

ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Away in a Manger* - Burkhardt

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God in the highest!  
**A child has been born for us!**  
See, our salvation comes!  
**We rejoice in what God has made known to us!**  
Let us journey to the manger together.

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of glory, Your goodness and loving-kindness have come to dwell among us, and salvation has knocked on our door. We can’t wait to tell the world about this child, this joy we can’t contain, this hope that came alive. Open our mouths and stretch out our arms, so we may sing Your praises and embrace the child in a manger. Amen.**

\* HYMN 119 (GTG Hymnal) • ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is tempting to stay in the joy of Christmas morning, to ignore all that makes us uncomfortable. But it is right for us to greet this day by acknowledging how much we need salvation to be born.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, Holy Creator, that we care more for ourselves than this world You made. We confess, Newborn Savior, that we focus on our own wants at the expense of the needs of others. We confess, Abundant Spirit, that we push You aside, scoffing at the idea that You are actually at work. Forgive us and guide us as we celebrate Your birth, and shape us to be more like You. Amen.**  
*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, God saves us, not because of any works of righteousness we have done, but according to God’s mercy.  
**Gloria in excelsis deo!**

\* RESPONSE • **Refrain from *Angels We Have Heard on High*** (GTG Hymnal 113)  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • ***Silent Night, Holy Night!*** (GTG Hymnal 122, Verse 1)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:6  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“CHRISTMAS GIFTS” • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

\* THE REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Adapted from the Presbyterian Church Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, every where the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Love Has Come* - Justin Chase, baritone

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***Doxology*** (GTG Hymnal 606)

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 136 (GTG HYMNAL) • ***Go, Tell It on the Mountain***

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Angels We Have Heard on High* - Cherwien



**⌘ SERVING TODAY ⌘**

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

**LITURGIST:** Steve House

**MUSICIANS:** Justin Chase, Director of Music  
Penny Walsh, Organ

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Nelson Roe

**⌘ WORSHIP MATTERS ⌘**

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Betty Gale Case in loving memory of her husband, Bob Case.

**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.

**⌘ COMMUNICATION INFORMATION ⌘**

**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/>.

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).

OUR CHRISMON TREE

As we celebrate the Birth of Christ on this Christmas Day, please take a moment to appreciate our beautiful sanctuary. The website listed below will display and explain the meaning of each of the lovely Chrismons that decorate our church’s Christmas Tree.

<https://Wwww.winppcphotos.org/Chrismons-and-the-Chrismon-Tree/Chrismons-and-the-Chrismon-Tree/>

POINSETTIAS

If you purchased a poinsettia, please take yours home after the service today.

THE BIBLE RECAP GROUP

Have you ever wanted to read the whole Bible? Did you start January 1st, and get bogged down quickly with the genealogies or pronouncing all those names? Or maybe it’s just been a while and you’d like to try a new plan in 2023? If you’re interested, sign up to be part of the *Bible Recap Group*. This chronological Bible reading plan covers the books of the Bible in timeline order. You will follow up your day’s reading with a brief podcast (or video) from *The Bible Recap*. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet together after church to share insights or questions. Don’t stress out about technology. We will meet in late January and get set up so you are ready to begin in February (taking some of the holiday/new year pressure off by starting the plan in February). To sign up call or email: Cathy House at 407-568-4254, or email: [cathymh284@aol.com](mailto:cathymh284@aol.com).

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN ROOM 301  
1/1: No class—Happy New Year!



NOTES



The Session		
2022	2023	2024
Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean
Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig
Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach
Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago
Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel

The Diaconate		
2022	2023	2024
Jane Munns	Ron Ellman	Ardyth Austin
Rachel Myers	Betty Johnston	Lisa Dreasher
Christine Rich	Sevilla Morse	Jerry Fitzgerald
Meg Ball Thomas	Cynthia Nants	Nancy Galyean
Jeanne Vinci	Jyme Smith	Andy Riccio

Missions Supported by WPPC		
Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine		
Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine		
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , Asia		
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria		
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala		
PC(USA) World Missions		
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica		
Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar		

Staff	
The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor	Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
	Kenny Lovelace, Sexton