



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 14, 2021



FOURTH SUNDAY

In Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

“All the books I could write, and all the words I could use are nothing but pale reflections, if not pale substitutes, for those Festival songs that I shall never forget and that somehow still vibrate in me.”
-Elie Wiesel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Draw Us to You* - Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 29:2 and Psalm 95:6

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.
Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, we thank You that You promise to be with us always and that Your presence is with us right now through the Holy Spirit. Today we give You our hearts, our minds and our lives, so speak Your words of life into our beings. We pray that You would deepen our comprehension, broaden our thinking, and transform our understanding through Your Living Word. God, You are our wise counsellor, our perfect teacher and our faithful friend. Amen. (prayerscapes.com)

HYMN OF PRAISE • *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God doesn't call us to a blind faith, but to a faith that is eye-opening and mind-expanding. However, we often find it more beneficial for ourselves if we pretend we cannot see or understand God's vision for creation. Let us seek the forgiveness of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted Your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and sometimes hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is Good News: God does not mock us when we fail to trust, but invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship.

Put your finger here. Look at My hands. Put your hand in My side. Trust Me!

God does not shame us when our faith wavers, but challenges us to be strengthened by God's promises.

Happy are those who don't see and yet trust!

God's purpose is not to tear us down, but to build us up - forgiven, refreshed, and renewed!

In grateful response, we give thanks to God and strive to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, it is finished.

RESPONSE • *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 16:12-17
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 7:1-15
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Holy Festivals Part 1" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

THE REAFFIRMATION 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 *O Love, How Deep*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

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 • *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Lift High the Cross* - Young

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir: Justin Chase, Director

Organist: Penny Walsh

Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes, Alan Davis, Dana Irwin,
Will Lawrence, Jayne Leach, Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reker, Holly Small,
Dawn Sumrall, George Sumrall, Sarah Thomas, Justin Chase (percussion),
Emily Wasser (percussion), Susan Davis (Director)

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece,

Doug Reece

Nelson Roe

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

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.

Many Thanks!

Many thanks to our choir section leaders Sandra Shafer, Alex Pollard, and Alex Mendez. They have been in the choir loft for most of the services this last year to sing the hymns and responses for us and to often provide special music. We appreciate their devotion to the WPPC Music Ministry.

Holy Week 2021

Please join us for services during Holy Week. Our Maundy Thursday (April 1st) service will be at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. On Easter Sunday (April 4th we'll have two services—7:00 AM (outside on front lawn) and 10:30 AM (in the Sanctuary).

Children's Sunday School

Did you know Children's Sunday School is still meeting? Children's Sunday School is currently gathering via *Zoom* every Sunday from 9:00-9:30 AM! Thanks to the help of our three magnificent teachers, Carolyn Boyle, Theresa Coker, and Meg Ball-Thomas, and of course through the miracle of technology, we've kept our class going! If you know of any children in the area who are searching for a safe way to learn their Bible Stories, PJs optional, please get in touch with Emily Wasser - emilyw@winppc.org - to be included!

Family Trivia Night

On Sunday, March 21 from 5-6 PM, the Youth will be sponsoring a Family Trivia Night and we're inviting you! Trivia Challenges are usually conducted in teams, but due to our need to social distance, you'll be bringing your team with you from home. Your family (all ages welcome) will be your "team" during this competition. Each team needs to have at least two people and up to six (more than six members will be split into teams). Categories at this Trivia Competition are: 80's Music, Books of the Bible, 90's Disney Movies, Easter Facts, Where is Waldo, Jesus Said That?!, and Florida Road Trip! Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. We are asking that teams wear their masks for the duration of this event and, because this will be an in-person event, call in ahead of time to RSVP with the front office at 407-647-1467. Team spots are limited so grab yours today, brush up on your trivia, and get ready to have a blast!!

Easter Lilies—Reserve by March 25th

You may purchase Easter lilies, which will grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning, in memory, in honor, or in appreciation of beloved family members or of people/events special to you. Cost is \$15.00 per lily, and the deadline for purchasing is March 25th. Forms are available both in the front office and in the narthex. The lilies will be yours to take after the 10:30 AM Easter service.

Lenten Booklet

A Lenten Devotional Booklet is now available. This booklet is filled with beautiful devotions you can enjoy through Lent. A \$3 per copy donation is being requested to offset the printing costs.

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/>.

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.

<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	Michelle 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	

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
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music

Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
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