

**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).

**NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS**

Join us this Thursday, March 21st, 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 noon tomorrow to the church office.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (WNT)**

Our final WNT of the season will be this Wednesday. Officers Rodrigues and Slaughter from the Winter Park Police Department will be returning. They will recap Cybersafety and also discuss how to recognize Elder Abuse. Our meal is a potluck. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or salad. Dessert will be provided. There is no charge. Thank you all for supporting WNT!

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

The Bereavement Group which began in January, has become an open-ended group which will begin meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 4pm in room 303. All are welcome who want a friend to walk with on the journey of grief. The group will meet weekly. Come for as many weeks as you want. For more information call the church office at 407-647-1467.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday morning, March 30th from 9:30 - 11:00am. The event will include a light brunch for all, craft activities for the children, a special performance of the Easter Story, and the Easter egg hunt. We ask our congregation to support this by purchasing large empty plastic eggs and sweet or savory snacks (we respectfully request no chocolate) to fill the eggs. Baskets will be available to deposit the eggs and snacks.

**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 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.

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

**3/24: Anne Hallum—AIR**

Winter Park Presbyterian Church is one of two Charter churches supporting the Alliance for International Reforestation since its inception in 1993. To date, AIR has planted over 7 million trees, built 880 fuel-efficient stoves and trained 5,000 farm families in agroforestry. Join us in room 301 for an update from Anne Hallum, AIR's Founding President, on their ongoing work in Guatemala.

**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.

Dear Winter Park Presbyterian Church,

Our family was overwhelmed by the pouring out of love shown to us at Christina's Celebration of Life. So many people played an intricate part in making sure it was a beautiful service, just like Christina. Thank you for your fervent prayers over many years for Christina and our family. We are so blessed to have a church family that's there to encourage us, love us, support us, rejoice with us, and mourn with us.

With sincere gratitude,  
The Family of Christina Mercer



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed, 3/20	4pm	Bereavement Group (Room 303)
Wed, 3/20	4:30pm	WNT (4:30-Class, 5:30-Dinner, 6:15-Class)
Thurs, 3/21	11:30am	Neighbors & Friends Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, 3/21	7pm	Deacon Meeting
Thurs, 3/21	7pm	Session Meeting
Wed, 3/27	4pm	Bereavement Group (Room 303)
Thurs, 3/28	7pm	Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary)
Sat, 3/30	9:30am	Easter Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, 3/31	7am	Sunrise Easter Service (Front Lawn)
Sun, 3/31	10:30am	Easter Service (Sanctuary)

**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 Arsdell	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

**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  
 Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator  
 Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs  
 Adam Davies, Sexton



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 17, 2024



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* - Haan (10:30)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

**We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.**

We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

**In our worship, we share God's message with the world.**

### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**O Lord, please hear our prayer. As we start the climb down the mountain with Jesus after these forty days and forty nights, we pray that we will be ready for what comes next. As the ministry of Jesus began after a season of prayer, so does ours. We give thanks for the promise that You will be with us as we continue to spread the gospel to the world. May Your will be done through us, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### \* HYMN 407 • *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Though we find much to boast about, we return again to God, who sees through our efforts to handle our life on our own. Hear again the tender invitation to speak plainly before God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Why are You so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into Your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love. Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God's claim on us. Jesus Christ restores us to life. Say it with joy!

**Thanks be to God! 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 • *Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love* (Hymnal 449, Verse 1)

Show us, O Lord, your steadfast love,  
and let your saving grace be near;  
when we return with open hearts  
the Lord speaks peace and we will hear.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119:9-16

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

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 12:20-36

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

### SERMON

"WHEN THE ROAD OPENS" • 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 *Prayer for Shalom* - Kyle Pederson (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 435 • *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Prelude and Fugue in e minor* - Bach (10:30)

## SERVING TODAY

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

**LITURGISTS:** Steve House (10:30)

**MUSICIANS:** Penny Walsh, 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

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## WORSHIP MATTERS

### ANTHEM TEXT

God, we ask You bring shalom so peace may dwell in every home; heal us all that we may know, the wholeness of Your great shalom. To my friends and family, shalom; to the stranger I see, shalom; to those I'll never meet, shalom; to all humanity, shalom. We pray the world may be restored, full of grace and fully Yours. Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom. Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom. To my enemy I pray, shalom; to the refugee I pray shalom; Shalom to heal the hurt that tears the soul; hold our hearts and don't let go. We pray the world may be restored, full of grace and fully Yours. Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom. God's peace to you, and grace and truth, a place where you will be made new, God' peace to you, and grace and truth, a place where you will be made new. Shalom my friend, shalom, shalom, shalom my friend, shalom shalom; I pray shalom to you, my friend, my friend, my friend. Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, oh shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom. God, we ask You bring shalom, so peace may dwell, in every home.

### 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.

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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/>.