Thank you Justin, Penny, Susan, and Dana; In appreciation of our wonderful minister, Rev. Darren Bess and his wife, Carol</i>
<i>Fern Barnard</i>	<i>In loving memory of my husband, Grant; In honor of my three sons, Glenn, Gary, and Mike</i>
<i>The Beardall Children</i>	<i>In appreciation of our favorite mother, Mary Beardall</i>
<i>Betty Gale Case</i>	<i>In loving memory of Bob Case</i>
<i>Paul & Robin Danley</i>	<i>In loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. William M. Reid and Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth Danley</i>
<i>Corinne J. Dodd</i>	<i>In loving memory of Ori Sue & James H. Jordan</i>
<i>The Dreasler Family</i>	<i>In loving memory of Robert Dreasler and Robert & Donna Talkington; In honor of Dorothy Dreasler</i>
<i>Barbara & Wade Edwards</i>	<i>In appreciation of our new minister, Dr. Bess & his family</i>
<i>Nancy & Mike Galyean</i>	<i>In loving memory of our parents and Nancy's Brothers, Tom & Russ</i>
<i>Betty Johnston</i>	<i>In loving memory of Charles (Chuck) Johnston</i>
<i>Marilyn Kiester</i>	<i>In loving memory of my amazing parents, Gordon & Rae Kiester, and my wonderful brother, Ken Kiester. I will carry you in heart always</i>
<i>Dan & Fred Kittinger</i>	<i>In loving memory of our mother, Xandra Whittaker Roth, and our grandparents, Heskin & Betty Whittaker</i>
<i>Yvonne Manking</i>	<i>In loving memory of Andy Manking</i>
<i>The McCurdy Family</i>	<i>In loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Willard McCurdy and Mr. Vanh Laochareun</i>
<i>Ann McIntosh</i>	<i>In loving memory of Mac McIntosh</i>
<i>Sevilla Morse</i>	<i>In appreciation of Justin Chase, Penny Walsh & Susan Davis, and their musical talent</i>
<i>Jane T. Munns</i>	<i>In loving memory of my family</i>
<i>Rachel Myers</i>	<i>In loving memory of my husband, David Myers</i>
<i>Cynthia Forrester Nants</i>	<i>In loving memory Bruce Nants, Louise & Jack Nants, and Fran & Gene Forrester</i>
<i>Carol & Gene Pickler</i>	<i>In loving memory of son, Mike, and parents, Carl & Daisy Pickler and Marjorie & Paul Smith</i>
<i>Maurice Pulliam</i>	<i>In loving memory of my wife, Patsy Pulliam</i>
<i>Julia S. Rankin</i>	<i>In loving memory of my parents, Fred R. & Julia M. Seibert</i>
<i>Angela Ranson & Family</i>	<i>In loving memory of Arthur (Randy) J. Ranson, 1999</i>
<i>Deborah Roberts</i>	<i>In loving memory of my mom & dad, Dan & Anita Carney</i>
<i>Peggy & Esmé Schuckers</i>	<i>In loving memory of my parents, H. Ellsworth (Herb) and Helen Miller.</i>
<i>Larry & Bethanne Seel</i>	<i>In loving memory of George & Ginny Seel; In honor of Frank & Shirley Goehringer</i>
<i>Dawn & George Sumrall</i>	<i>In loving memory of Irene Trippler</i>
<i>Jodi Tassos</i>	<i>In loving memory of John Tassos and Pat Williamson</i>
<i>Meg, Steve, & Ethan Thomas</i>	<i>In loving memory of Vicky & Bob Ball, Bill Ball, and Art Thomas</i>
<i>US Navy Team</i>	<i>In appreciation for the prayer warriors at WPPC. Thank you!</i>
<i>Sara Van Arsdal & Robert Green</i>	<i>In loving memory of Rosemary Green and R. Sue Hoffman</i>
<i>Jeanne Vinci</i>	<i>In loving memory of WPPC Chancel Choir "Sisters" - Susie Stone, Donna Maratta, and Elizabeth Head.</i>



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.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lou Hollingshead who passed on December 3, 2020. She was a member of WPPC for 56 years. Services are pending at this time.

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 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service.

Christmas Joy Offering—Today

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken today. 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 and families. The other 50% 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 assist those who serve the church: past, present and future. Thank you.

White Socks—Deadline is December 30th

Please bring your socks by December 30th. The Hannah Circle will be folding and packing the socks for distribution. 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**. **If you are unable to get out and purchase the socks, you can send a donation to the church (please put "White Socks" on the memo line) and the Compassion Committee will purchase the socks for you.**

Update on "Feeding the Homeless"

Because the Covid numbers are rising and we anticipate a surge after the Christmas holiday, we will not be preparing the meal and serving the January 8th meal (2nd Friday). Perhaps we will be able resume this mission by the 2nd Friday in February (the 12th). Our volunteers will need to feel safe doing their jobs. We will keep you posted. Of course, we will continue donating our cost to prepare this meal (\$340) each month until we are able to serve.

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		
<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
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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