

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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—TODAY

Our annual congregational meeting will be held today immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Church Budget & Committee Reports.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS RESTAURANT OUTING—3/5

Neighbors & Friends invite you to our March restaurant outing. It will be on Thursday, March 5 at the Gourmet Croissant, 900 N Orlando Ave in Winter Park. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. and reservations are not necessary. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

FONTANINI BIBLICAL SCENE

Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus, along with the Wise Men, are gone and the manger has returned to its original purpose of housing farm animals. Added to the scene now are three crosses representing the crucifixion and an empty tomb, representing the resurrection. The two Fontanini 5" scale pieces have been purchased and donated to the church by the Relationships in Action Sunday School Class in memory of its founding member, Mary Beardall. At Easter the empty tomb will be lit, signifying the risen Christ.

PLEASE BE AWARE...

NEVER click on any link or respond to any emails or text messages that don't seem right. A new pastor sometimes means a new way for scammers to get to you. They have gotten very creative and will use names of people or events that you might recognize. They might ask you to purchase gift cards for the pastor or help with money or donations for someone. If you're not sure, always check with the person before responding. Also, check the email address that it's coming from. **Our staff emails always end with winppc.org. If it's different, please do not respond. No one from the WPPC staff will ever email or text you asking you to purchase gift cards, send them a church directory, or click on a link. If in doubt, please call the person directly or call the front office at 407-647-1467.**

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 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 and your \$60 payment.

UP NEXT . . .

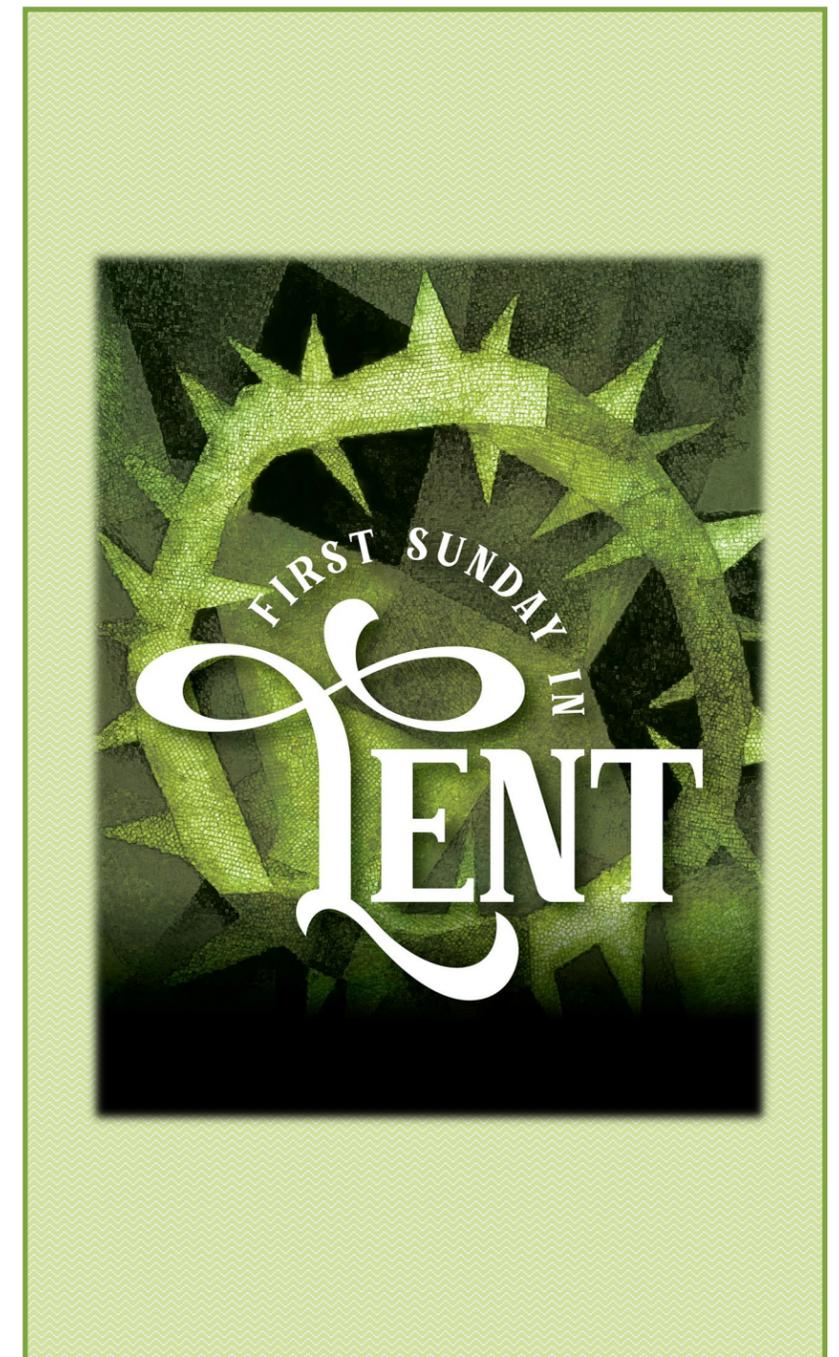
- Sun, 2/22 9:30am Confirmation Class—Week 1
- Thurs, 2/26 7pm Session Mtg, Rm 301
- Sun, 3/1 9:30am Confirmation Class—Week 2
- Thurs, 3/5 11:30am Neighbors & Friends Outing, Gourmet Croissant
- Sun, 3/8 9:30am Confirmation Class—Week 3
- Mon, 3/9 6pm Hannah Circle, Rm 301
- Wed, 3/11 10am PS Board Mtg, Rm 301
- Thurs, 3/12 7pm Compassion Committee Mtg, Zoom

NOTES



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



The Session			The Diaconate		
2026	2027	2028	2026	2027	2028
Syd Davis	Maria Garton	Rusty Baldwin	Meg Baldwin	Marilyn Bryant	Sue Howard
Betty Johnston	Lil Rea	Steve House	Ernestine Beattie	Cynthia Nants	Lynne McKnight
Shaheed Mohammed	Carel Thompson	Jayne Leach	Debby Roberts	Robert Nevill	Debbie Pauzar
Nelson Roe	Phyllis Woods	Ron Thompson	Jeanne Vinci	Paula Smathers	Frances Swope

Local Outreach Supported by WPPC
Center for Women & Families, Coalition for Homeless of Central FL Christian Service Center Health Care Center for Homeless Coalition for Homeless of Central FL—General (food prepared & served) Hope Community Center IDignity Parramore Kidz Zone SALT Outreach, Inc. (Serving and Love Together)

International Missions Supported by WPPC
Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, <i>Ecological Sustainability</i> , Costa Rica Dan Turk, <i>Environmental Education</i> , Madagascar Elizabeth Turk, <i>Community Health & HIV/AIDS</i> , Madagascar <i>Scripture Union Mission</i> , Peru

Staff
Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor Justin Chase, Director of Music Penny Walsh, Organist Sandra Shafer, Pianist Scott Beck, Director of Handbells Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant Valerie Beltrán, Children's Ministry Coordinator Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs Adam Davies, Sunday Sexton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Prayer* - Stitt (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of our salvation, we long to be reconciled to you. Help us to clear

away any obstacle that prevents us from accepting the grace of Christ.

Though it may seem that we have nothing, if we are reconciled to you,

we possess everything, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 775 • *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we confess our sins, the door to God's heart is open, and we enter into grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. When we sin against neighbor, condone injustice, and quarrel with one another we sin against you. Do not see us for our faults and do not go away from us. Keep us always in your presence so that we may be restored to the joy of your salvation. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the grace of Jesus Christ, we return to God forgiven.

Praise God for our salvation!

* RESPONSE • *Hear the Good News of Salvation* (Hymnal 441, vs 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 MESSAGE (10:30)

All children and youth are invited forward for a special message by Pastor Melanie before heading to Children's Church.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

RESPONSE • *In My Life* (Hymnal 468, vs 1)

**In my life, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.**

**In my life, Lord,
be glorified today.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 32

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

SECOND READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

SERMON

"HOW WE GOT HERE" • Rev. Melanie Ruta

* 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 *Fantasy on Two Songs of Love* • arr. Roberts (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 307 • *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

LITURGIST

Robert Nevill (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

Scott Beck, Director of Handbells (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch (10:30)

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

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.

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/>.

WI-FI

Wi-Fi is available for everyone. You're welcome to connect during your time with us. Network: WPPC-Guest / Password: Welcome\$WPPC