

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (WNT) - FEBRUARY 21ST

WNT is returning on 2/21/24! Our first 4:30pm session will kick off with Pastor Darren introducing us to the Gospel of John in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will follow from 5:30-6:15pm, and the very popular small group Bible discussion led by Marilyn Bryant and Jim Capps will follow at 6:30pm in room 315. They are using a Lenten Series this session, including a short video by Adam Hamilton. Our first dinner will be Chicken Pot Pie, Fruit Salad and dessert. Suggested donation is \$5. Please RSVP (407-647-1467) to the church office by 12pm Tuesday, February 20.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS

Join us on Thursday, March 21 for our Neighbors and Friends monthly luncheon. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am for a meal that will be catered on site. The cost of the meal is \$15 and will include choices of entrees and sides. Please RSVP (407-647-1467) by March 18th to the church office.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

The Christian Education Committee is planning to celebrate 2024 high school graduates on May 19th. They are looking for any students who have participated in any of our church activities, including WPPC Preschool and also grandchildren of our members, to let us know they would like to be honored during the 10:30am worship service. A cake reception will follow the service. Please call Barbara (407-647-1467) in the church office to let her know the names and contacts of any interested students.

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN ROOM 301

2/25: Blossom Artisanal: Opportunities for Developmentally Challenged Workers
Blossom Artisanal is a unique work environment that provides employment for adults and teenagers with developmental disabilities. The workers produce all-natural artisanal products while gaining meaningful employment and learning skills that last a lifetime. 81% of individuals with developmental disabilities are unemployed. Many of them are able and willing to work given the right environment and support. Blossom provides a culture of empowerment that fosters independence. Blossom's employees are responsible for each phase of the business, from hand producing soaps, candles and bath teas to packaging, shipping and sales. Gina Blomstrom, who represented Blossom at our recent Christmas Global Market, will provide more insight into the operation and impact of this business.

FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for the weekly worship service in honor of/in memory of someone special or of a special occasion, please pick a date and put your name on the sign-up chart located in front office hallway by the double doors leading to the sanctuary. When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in. The cost for the flowers is \$60.

COMING UP . . .

Mon, 2/19	All Day	Office Closed for Presidents' Day
Wed, 2/21	4:30pm	WNT (4:30-Class, 5:30-Dinner, 6:15-Class)
Thurs, 2/22	7pm	Session Meeting (Rm 301)
Wed, 2/28	4:30pm	WNT (4:30-Class, 5:30-Dinner, 6:15-Class)

NOTES



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



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, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SL</i> , Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala
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, Senior 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
La'Shai Huff-Bichet, 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 • *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* - Sigfrid Karg-Elert (10:30)
(*Adorn Yourself, O Lovely Soul*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The praise we come to share is praise of thanksgiving.

In our worship, we hold God's love close to our hearts.

We desire to surround ourselves with community.

As our songs echo, our prayers rise, claiming God as our strength.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

You are the creator of the cosmos, and yet You tend to our every need.

With Your voice You plant the seed of Your will in our hearts, where Christ waters it with an unending flow of love and the Spirit tends it as we grow every stronger in Your ways. We pray that, like a seedling, we might reach for the light and stretch our roots deep into the soil of Your blessed foundation. Amen.

* HYMN 216 • *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The journey of life inevitably leads to wilderness, times marked by guilt, frustration, and the sense that we are not in the right place. But even in the wilderness, God is with us. Even in the wilderness, God's mercy is sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

(*Continue with silent confession and reflection.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE • *Hear the Good News of Salvation* (Hymnal 441, Verse 1)

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (Hymnal 438, Verse 1)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 25:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 2:1-12

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

SERMON

"UNROOFING THE ROOF" • 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 true 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, every where 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 *Gather at the River* - arr. Susan LaBarr (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 167 • *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Allegro Maestoso, from Sonata II* - Felix Mendelssohn (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTERS: The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

LITURGISTS: Meg Thomas (10:30)

MUSICIANS: Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Tim Smith, Organ (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Carissa Taylor

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river, the river that flows, that flows, that flows by the throne of God. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.

MUSIC

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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/>.