

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

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Tom Chasser, who passed Monday, December 15. Please keep Rita and their family in your prayers.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

The poinsettias in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by the WPPC Congregation. A complete list of dedications is included in this bulletin. If you ordered a poinsettia, you can pick yours up after the 7pm 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/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. ~The Compassion Committee

**FONTANINI BETHLEHEM VILLAGE**

Many years ago, the Lorincz family donated their Fontanini Bethlehem Village to WPPC. Unfortunately that’s the extent of our knowledge of the village that can be seen in the Narthex through the Christmas season. Fontanini Nativity Sets capture the beauty, devotion, and artistry of one of the most beloved Christmas traditions. Be sure to stop by and enjoy the artistry in the village and the life-like display of Bethlehem during Jesus’s lifetime .The village has been stored away since Covid and just this year brought to life by volunteers who spent hours moving, unwrapping, and setting up this gorgeous display.

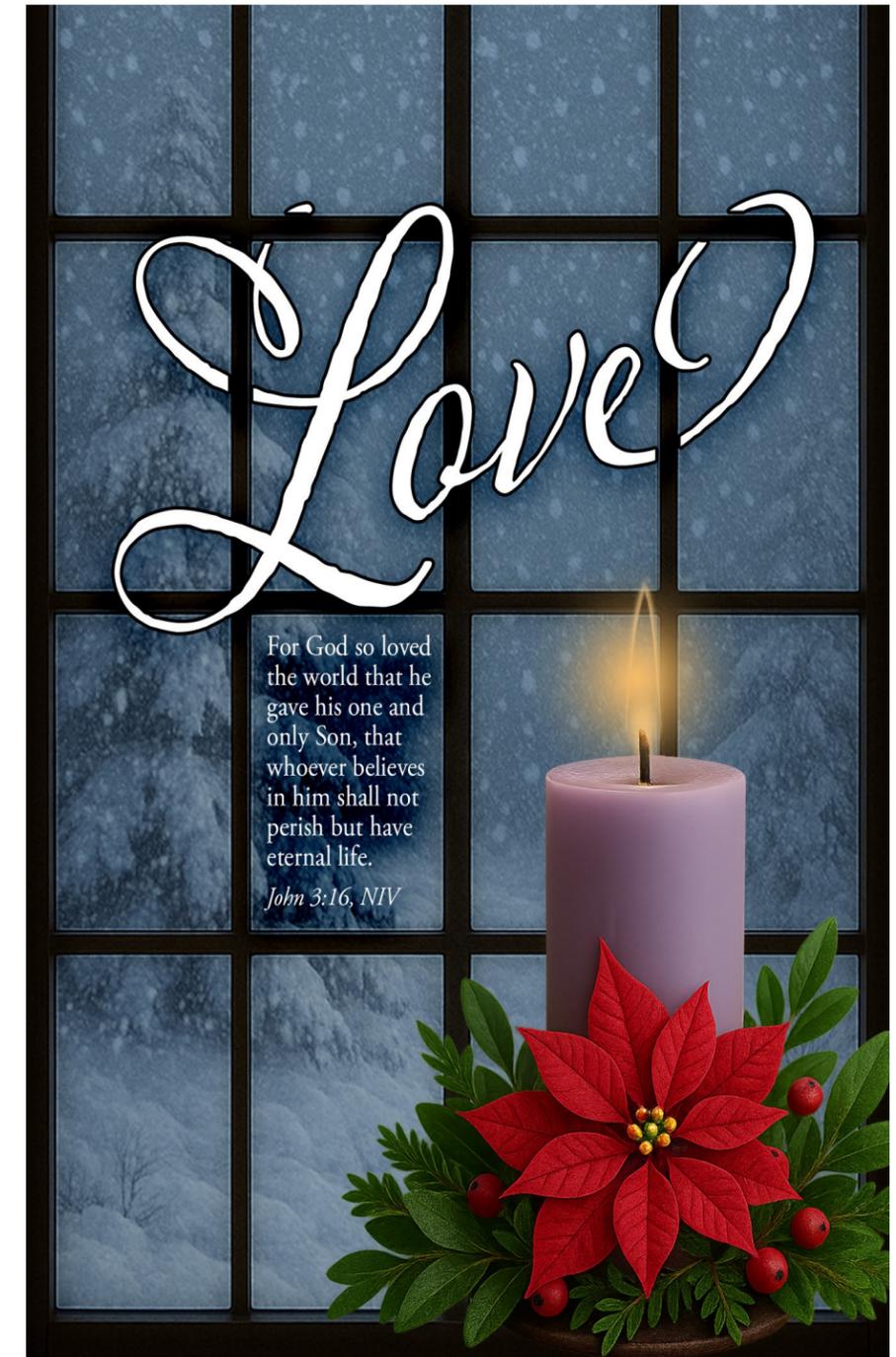
**WHITE SOCKS**

Please bring NEW WHITE SOCKS and deposit them in the marked containers in the front office. We will be accepting the socks through the end of December. 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 thousands of pairs of socks. It’s hard to describe the joy and thanks that is expressed for these simple gifts.



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2025  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



<i>The Session</i>			<i>The Diaconate</i>		
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	Susan Howard	Robert Nevill
Cathy House	Shaheed Mohammed	Phyllis Woods	Lynne McKnight		
Glenn Riccio	Nelson Roe		Debbie Pauzar		
Ron Thompson			Debbie Roberts		
			Paula Smathers		

**Local Outreach Supported by WPPC**  
Center for Women & Families, Coalition for Homeless of Central FL  
Christian Service Center | Health Care Center for Homeless  
Coalition for Homeless of Central FL—General (food prepared & served)  
IDignity | Parramore Kidz Zone  
SALT Outreach, Inc. (Serving and Love Together)

**International 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  
Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba  
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, *Ecological Sustainability*, Costa Rica  
Dan Turk, *Environmental Education*, Madagascar  
Elizabeth Turk, *Community Health & HIV/AIDS*, Madagascar

**Staff**  
The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Interim Pastor  
Justin Chase, Director of Music  
Penny Walsh, Organist  
Sandra Shafer, Pianist  
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells  
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant  
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant  
Valerie Beltrán, Children’s Ministry Coordinator  
Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs  
Clark Ranson, Sexton  
Adam Davies, Sunday Sexton

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • Carol of the Bells – Leotovych/Sorenson (10:30)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Keep watch! For the One who brings peace is coming.

**We wait in anticipation for Christ.**

We wait for God's revelation of joy. Remain alert!

**Love is coming to dwell among us. Hope draws near.**

### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE • ***Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*** (Hymnal 85, Verse 4)

### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Lord, we gather this week before Christmas, excited about celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. Thank you for sending him to earth to save us. We are grateful. In His name, Amen.**

### \* HYMN 143 • ***Angels, from the Realms of Glory***

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Come friends, let us go to God with our confessions.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Oh Lord, we have much to confess, we let the season overwhelm us and we are caught up in a frenzy of coveting all that we see. We are tempted to buy more than we need or can afford. We look at our neighbors' homes and think we see much more than we have. Help us to look with Advent eyes and see Christ around us, and look to Him this season. Hear our silent prayers, O Lord.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe in the good news, in Jesus' name we are forgiven.

**We are grateful, Amen.**

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

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (10:30)

### PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

### RESPONSE • ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*** (Hymnal 347, verse 4)

**At his feet the 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!"**

### FIRST READING

Psalm 61

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

### SECOND READING

Luke 1:39-56

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

### SERMON

"Mary and Elizabeth" • The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones

### \* THE REAFFIRMATION 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

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Suo-Gan* - arr. Jack Noble White (10:30)

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \* HYMN 145 • ***What Child Is This***

### \* THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE • ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** – Young (10:30)

## ✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

### OFFICIATING MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Interim Pastor

### LITURGISTS

Glenn Riccio (8:15)

Jayne Leach (10:30)

### ADVENT LIGHTERS

Glenn & Denise Riccio (8:15)

Hannah Circle Sisters: Debbie Pauzar, Debby Roberts, Michelle Stills, and Phyllis Woods (10:30)

### MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

Holly Small, Piano (10:30)

### AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch (10:30)

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## ✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

### FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Frances Swope in celebration of Advent.

### ANTHEM TEXT

Sleep, my dear one, sleep my lovely, warm and cozy, rest your head; Mother's loving arms around you make a gentle loving bed. Ill shall never touch thy sleeping, none disturb thy slumber deep; Sleep thou calmly, darling baby, with your mother gently sleep. Quiet slumber now shall bless thee with its beauty, sweet and deep; Why, my lovely, are you smiling, smiling tenderly asleep? Are the heavenly angels smiling on thee in thy slumber deep, Smiling joyously upon thee, with your mother gently sleep. Christ is born.

### 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.

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## ✠ COMMUNICATION INFORMATION ✠

### PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, please reach out to us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer.

### 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/>.