



# Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 6, 2020

HOLY COMMUNION



Second  
Sunday of Advent

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *In Dulci Jubilo* - Bach

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the Rock of our Salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

HYMN • *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

### CALL OF CONFESSION

The Light has come into the world.

**But we don't always embrace The Light.**

Then let us be honest and confess our faults.

**Let us once again confide in God's grace.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came and dwelt among us illuminating the darkness. We confess that we have not always welcomed The Light, Jesus Christ. We confess our doubt that Your good news is always good. We have shut our eyes to Your glory and sometimes see You as small and incapable of helping us. Forgive our doubts, and renew hope and peace within us, that we may receive the fullness of Your love and grace. In and through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is available for all people.

**God's love is a gift.**

We receive once again, God's pardon, compassion and mercy.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE • *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (verse 2)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

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

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

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

## SERMON

"ODD FAMILY" • 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.**

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC     *An English Christmas* - arr. Wagner

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

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN • *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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**Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SHARING OF THE MEAL

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.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Swiss Noel, with Variations* - Daquin



**✠ SERVING TODAY ✠**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER**

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

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

**MUSICIANS**

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organist

WPPC Ringers: Ardyth Austin, Susan Davis, Will Lawrence, Rachel Myers,  
Cynthia Nants, Bethanne Seel, Griffin Seel, Larry Seel, Nolan Seel, Meg Thomas,  
Annette Weidner, Dana Irwin-Director

**AUDIO/VISUAL**

Carole Reece

Doug Reece

Nelson Roe

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**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](http://www.winppc.org/sermons).

### **White Socks—Deadline is December 30th**

This year we will be serving the Homeless later than usual so please bring your socks before December 30th. 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 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. The Compassion Committee thanks you for your donations!

### **Chrismon Tree Booklet**

The Worship & Music Committee has reissued the Chrismon Tree Booklet. This booklet was originally done in 1989. The committee is asking for a minimum donation of \$2 and they will be available on Sunday mornings and in the front office.

### **Advent Booklet**

The Advent Booklet is ready and will be available today after the service. A table is set up outside the sanctuary. A \$3 per copy charge is being requested to offset the printing costs.

### **Poinsettias**

Our church will once again be graced with poinsettias as we celebrate Christmas. A form for purchasing a poinsettia to serve as a memorial or as a tribute of honor is attached to this bulletin. Forms are also available in the narthex and the front office. The cost for each poinsettia is \$15. Order forms must be completed and returned by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Toys for Apopka**

Season's Greetings! We will be collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED toys for the 46th Annual Christmas Toy Store for the Hope Community Center in Apopka again this year. The challenges during 2020 are continuing and they have added the ability to donate via Amazon. Our collection process will change as well. Please leave your gifts in Room 301. Contact Rachel Myers at 407-484-7290 if you would like to help sort and box on Sunday, December 6, and/or assist in loading and delivering the toys to Apopka on Tuesday, December 8. Pastor Emily will bless the toys on Sunday, December 6. A list of recommended toy store donations is in this bulletin. Also included on the list is information on how you can order through Amazon.

### **Living Nativity—Saturday, December 19**

Mark your calendars! WPPC will host Living Nativity on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. The last admittance will be 8:00 PM. Living Nativity, much like this year, is going to be a bit different. But Christmas is an opportunity for us to rejoice in the things that we have and to wonder in all that we are capable of. We appreciate your support as we continue on in keeping this wonderful and beautiful tradition alive and well at WPPC.

### **Virtual VBS—December 28-31, 10-11:30am**

This year Central Florida Presbytery is hosting a Winter Virtual VBS from December 28-31. This virtual VBS will feature daily theme Bible verses, exploration of the theme through storytelling, arts and crafts, movement, and science activities. The kids will also have discussion times in breakout groups by age. In the Advent lead up to the 4-day VBS, families are encouraged to choose at least one service project a week and to take a picture of "flat" Little Baby Jesus and post it to our Journeys with Jesus Facebook Group. Deadline to register is December 15th 2020. To register or to get more information please go to <http://www.cfpresbytery.org/upcoming-events.html>.





## SUGGESTED TOYS

HCC requests that only new, unwrapped items be donated with price tags left on each toy.

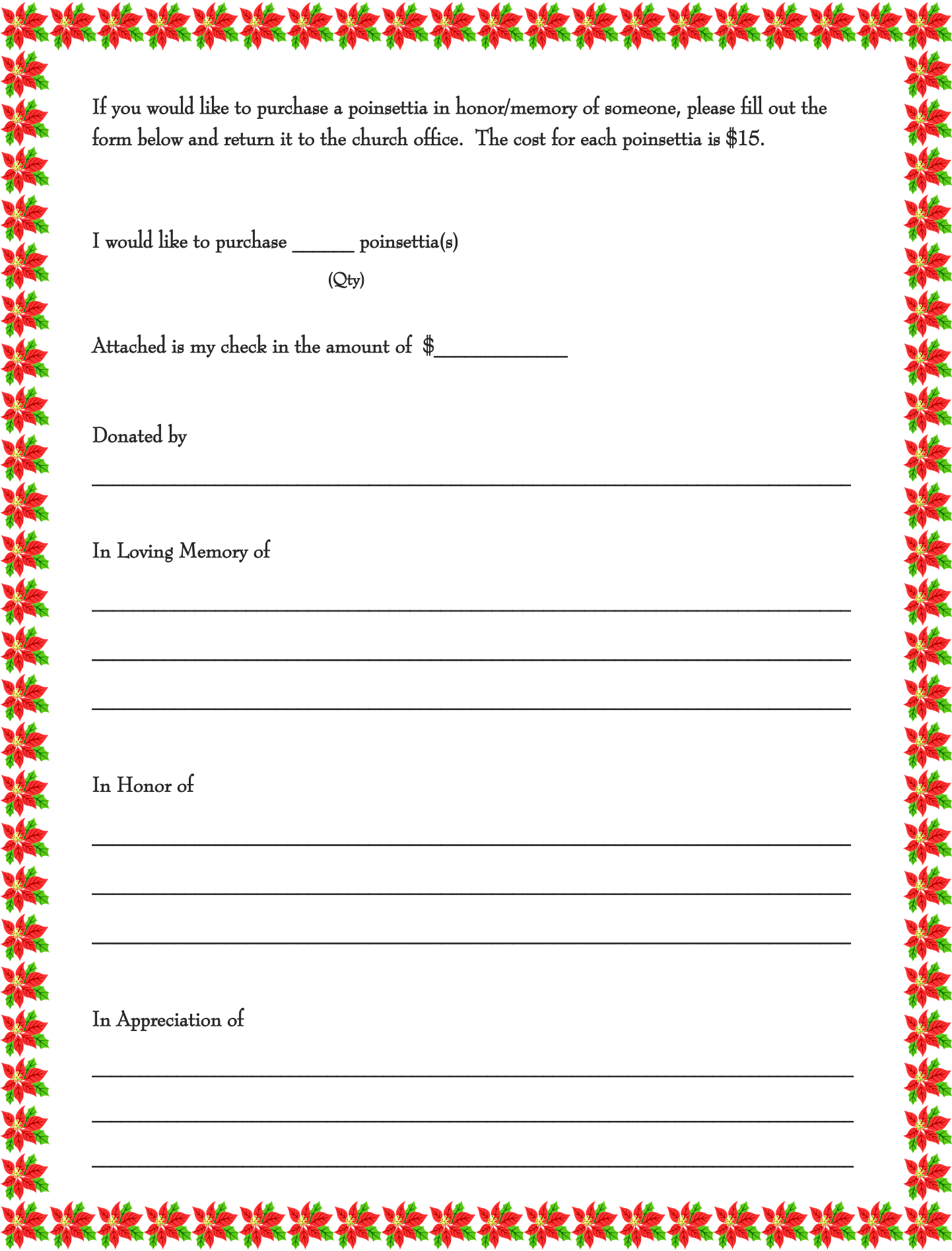
- ✓ BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS/HELMETS/TRICYCLES
- ✓ DOLLS OF ALL COLORS
- ✓ ARTS & CRAFTS KITS
- ✓ PLAY 'PRETEND' KITS/JEWELRY/MAKE-UP, ETC. FOR YOUNG GIRLS
- ✓ SPORTS BALLS OF ALL KINDS
- ✓ EDUCATIONAL GAMES & BOOKS
- ✓ NEW SOCKS/PAJAMAS/PLAY CLOTHES/UNDERWEAR FOR BOYS/GIRLS
- ✓ HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- ✓ CARS & TRUCKS (ESPECIALLY MEDIUM/LARGE VEHICLES)
- ✓ BOARD GAMES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
- ✓ TOYS/CLOTHING/BLANKETS FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS
- ✓ BABY DIAPERS (NEWBORN TO SIZE 5)



YOU CAN ALSO HELP BY ORDERING  
THROUGH AMAZON & SENDING  
YOUR ORDER TO:

HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER  
CHRISTMAS TOY SALE  
1016 NORTH PARK AVE.  
APOPKA, FL 32712





If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor/memory of someone, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. The cost for each poinsettia is \$15.

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s)  
(Qty)

Attached is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by

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In Loving Memory of

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In Honor of

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In Appreciation of

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## 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/>.

## 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		
2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Doris Anguish	Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Ardyth Austin	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis
Marilyn Bryant	Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Cathy House	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns
Rick Davis	Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Caroline James	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers
Steve House	Shaheed Mohammed	Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich
Larry Seel	Peter Rice	Jay Van Hook	Dennis Schmalstig	Sara Van Arsdel	Meg Ball Thomas
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

### Staff

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