

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—JANUARY 5TH

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, January 5. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the new class of Elders and Deacons.

WHITE SOCKS—LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!

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.

NOTES



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 29, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



The Session		
2024	2025	2026
Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis
John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Cathy House	Shaheed Mohammed
Audrey Santiago	Glenn Riccio	Nelson Roe
Sara Van Arsdel	Ron Thompson	

The Diaconate		
2024	2025	2026
Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin	Ernestine Beattie
Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis	Sue Howard
Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight	
Andy Riccio	Debbie Pauzar	
	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
 - Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba

- 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, 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
 - Valerie Beltrán, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Of the Father's Love Begotten* - J.K. Sadowski (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all of creation!

God is exalted in heaven and earth.

In sun and moon and shining stars,

God is exalted in heaven and earth.

In sea creatures, land beats, and flying birds,

God is exalted in heaven and earth.

From young to old, from princes to peasants,

God is exalted in heaven and earth.

Raise up; your horns, lift up your voice,

for God is exalted in heaven and earth!

Hallelujah!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of growth and maturation, we remember that in Jesus Christ You modeled what it means to be fully human. Thank You for the unwritten years of Jesus' life—the growth that happened in private, the lessons learned in secret, the burgeoning favor and hidden treasure. Grant us Your grace in this time of worship. Help us welcome and receive the gift of slow growth, that we might be formed in Your likeness. Amen.

* HYMN 140 • *Once in Royal David's City*

CALL TO CONFESSION

In faith and in hope, we trust that God is merciful and just and receives our prayers with grace. In humility and with meekness, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, though we are in awe of the dawn of Your light in Jesus Christ, we remain self-centered and cling to the sin of the world. We celebrate the birth of our savior, yet we struggle in our commitment to follow Him. We are called to pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You; yet we are content to seek our own comfort and conveniently ignore the cries of those in need. By the light of the Christ child, lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness, as we seek to love all of Your bountiful creation. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved. The mercy of the Lord is from from everlasting to everlasting. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

PASTORAL PRAYER

* RESPONSE • ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (Hymnal 347, verse 4)**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!"**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:12-17

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

SERMON

"A NEW ROSE FOR CHRISTMAS • 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 *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***Doxology*** (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 132 • ***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!***

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - P. Lehenbauer (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

LITURGISTS

Jim Esch (8:15)

Steve House (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Carla Edwards, Organ (10:30)

Leslie Gallagher, Soloist (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Carissa Taylor (10:30)

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of my wife Monty Gettys from Craig Uttley and her loving son Luke Uttley.

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 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. 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/>.