

**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).

**RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN ROOM 301**

**December 31st - No Class**

Happy New Year!

**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.

**KING'S BRASS CONCERT—ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 7TH**

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass provide innovative worship for young and old alike through the "best in sacred brass music." By teaming together, these Christian professionals from around the United States perform their original arrangements as heard on their fifteen recordings. For forty years, The King's Brass have performed over one hundred concerts each season with three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, keyboards, and percussion. Playing a wide variety of music from Gabrieli to hymn classics, from Handel to jazz spirituals, from Christmas carols to patriotic marches, The King's Brass uses all corners of the concert hall to lift hearts and spirits in praise. Join us at our 10:30 worship service on January 7th to hear this amazing concert! There will be no 8:15am service.

**NOTES**



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 10:30AM  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



<i>The Session</i>		
2023	2024	2025
Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker
Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson
Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach	Cathy House
Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago	Glenn Riccio
Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdell	Ron Thompson

<i>The Diaconate</i>		
2023	2024	2025
Ron Ellman	Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin
Betty Johnston	Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis
Sevilla Morse	Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight
Cynthia Nants	Andy Riccio	Debbie Pauzar
Jyme Smith		Debbie Roberts

**Missions Supported by WPPC**

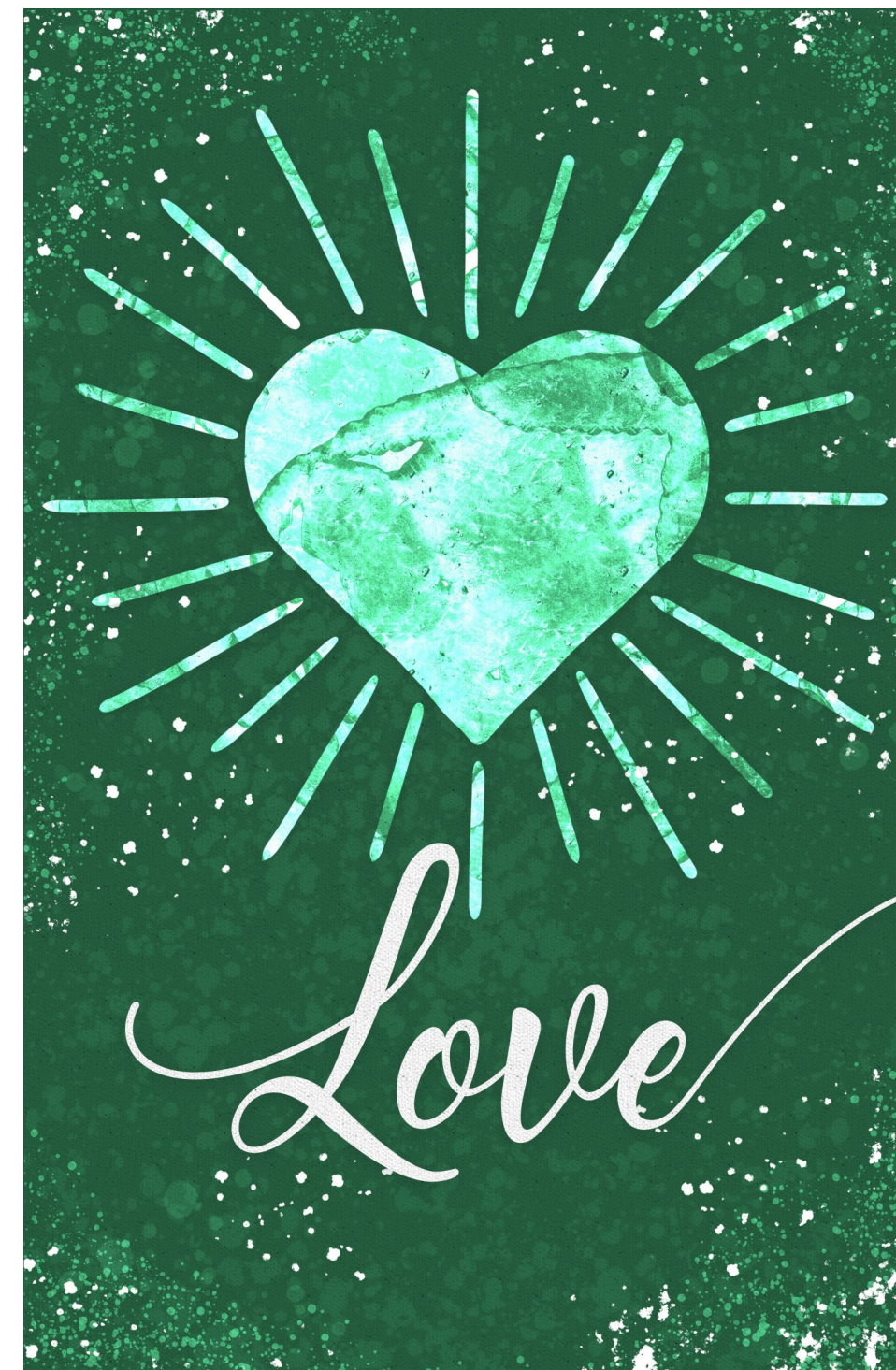
Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine  
Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine  
Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, Asia  
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, *Wycliffe*, Nigeria  
Dr. Anne Hallum, *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)*, Guatemala

**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. Dr. James A. Capps, Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator  
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  
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant  
La'Shai Huff-Bichet, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator  
Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs  
Adam Davies, Sexton



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *The Holly and the Ivy* - Kinyon

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Forever is a very long time.

**We will sing of God's steadfast love forever.**

Forever is a very long time.

**God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Forever is a very long time.

**We will trust God forever.**

**Let us worship God!**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE • ***Light One Candle*** (Hymnal 85, Verse 4)

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Great God, we join our voices with David, singing of Your steadfast love and faithfulness. We join our voices with Mary, saying, "You have done great things." We offer our prayers of thanksgiving to You, God of wisdom. Strengthen us with the good news that in Jesus Christ You have been with us from the beginning and will be with us until the end, that we may give You glory and honor forever and forever. Amen.

\* HYMN 113 • ***Angels We Have Heard on High***

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our waiting and preparation, we come to rest, again, at the foot of the cross. Even in this season of anticipation, we see the fullness of God's promised redemption in the waters of baptism. As those who are fully known and redeemed, we confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before You as children in need of Your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to Your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ's coming is certain. God's promise is true. Trust in the transformational power of God's forgiveness and receive the gift of God's love.

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

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • ***While We Are Waiting, Come*** (Hymnal 92)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7:14

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:6-7

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

SERMON

"CHRISTMAS AGAIN" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

\* 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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Before the Marvel of This Night* - Schalk

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

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

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime - Moklebust

## ✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

**OFFICIATING MINISTER:** The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

**LITURGIST:** Rusty Baldwin

**ADVENT LIGHTERS** Rickie Gustafson, Debbie Pauzar, Sue Rudolph, Debbie Spangler, & Phyllis Woods

**MUSICIANS:** Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organ

Westminster Ringers - Scott Beck, Director

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Carissa Taylor

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## ✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

**ANTHEM TEXT**

1) Adoring, fold your wings and bow, Then tear the sky apart with light And with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, That fear and death and sorrow cease: Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace, Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

2) Awake the sleeping world with song, This is the day the Lord has made. Assemble here, celestial throng, In royal splendor come arrayed. Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, A teasing taste of what they miss: Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss, Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

3) The love that we have always known, Our constant joy and endless light, Now to the loveless world be shown, Now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above: Sing love, sing love, sing God is love, Sing love, sing God is love!

**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. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at 407-647-1467 or [darrenb@winppc.org](mailto:darrenb@winppc.org). 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/>.