

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/>.

The Session			The Diaconate		
2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker	Ron Ellman	Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin
Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson	Betty Johnston	Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis
Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach	Cathy House	Sevilla Morse	Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight
Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago	Glenn Ricco	Cynthia Nants	Andy Riccio	Debbie Pauzar
Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Ron Thompson	Jyme Smith		Deborah Roberts

Missions Supported by WPPC
Audrey Ball, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , East Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , 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	Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	La'Shai Huff-Bichet, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells	Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
	Adam Davies, Sexton

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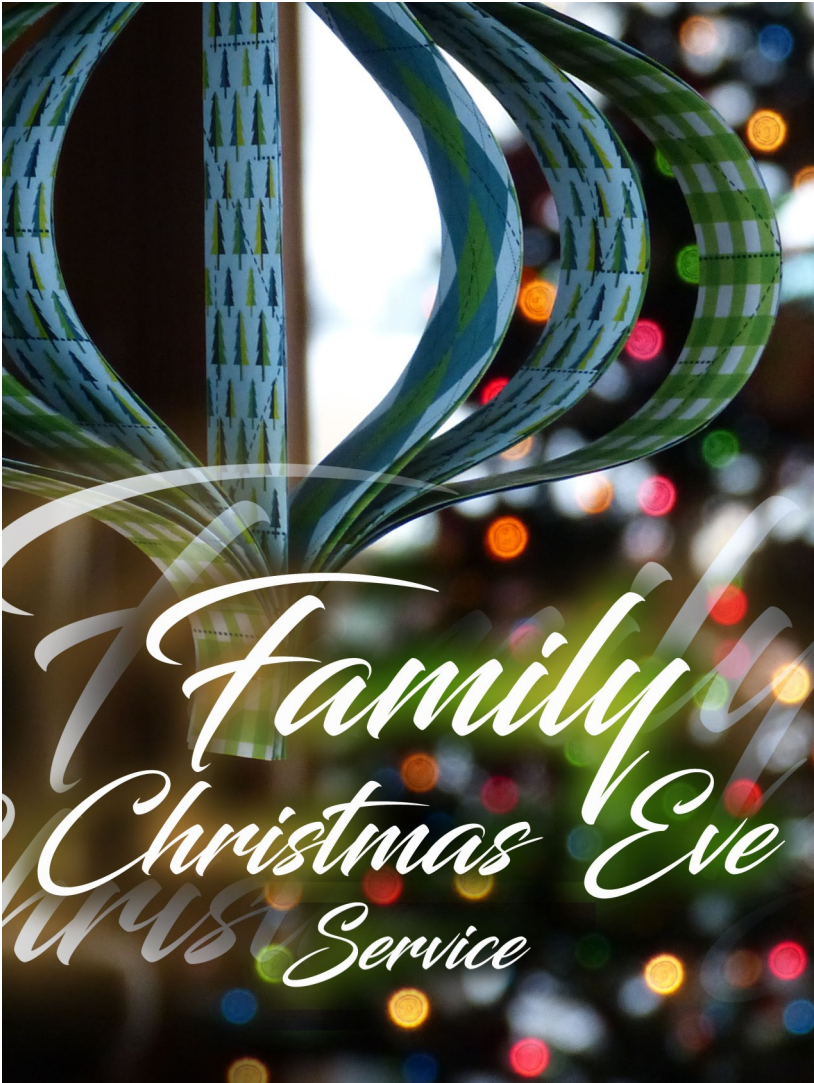


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Winter Park  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2023 • 5:00 P.M.  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
FAMILY SERVICE



WELCOME TO WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*With great joy we welcome you to our Christmas Eve Family 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.*



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**✠ SERVING TONIGHT ✠**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER**

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

**CHRIST CANDLE / READERS**

Jim Esch & La'Shai Huff-Bichet

**MUSICIANS**

Justin Chase, Director of Music  
Penny Walsh, Organist  
Sarah Thomas, Cello  
Jackson Chase, Soloist

**AUDIO/VISUAL**

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe

**CANDLELIGHT  
AND CAROL**

***Silent Night***

*The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess will light his candle 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!**

**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!  
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**BENEDICTION**

*After the benediction, please extinguish your candles. As you leave the sanctuary, place candles in the baskets at the narthex doors.*

**\* CAROL #134**

***Joy to the World*** (verses 1 & 4)

**POSTLUDE**

*Fantasy on Joy to the World*



ORDER OF WORSHIP



When the prelude begins, all are invited to enter a period of quiet reflection so that those wishing to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation may so do. Please silence all electronic devices.

\* Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE                      *Silent Night* • Pennington/Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\* CAROL #133                ***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** (verses 1 & 4)

\* OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING            Isaiah 9:2,6-7

CAROL #88                  ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** (verses 1 & 7)

SECOND READING         Luke 1:26-35, 38

SPECIAL MUSIC            *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*

THIRD READING            Matthew 1:18b-21

SPECIAL MUSIC            *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* • Dean

FOURTH READING         Luke 2:1-7

CAROL #115                *Away in a Manger*

FIFTH READING            Luke 2:8-14

CAROL #119                *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (verses 1 & 3)

SIXTH READING            Luke 2:15-20

CAROL #136                *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (Congregation-refrain only; Soloist-verses 1 & 2)

\* CHRISTMAS PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC        *There’s Still My Joy* • Chapman, Manchester & Rollings

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE    **Refrain from *Angels We Have Heard on High* - Hymnal 23**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEVENTH READING        John 1:1-5, 9-14

MEDITATION             The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

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