

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.

PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY — COMING SOON

We are kicking off the search for the next pastor with a survey of the congregation. This week's Happenings will contain a link to the Pastor Search Survey. The link will also appear in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday bulletins. Everyone who worships at WPPC is invited to take an online survey that will tell us who we are as a church and what we think our strengths (and challenges) are moving forward. The survey is administered by PCUSA research services and is short, secure and completely confidential. Watch for details on how you can take the survey and help chart a new and vibrant future for WPPC.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS—3/26

Join us this Thursday for a special Neighbors and Friends gathering! 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.

The cost for lunch is \$15. Reservations must be made by tomorrow, 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.

Please 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 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.

EASTER LILIES—ORDERS DUE BY 3/30

You may purchase Easter lilies, which will grace our sanctuary on Easter morning, in memory, in honor, or in appreciation of family members or of people/events special to you. Cost is \$15 per 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. The lilies will be yours to take after the 10:30am Easter service.

UP NEXT . . .

- Sun, 3/22 9:30am Confirmation Class, 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, Rm 317
- Thurs, 4/2 7pm Maundy Thursday Service
- Sat, 4/4 10am Easter Egg Hunt
- Sun, 4/5 7am, 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Services



Holy Week

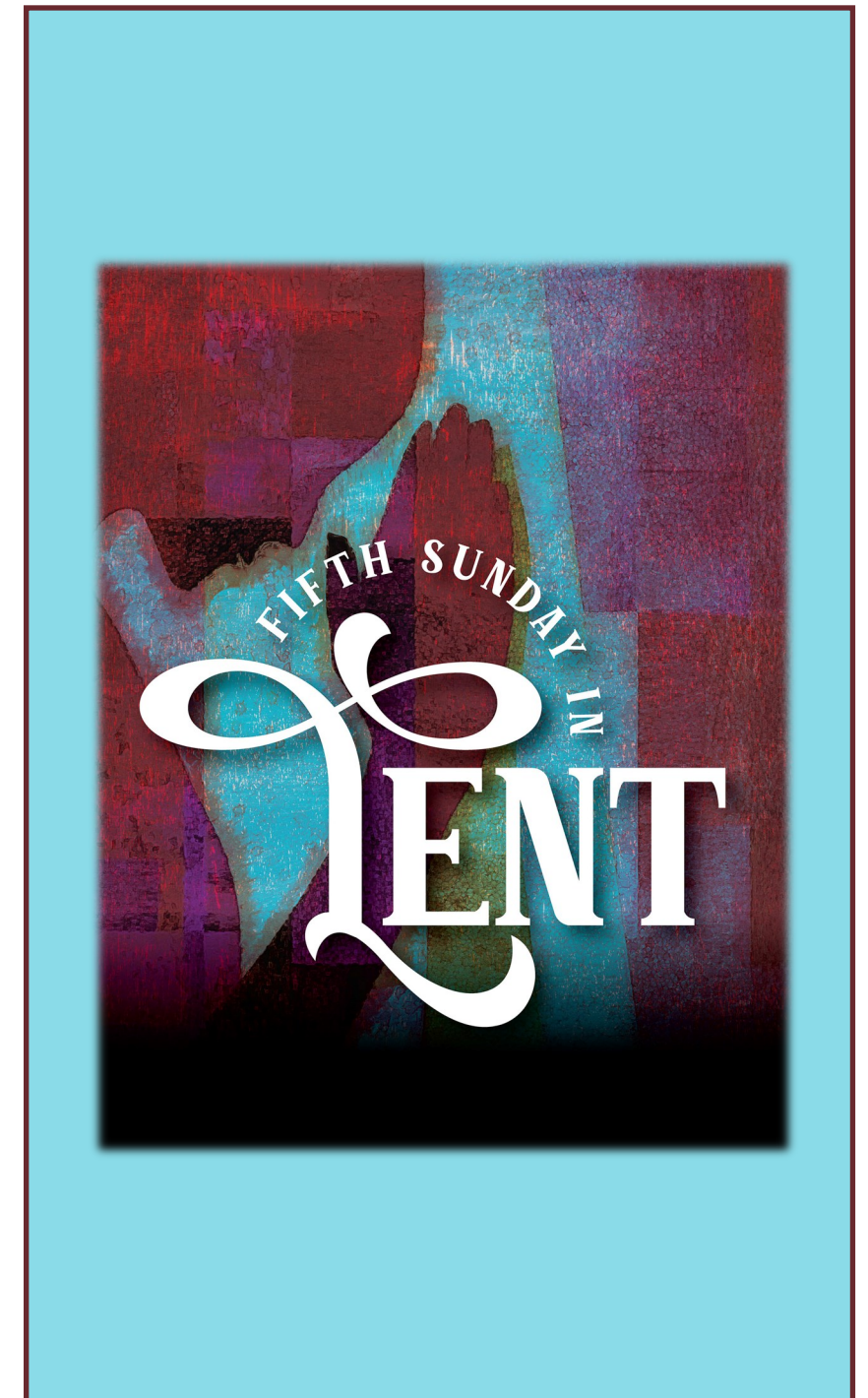
HOLY WEEK SERVICES: A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND RENEWAL

- 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.



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.

God bathes my head in oil; my cup overflows with all that God provides.

God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak and persecuted and revealing to all your glory.

* HYMN 403 • *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God so that what is hidden in us becomes visible and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.
(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Receive the goodness and mercy of God's forgiveness.

We live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

* RESPONSE • *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (Hymnal 438, vs 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.

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 • *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* (Hymnal 437)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

SECOND READING

John 11:1-45 (sel.)

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

SERMON

"IN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT" • Rev. Melanie Ruta

*THE REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Study Catechism, Question 45*

Why did Jesus have to suffer as he did? Because grace is more abundant—and sin more serious—than we suppose. However cruelly we may treat one another, all sin is primarily against God. God condemns sin yet never judges apart from grace. In giving Jesus Christ to die for us, God took the burden of our sin into God's own self to remove it once and for all. The cross in all its severity reveals an abyss of sin swallowed up by the suffering of divine love.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Lenten Meditation* • Althouse (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 286 • *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

* The Charge and Benediction

* PRELUDE • *Allegro Pomposo* - Roseingrave (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

LITURGISTS

Robert Nevill (8:15)

Meg Baldwin (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

Sara Thomas, Cello (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

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

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

Jesus Christ, my Savior lived for me, and died, source of my salvation, yet was crucified. Peace that knows no measure: This by faith I see. Love that knows ending; Jesus died for me. Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days. And Lord, O Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways. Hear me now, Lord Jesus: I will never stray. I will never wander. Hear me, as I pray: Free me now from darkness. Cleanse me now from sin. Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure within. Lord, O Lord we renew our commitment these forty nights and days. And Lord, O Lord by your grace help us change our sinful ways. Amen. Amen.

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.

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!