

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION (10:30) • Anne Hallum

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Fairest Lord Jesus* - arr. Raney / *Jesus Loves Me* - arr. Krug (10:30)

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Wait for the Lord.

**Our souls wait and hope in God's word.**

Hope in the Lord.

**With God there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.**

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning,  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**

#### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**O God who weeps with us, You have sat beside us in the depths, waiting with us in every dry and lifeless valley. Grant us the endurance to wait as You do, to discern in breathless bones the beginning of new life and in days-old tombs a coming resurrection, while never bypassing the reality of grief or rushing those who yearn for comfort. Breathe in us Your life-giving Spirit, that we might live and wait. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### \* HYMN 366 (GTG Hymnal) • *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ is nearer to us than we can imagine. Jesus' power is not just for a distant past and a far off future. Jesus is here for us here and now. Because there is forgiveness with God, let us call upon the Lord.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. There are times when we do not believe in Your power to resurrect. There are times when we do not believe in Your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths—however faint our call may be, we pray You hear our voice and come swiftly to our aide. Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thus says the Lord, you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves, and bring you up from your grave, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

**We believe the good news! Thanks be to God.**

#### \* RESPONSE • *I Love to Tell the Story* (GTG Hymnal 462, refrain only)

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### RESPONSE • *There Is a Redeemer* (GTG Hymnal 443, verse 1)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, O my Father, forgiving us Your Son, and  
leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:14, 9:6

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

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:18-21

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

#### SERMON

"The Incarnation" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

#### \* 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 *He, Watching Over Israel* - Mendelssohn (10:30)

#### \* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (GTG 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 450 (GTG HYMNAL) • *Be Thou My Vision*

#### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Sinfonia* - Handel (10:30)

## ☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

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

**LITURGIST:** Jim Esch (8:15)  
Meg Baldwin (10:30)

**MUSICIANS:** Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)  
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)  
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)  
WPPC Ringers: Ardyth Austin, Lynne McKnight,  
Cynthia Nants, Meg Thomas; Dana Irwin, Director (10:30)

**AUDIO/VISUAL:** Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Carissa Taylor

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## ☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

#### ANTHEM TEXT

He, watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

#### 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/>.

**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).

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (WNT)**

The final Wednesday Nights Together will be this Wednesday, March 29th. We are having an old-fashioned potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share. Pastor Darren will be giving the program. There is no charge but please RSVP to the office ([barbarah@winppc.org](mailto:barbarah@winppc.org) or 407-647-1467) by Monday at 5:00 PM so we have an idea of table number and drinks. Thank you to all who have supported the return of this event! Have a suggestion for our next series in the fall? Please share with Lisa Dreasher or any member of Christian Education.

**PROPERTY WORK DAY—APRIL 1ST**

The Property Committee has scheduled a landscaping work day for Saturday, April 1st from 9am-noon. They will be planting, pruning, mulching, etc. If you're available, they would welcome the help!

**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 April 3rd. 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.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The WPPC annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 8th from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. All children and preschool children are invited, along with their parents and grandparents. The activities will begin with a light brunch for all, craft activities will be available for the children, the Easter story will be told, and it will conclude with the gathering of the Easter eggs. Not only is this a wonderful gathering for our children, but is a great time for parents and grand-parents to have fellowship time around the table. We are asking for members of the congregation to bring in plastic eggs (medium & large size), and candy. The candy should be individually wrapped and we request no chocolate or gum. Eggs and candy can be deposited in marked tubs or left in the front office.

**BIBLE RECAP GROUP**

The Bible Recap Group will meet today in room 301 after the 10:30 AM worship service. Grab a donut and cup of coffee and come discuss insights/questions from our March readings.

**GREETERS NEEDED**

We have a real need for greeters for the 10:30 AM worship service to welcome our members and visitors as they arrive at the front entrance (portico). Greeters are requested to be "on duty" from 10-10:30 AM. If you would like to volunteer for this (even if it's for one Sunday a month) please email Deanna Spangler at [dmspangler@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dmspangler@cfl.rr.com) or call the church office at 407-647-1467.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Christian Education is busy making plans for Vacation Bible School. The dates are being confirmed, and we will keep you posted! If you are interested in volunteering, please let Lisa Dreasher know at [lisa.dreasher@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.dreasher@gmail.com).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (RINA)—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN RM 301  
4/2: Planning Session**

Class planning session for May and June. All are welcome.

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP**

We are asking for families or small groups to "host" a couple Sundays each year. All supplies are provided, including donuts. You would make the coffee prior to the service, be there to serve after the 10:30 service, and then provide basic cleanup. There will be written instructions for the coffee pots in the kitchen. Please click on the link below to look at the available Sundays. Thank you so much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A8A92FA1F49-fellowship>

Questions? You can email Lisa Dreasher ([lisa.dreasher@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.dreasher@gmail.com)) or Syd Davis ([susieydavis@gmail.com](mailto:susieydavis@gmail.com)) or catch us after church. There is also a paper sign-up available.



The Session		
2023	2024	2025
Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker
Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson
Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach	Cathy House
Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago	Glenn Riccio
Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdell	Ron Thompson

The Diaconate		
2023	2024	2025
Ron Ellman	Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin
Betty Johnston	Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis
Sevilla Morse	Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight
Cynthia Nants	Andy Riccio	Debbie Pazur
Jyme Smith		Debbie Roberts

Missions Supported by WPPC
Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala
PC(USA) World Missions
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff	
The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor	Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs

