



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



"Star of Wonder"
Presented Advent 2006

ORDER OF WORSHIP

† WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOUSE †

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - Schrader

CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing and give praise to God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

HYMN OF PRAISE • *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with penitent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace,
and finding in You our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your Son and the Light of the World. Amen.**
(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE • *Gloria from Angels We Have Heard On High*

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE • *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verse 3)

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Christus Paradox* • Ferguson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • *Doxology* (*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.**

† HEARING GOD'S WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 113
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:16-33
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"A Herod World" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

AFFIRMATION 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.**

† FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD †

HYMN • *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Good Christian Ones, Rejoice* - Young



☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir: Justin Chase, Director

Organist: Penny Walsh

Flute: Meg Ball Thomas

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece

Doug Reece

Nelson Roe

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

ANTHEM TEXT

You, Lord, are both lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peace maker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss; You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory; worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. Alleluia! You, who are our death and our life.

MUSIC NOTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! We will continue to offer our worship services online. Sermons can be found at www.winppc.org/sermons.

Bulletin Cover

The Star of Wonder Advent banner on our bulletin cover is listed on the Florida Quilt Registry. The banner was given as a gift to Winter Park Presbyterian Church by former WPPC member, Susan Witty.

Living Nativity Thank You

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who were involved in Living Nativity last week. If you haven't heard yet, the verdict is in and it was a smash hit! On Saturday, December 19 we hosted well over 250 individuals through our walking tableau tour. Thank you to everyone across the board who helped with traffic or as guides, who acted or fitted youth for costumes, and to the many who tore down and set up sets! It might have looked a bit different this year, but the success of this event is all thanks to you! Special thanks are going out to Frank Jamison for his awesome pictures, to Matt Straub, luminary wrangler and animal management, Doug Reece and Nelson Roe for continuing to be A/V superheroes, Terry Irwin for his vast knowledge of the property, the Seel family for their Candlelight display, and Carolyn Boyle for being the brains of the operation. So much hard work went into this year's Living Nativity and the experience of those we served reflects that! Thank you so much for upholding this tradition, even in the midst of a Pandemic!

White Socks—Deadline is December 30th

Please bring your socks by December 30th. The Hannah Circle will be folding and packing the socks for distribution. 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 1000's of pairs of socks. It's hard to describe the joy and thanks that is expressed for these simple gifts. Please bring **NEW WHITE SOCKS** and deposit them in the marked containers in FRONT OF THE CHURCH. We will be accepting the socks up until December 30th. **If you are unable to get out and purchase the socks, you can send a donation to the church (please put "White Socks" on the memo line) and the Compassion Committee will purchase the socks for you.**

Update on "Feeding the Homeless"

Because the Covid numbers are rising and we anticipate a surge after the Christmas holiday, we will not be preparing the meal and serving the January 8th meal (2nd Friday). Perhaps we will be able resume this mission by the 2nd Friday in February (the 12th). Our volunteers will need to feel safe doing their jobs. We will keep you posted. Of course, we will continue donating our cost to prepare this meal (\$340) each month until we are able to serve.

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 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/>.

Transportation for Church Events

If you are in need of transportation to a church event, please contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your need.

| The Session | | | The Diaconate | | |
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| Steve House | Shaheed Mohammed | Michelle Trahan | Jim McKinney | Curtis Koon | Christine Rich |
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| Bob White | Nelson Roe | | Matt Straub | Jeanne Vinci | |

Missions Supported by WPPC

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

PC(USA) World Missions

Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell, Brazil
Jenny Bent, Dominican Republic
Mark Hare, Haiti; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

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