

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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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 • *Carol of the Bells* - Leontovych/Sorenson

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

A child has been born for us.

**A great light shines in the middle of our darkness.**

A child has been born for us,

**establishing God's justice and breaking every yoke.**

A child has been born for us,

**whose reign will have no end.**

A child has been born for us, and we worship him together:

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Hallelujah!**

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

**Jesus Christ, born in our midst, we seek Your good news as one people.**

**In Your life and by Your birth we receive Your grace appearing, we**

**experience Your salvation nearing, and we feel Your great light dawning.**

**Draw us deeper into this mystery in the stillness and silence of this**

**Christmas Eve. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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

### CAROL • *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**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!**

**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!**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:1-20

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC • *O Holy Night*

### SERMON

“CHRISTMAS MORNING IN BETHLEHEM” • The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones

### 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.**

### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Suo Gan* - White

\* 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** • Night of Silence/Silent Night

*During the singing of Night of Silence by the choir, The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones will light his candle from the Christ Candle and then pass that light to the ushers' candles. The light of the ushers' candles will then be passed to those closest to the center aisle, who will then pass it on so that all in each pew receive the light.*

*To light your candle, tip the unlit candle into the flame of the lighted candle. Once your candle is lit, please hold it upright. At the close of the service, please extinguish your candles and place them in the baskets at the narthex doors as you leave the church.*

*At the choir director's cue, please join in singing Silent Night.*

**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 • *Joy to the World* - Young



**SERVING TODAY**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER:** The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Interim Pastor  
**LITURGIST:** Syd Davis  
**ADVENT LIGHTERS:** Rick & Syd Davis  
**MUSICIANS:** Justin Chase, Director of Music  
Penny Walsh, Organ  
Holly Small, Piano  
Lauren Langa, Soprano  
**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch

**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).

**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. WPPC has been doing this drive for over 20 years and have dispensed thousands of pairs of socks. It's hard to describe the joy and thanks that is expressed for these simple gifts.

**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/>.

**WORSHIP MATTERS**

**MUSIC**

Our CCLI License number is 11184426; OneLicense.net number is 725233; Our CVLI License number is 505405959.

**WORSHIP AIDS**

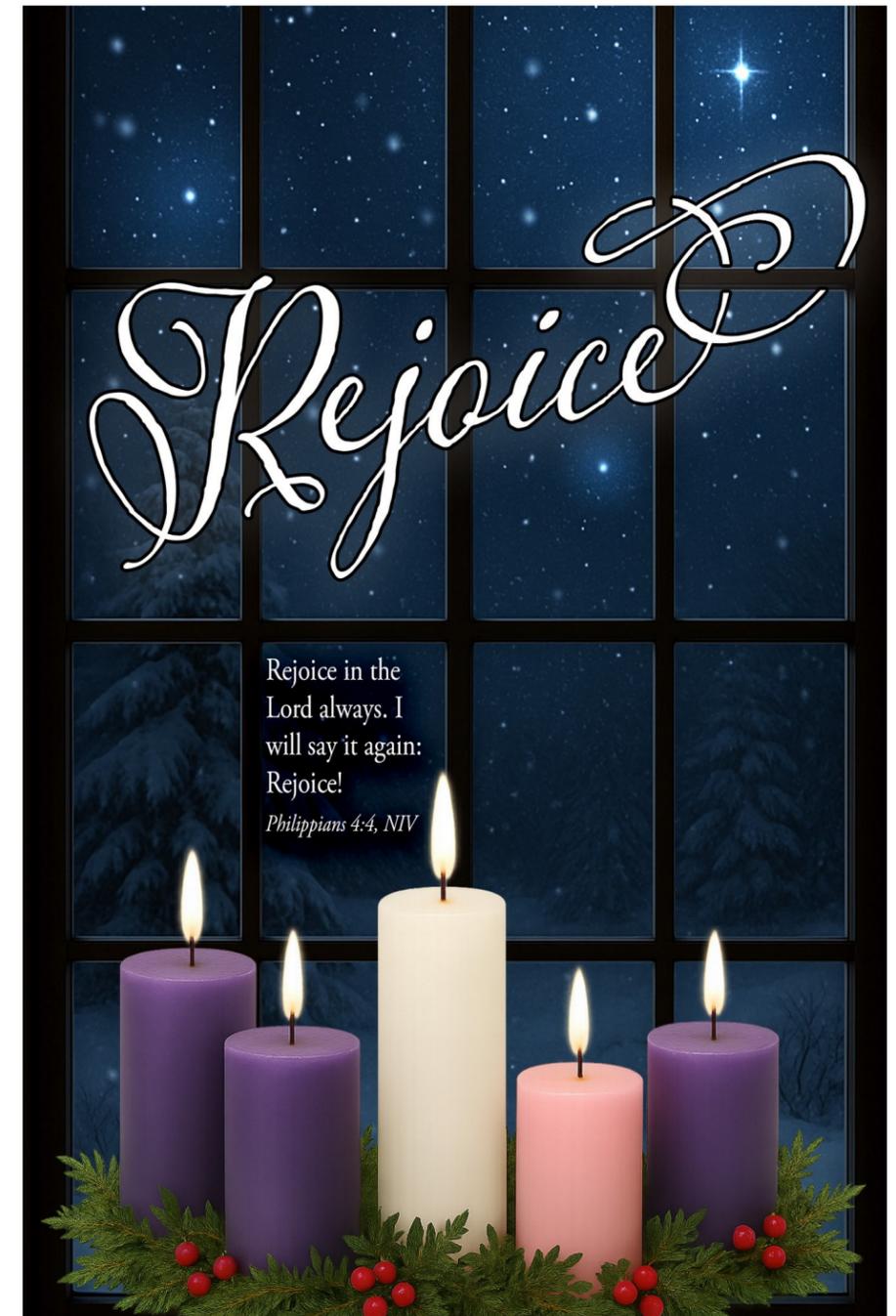
Assistive hearing devices are available from an audio/visual technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

**NOTES**



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2025  
7:00 PM



The Session		
2025	2026	2027
Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Maria Garton
Mary Ferguson	Betty Johnston	Carel Thompson
Cathy House	Shaheed Mohammed	Phyllis Woods
Glenn Riccio	Nelson Roe	
Ron Thompson		
The Diaconate		
2025	2026	2027
Meg Baldwin	Ernestine Beattie	Cynthia Nants
Anna Caparis	Sue Howard	Robert Nevill
Lynne McKnight		
Debbie Pauzar		
Debbie Roberts		
Paula Smathers		
Staff		
The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Interim Pastor	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant	
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Valerie Beltrán, Children's Ministry Coordinator	
Penny Walsh, Organist	Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs	
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Clark Ranson, Sexton	
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells	Adam Davies, Sunday Sexton	
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant		