

**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).

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING—DECEMBER 15TH**

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken next Sunday, December 15. This is one of the four annual PC(USA) Special Offerings taken every year. Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent Offering. Fifty percent of receipts from this offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses/families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please give generously to those who serve the church: past, present and future. Thank you.

~The Compassion Committee

**POINSETTIAS**

Our church will once again be graced with poinsettias as we celebrate Christmas. Forms for purchasing a poinsettia to serve as a memorial, or as a tribute of honor are available in the narthex and the front office. Each poinsettia is \$15. Order forms must be returned by December 16th.

**NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS LUNCH**

Join the Neighbors and Friends Ministry on December 19th for our monthly luncheon. Justin Chase will bring some of the Lake Nona Choir students to present a musical performance at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. The catered lunch will follow at the cost of \$15. If you would like to purchase an extra meal for a student guest, you may do so as it will help offset our expenses. Reservations are due December 16th by calling the front office (407-647-1467).

**WHITE SOCKS**

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.

**UP NEXT...**

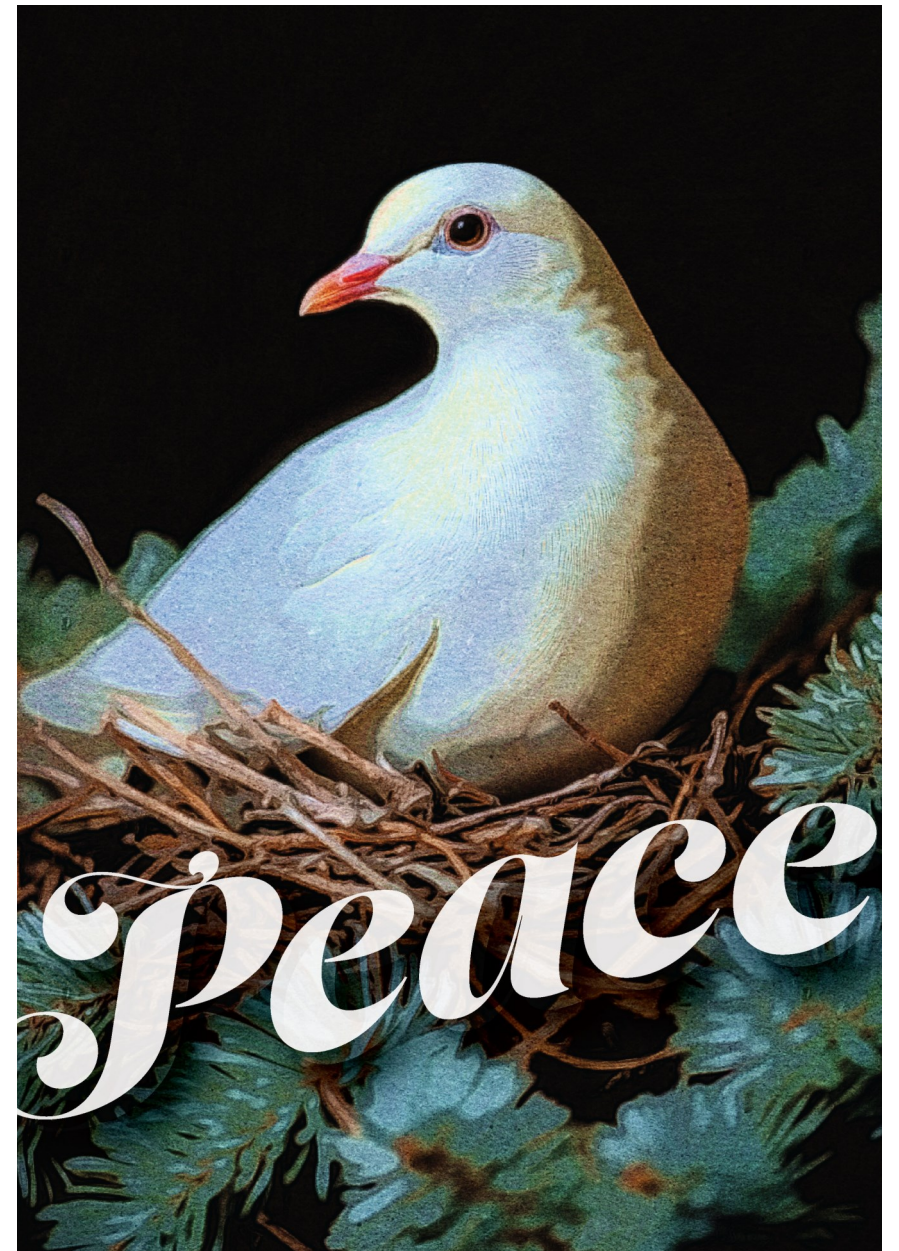
Sun, 12/8	8:15 & 10:30am	Toy Collection Today; Toy Delivery 12/10
Mon, 12/9	6pm	Hannah Circle Christmas Party
Fri, 12/13	5pm	Kid’s Night Out
Tues, 12/17	2:30pm	Young at Heart Chorale
Wed, 12/18	5pm	Kid’s Night Out
Thurs, 12/19	11am	Communion Svc at Westminster WP
Thurs, 12/19	11:30am	Neighbors & Friends Luncheon
Fri, 12/20	6:30-8pm	Living Nativity
Sun, 12/22	10:30am	Service of Lessons & Carols
Tues, 12/24	5pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
Tues, 12/24	7pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**NOTES**



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 8, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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	
	Debby 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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • Meditation on “The Coventry Carol” - Lasky (10:30)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries out; a prophet speaks:

**In the wilderness, prepare the way.**

The valleys are filled; the mountains are made low.

**In the wilderness, prepare the way.**

The winding roads are made level, the rough ways made smooth.

**In the wilderness, prepare the way.**

God’s salvation has come and even now it is on its way.

**Blessed is the Lord God, Who has come to save us! Hallelujah!**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE • **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah** (Hymnal 85, Verse 2)

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of the wilderness, You have always sent Your prophets to lead us to repentance, to make a way for Your salvation to arrive. Help us this day to receive Your presence, removing every hindrance and obstacle to Your Spirit's work. Make Your salvation known from every segment of our lives to every corner of this earth. Amen.**

\* HYMN 104 • **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ, God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin.

With humility and hope let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Cleansing God, 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. 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. Amen.**

*(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 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!**

CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL

PASTORAL PRAYER

\* RESPONSE • **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Hymnal 347, verse 2)**

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:1-6

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

SERMON

“PREPARE THE WAY” • 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, everywhere 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 *Do You Hear What I Hear* - arr. Simeone (10:30)

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Doxology** (Sung 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.**

\* HYMN 113 • **Angels We Have Heard on High**

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *O Come, Emmanuel* - Ellsasser (10:30)

## SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

LITURGISTS

Jim Esch (8:15); Cynthia Nants (10:30)

ADVENT LIGHTERS

Robert Nevill & Tracy Trotta (8:15); Rick & Syd Davis (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

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

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## WORSHIP MATTERS

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Wade & Barbara Edwards in gratitude for their children and grandchildren.

ANTHEM TEXT

Said the night wind to the little lamb, “Do you see what I see? Do you see what I see? ‘Way up in the sky, little lamb. Do you see what I see? Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite.” Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, “Do you hear what I hear? Do you hear what I hear? Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear? Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song high above the tree, With a voice as big as the sea, With a voice as big as the sea.” Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, “Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child shivers in the cold, Let us bring Him silver and gold, Let us bring Him silver and gold.” Said the king to the people everywhere, “Listen to what I say: Pray for peace, people everywhere! Listen to what I say: the Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light. Bring us light.”

MUSIC

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WORSHIP AIDS

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

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## 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](mailto: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/>.