



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 5, 2021

HOLY COMMUNION



*Second Sunday
of Advent*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* - Moglebust

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Lift every valley; lift every voice.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

* OPENING PRAYER

Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN 14 • *Savior of the Nations, Come*

CALL OF CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin. With humility and hope let us make our confession of sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cleansing God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. This is the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***
King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 3:1-6
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?" • The Rev. Emily Wasser

* 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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Lo, How a Rose/The Rose* - arr. Craig Hella Johnson

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • Doxology (to the tune of "Veni Emmanuel")

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 23 • *Angels We Have Heard on High*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Veni, Emmanuel* - Ellasser

NOTES



☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER
The Rev. Emily Wasser

LITURGIST
Kim Vogt (8:15)
Pat Morgan (10:30)

ADVENT LIGHTERS
Fred Murray, Anne Murray, Matthew MacDonald,
Nicholas MacDonald, Zachary MacDonald (10:30)

COMMUNION SERVERS
Rusty Baldwin, Mike Galyean, Bonnie Gaughan, Jim McKinney, Fred Murray,
Eileen Silvers, Jyme Smith, Sara Van Arsdel, Phyllis Woods (10:30)

MUSICIANS
Director of Music: Justin Chase
Organist: Penny Walsh
Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes, Alan Davis, Dana Irwin, Jayne Leach,
Lynne McKnight, Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reker, Holly Small, Dawn Sumrall,
George Sumrall, Sarah Thomas; Susan Davis, Director; Justin Chase, Percussion

AUDIO/VISUAL
Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

FLOWERS
The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Reta Peterson in appreciation of our wonderful musicians.

ANTHEM TEXT
This anthem is a blending of the two songs.
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage
coming as men of old have sung. It came a Flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter when
half-spent was the night. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True Man, yet very God, from
sin and death He saves us and lightens ev'ry load.
Some say love, it is a river that drowns the tender reed; some say love, it is a razor that
leaves your soul to bleed; some say love, it is a hunger; an endless aching need; I say love,
it is a flower, and you, its only seed. It's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to
dance; it's the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance; it's the one who won't
be taken who cannot seem to give; and the soul afraid of dying that never learns to live.
When the night has been too lonely and the road has been too long, and you think that
love is only for the lucky and the strong, just remember in the winter far beneath the
bitter snow, lies the seed that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose.

MUSIC
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.

Pledge Cards

If you haven't already turned in your 2022 pledge, please drop your card in the "Little Church" located in the Narthex or drop it off in the front office. Thank you for getting your card in on time so we can balance our budget before the year begins! We appreciate all the support you have given throughout the years.

December 5th Deadlines:

- ◆ Toy Collection today in room 301; Toy delivery December 7th
- ◆ New White Socks due today in the marked container in the front office.
- ◆ Poinsettia Order Forms due today.

Lake Nona Singers Christmas Concert

On Thursday, December 16, the Lake Nona Singers, under the direction of Justin Chase and Aaron Kaas, will give a concert for the whole congregation and guests. This will be a true matinee performance because it will be in the morning –11 AM to be exact. Take a break from the busy-ness of the season to enjoy the beautiful music these young people perform. The concert will be in the sanctuary and last no more than an hour. The event is sponsored by the Friendship Club, which is part of the Church Life and Outreach Committee, and all ages are welcome. Hope to see you at 11 AM on Thursday, December 16 for this Christmas treat.

Living Nativity—December 18th

On Saturday December 18, from 6:00-8:30PM Winter Park Presbyterian Church will be hosting our annual Living Nativity! Just as we did last year, our Nativity will be broken up into several tableaux that guests will come and walk through as they experience the birth of Jesus Christ. But, as always, in order for Living Nativity to work, we need you! And your family! And your friends! And your neighbors! We need volunteers. Actors, guides, dressers, set decorators, even technicians are all required to help our Nativity run smoothly and for that we need you! So, if you are available on December 18th, whether it's for a few minutes or a couple of hours, please contact Emily Wasser immediately so we can find a perfect place for you to serve. We look forward to seeing you!

TNT (Tuesday Nights Together)

The time has finally arrived! TNT...is back!!!! Our beloved Tuesday Nights Together program is finally returning after nearly two years of hiatus! Tuesday Nights Together is our education program at Winter Park Presbyterian Church, taking place for six weeks every semester, join us for educational classes, fellowship, and, of course, dinner! Further details on TNT will be released soon, but for now we are in need of people who are willing to teach classes. Got a hobby you want to share with others? Want to lead a Bible Study on your favorite book of the Bible? If you have a hidden talent you want to teach to others, then leading a TNT class is perfect for you! If there's a class you would like to share with our congregation, then please contact Emily Wasser at emilyw@winppc.org 407-647-1467. We can't wait to be together again!

Relationships in Action - Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM in Room 301

December 12th - *Planning*

Class planning session for January. All are welcome.

Worship Aids

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

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/>.

<i>The Session</i>			<i>The Diaconate</i>		
<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis	Ron Ellman
Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers	Sevilla Morse
Shaheed Mohammed	Michele Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich	Cynthia Nants
Nelson Roe	Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Dennis Schmalstig	Jyme Smith
			Jeanne Vinci	Meg Ball Thomas	

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