



# Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

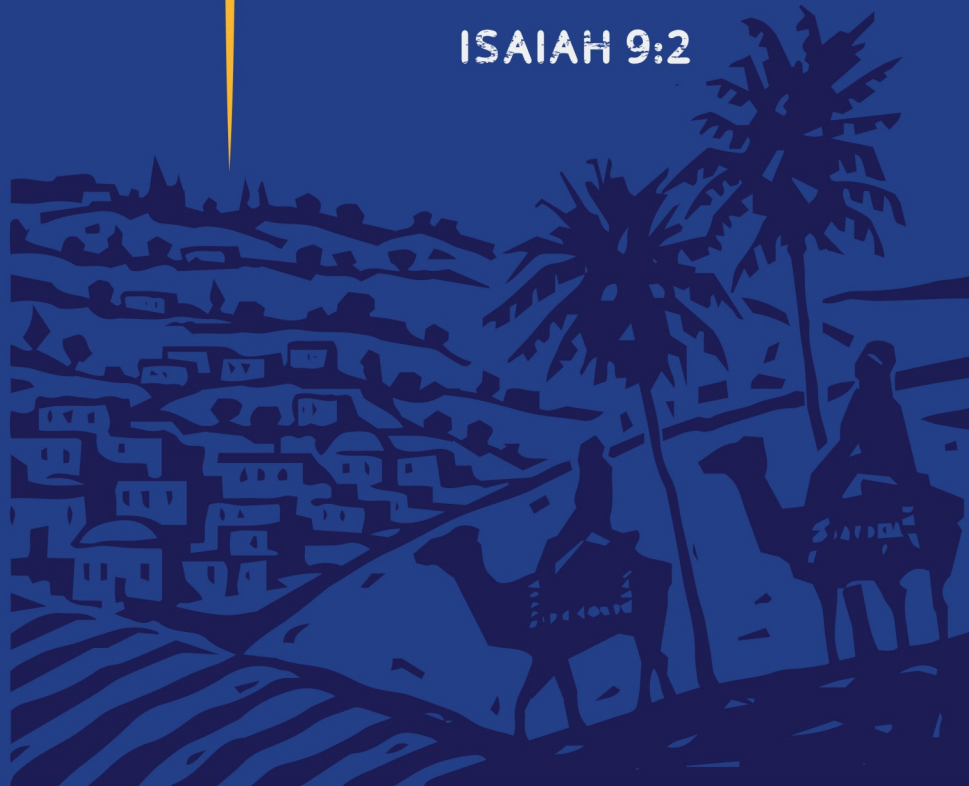
DECEMBER 24, 2021

7:00 PM



THE PEOPLE  
WHO WALKED  
IN DARKNESS  
HAVE SEEN A  
**GREAT  
LIGHT.**

ISAIAH 9:2



## ORDER OF WORSHIP • CHRISTMAS EVE

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*With great joy we welcome you to our Christmas Eve Candlelight service.  
Tonight we join together in celebration of the birth of our savior. It is our hope that on this  
holy night you will find the scripture, songs, prayers, and reflections we share to be a blessing  
to you in your personal journey of faith. May the joyous wonder of God's precious and  
unfathomable gift fill you with faith, hope, and love on this night and always.*

### WELCOME

PRELUDE • *In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)* - Bach

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid; for behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy.

**To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace!**

Let us go to Bethlehem.

### OPENING PRAYER

**Good and gracious God, on this holy night You gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe,  
wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw  
us into the mystery of Your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing  
Your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for  
whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Carol • *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**1. O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

**2. Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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

SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-20

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*O Holy Night*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**God Most High, Your only Son embraced the weakness of flesh, to give us power to become Your children; Your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in Your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory You have made our own, and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, Your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.**

MEDITATION

“Christmas Gifts” • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *The First Noel* - arr. Dan Forrest

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Carol • *Joy to the World*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL

***Candle Lighting Ceremony***

*The Rev. Dr. Bess and The Rev. Wasser will light their candles from the Christ Candle and then pass that light to the ushers. The light of the ushers' candles will then be passed to those closest to the center aisle.*

**Silent night, holy night!**

**All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon virgin mother and child!**

**Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent Night, holy night!**

**Shepherds quake at the sight**

**Glories stream from heaven afar**

**Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.**

**Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent Night, holy night!**

**Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face,**

**with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,**

**Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night!**

**Wondrous star, lend thy light;**

**with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King. Christ the Savior is born!**

**Christ the Savior is born!**

BENEDICTION

In darkness we arrived,

**in light we now leave,**

though we may stumble,

**we walk in grace.**

Rise up and go, for God is among us

**now and forever Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

POSTLUDE • *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* - Young

**✠ SERVING TODAY ✠**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER**

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

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

**CANDLE LIGHTERS**

Cynthia Nants, Stephanie Yaffee & Michael Yaffee

**LITURGIST**

John Gehrig

**MUSICIANS**

Chancel Choir: Justin Chase, Director

Organist: Penny Walsh

Soloists: Lauren Langa and Sandra Shafer

**AUDIO/VISUAL**

Carole Reece

Doug Reece

Nelson Roe

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**MUSIC NOTES**

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



*Thanks be unto God  
for His unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

## 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	Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich	Cynthia Nants
Nelson Roe	Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Meg Ball Thomas	Jyme Smith
			Jeanne Vinci		

### *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

### *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  
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