

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.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS—3/26

Mark your calendars for a special Neighbors and Friends gathering on March 26th! Justin Chase will bring a group of Lake Nona High School singers to perform excerpts and songs from their Spring Musical, Carousel. Plan to come for the performance at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by a catered luncheon. **Reservations must be made by Monday, March 23, by calling the church office (407-647-1467), or signing the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front office hallway.** The cost of the lunch is \$15, and you are welcome to purchase an extra meal or make a donation to offset our expenses as the students will join us for the meal. Please note the change from our usual meeting date and plan to come to enjoy not only the performance, but the conversations around the tables as we share a meal with these amazing students.

EASTER LILIES

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/lily, and the deadline for purchasing is March 30th. Forms are available both in the front office and in the narthex. You may also purchase lilies before and after the 10:30 a.m. worship service today and next Sunday. Lilies can be taken home after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

EASTER EGG HUNT—4/4

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday morning, April 4 at 10 a.m. Families are encouraged to gather in the sanctuary for a short Easter program, followed by a light brunch for all, craft activities for the children and of course, the Easter Egg Hunt for youngsters through age 8. Please help support this outreach by purchasing large empty plastic eggs as well as individually wrapped sweet or savory snacks to fill the eggs. Eggs and treats can be left in baskets located in the front office and Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to help the Community Life committee stuff Easter eggs for the upcoming celebration. This has always been a fun time of fellowship. If you are able to help on Tues, March 31 at 10:00 a.m., please email Steve House at stevehwppc@aol.com or call him at 407-758-3613.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

The Christian Education committee is planning to celebrate 2026 high school graduates on May 17th. They are looking for any students who have participated in any of our church activities, including WPPC Preschool, and also grandchildren of our members. If you know of a student that would like to be honored during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on May 17th, please call the church office to let them know the names and contacts of any interested students.

UP NEXT . . .

- Sun, 3/15 11:45am Deacon’s Mtg, Rm 301
- Sun, 3/15 11:45am CE Mtg, Rm 303
- Sun, 3/22 9:30am Confirmation Class—Week 4, Rm 317
- Sun, 3/22 1:30pm Line Dancing, FH
- Thurs, 3/26 11:30am Neighbors & Friends Lunch, FH
- Thurs, 3/26 7pm Session Mtg, Rm 301
- Sun, 3/29 9:30am Confirmation Class—Week 5, Rm 317
- Thurs, 4/2 7pm Maundy Thursday
- Sat, 4/4 10am Easter Egg Hunt
- Sun, 4/5 7am, 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Services



HOLY WEEK SERVICES: A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND RENEWAL

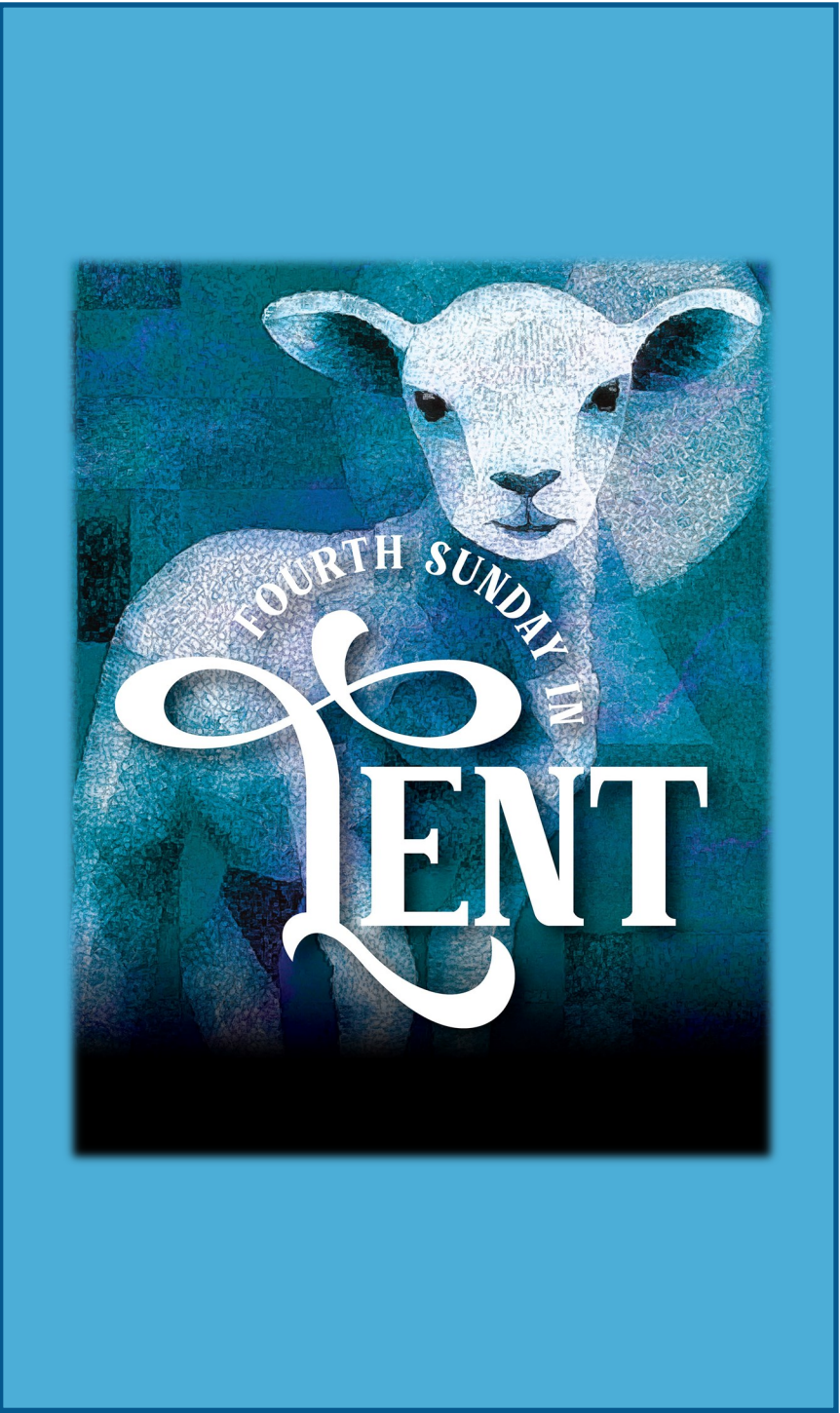
- Palm Sunday – March 29, 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we lift our voices in praise and prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross and the empty tomb.
- Maundy Thursday – April 2, 7:00 p.m.
Join us for a meaningful service of Communion and remembrance of the Last Supper.
- Easter Sunday—April 5th, 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Rejoice in the victory of the Resurrection! Worship with us as we celebrate the risen Lord.

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					



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 15, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE • Day By Day God’s Time Is Best - Buckwalter (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As we continue this journey toward the Cross and the Empty Tomb during this season of Lent, let us open our minds and hearts to what God might want to say to us this morning.

We have gathered here to hear a word from the Lord.

While God has placed us in the world to be a blessing, for just a few moments, let us shut out the busyness of our lives and focus on the God who has promised to be with us in all of the situations in which we find ourselves.

We believe God is here, present with us today.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gracious, ever present God: we are grateful for who you are. Thank you for promising that you will never leave us nor forsake us. We are secure and courageous in your presence. Thank you for Jesus, Emmanuel, “God with us,” as the amazing proof of your presence. Amen.

* HYMN 14 • For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have no difficulty believing that we have fallen short of God’s expectations for us. Like a loving parent, God wants us to experience life in harmony with him, others and the creation around us. Let us confess the ways we have missed the mark of God’s desire for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and Gracious God, you love us so much that you don’t want for us to suffer the results of our sins. You have proven your love by sending Jesus to bring us forgiveness. God, we admit that often we are disobedient, doing what we know is wrong. We are self-absorbed, doing what is right in our eyes and rationalizing away our actions, words and thoughts. Forgive us, Lord! We have sinned against you, one another, and the creation around us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen. (Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Prophet Isaiah assures us of God’s gracious forgiveness when he writes, “We all, like sheep, have gone astray; each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all.” Hear the good news, my friends! On the basis of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are forgiven! Praise God for coming to us as Emmanuel bringing us forgiveness and second chances!

* 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 Capps 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 4)

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:7-16 The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 30:1-6 The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“NOT ALONE” • The Rev. James A. Capps

*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 A New Day Is Coming! • Hollis (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 661 • Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

* The Charge and Benediction

* POSTLUDE • Fanfare - Mathias (10:30)

SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER

The Rev. James A. Capps

LITURGIST

Jeanne Vinci (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15) Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30) Dr. Terry Yount, Organist (10:30) Scott Beck, Director of Handbells (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

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

WORSHIP MATTERS

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Beth Conner in memory of her husband, Glenn L. Conner.

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 send an email to cindym@winppc.org or 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: Welcome2Home!