

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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WPPC LOCAL OUTREACH MISSIONS—3/15

WPPC supports 8 Local Outreach missions through the Compassion Committee. They are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletin each week. Please join us in room 301 at 9:15 a.m. next Sunday, March 15 if you would like to learn more about these missions: who they serve, where they are located, what they actually do, how they are selected, and how much they receive.

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 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. **We ask our congregation to 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.**

THANK YOU!

WPPC's Compassion Committee wishes to thank all who contributed items to this year's Super Bowl of Caring. Twelve large boxes of food and toiletries were delivered to Redeemer Lutheran Church to help in their efforts to provide essentials to unhoused individuals in the local area. The assistance of Scout Troop 246 on Scout Sunday was also gratefully appreciated. What a blessing to be part of a church that cares and shares!

Sunday, March 22, the coordinator of the Pantry at Redeemer Lutheran will be the guest speaker in the Relationships in Action Sunday school class that meets from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in room 301. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EASTER LILIES

Beginning next Sunday 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 30th. Forms will be 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 on 3/15 and 3/22. The lilies will be yours to take after the 10:30am Easter service.

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PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY — COMING SOON

We are kicking off the search for the next pastor with a survey of the congregation. Later this month, everyone who worships at WPPC will be 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.

UP NEXT . . .

- Mon, 3/9 6pm Hannah Circle, Rm 301
- Wed, 3/11 10am PS Board Mtg, Rm 301
- Thurs, 3/12 7pm Compassion Committee Mtg, Zoom
- 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

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

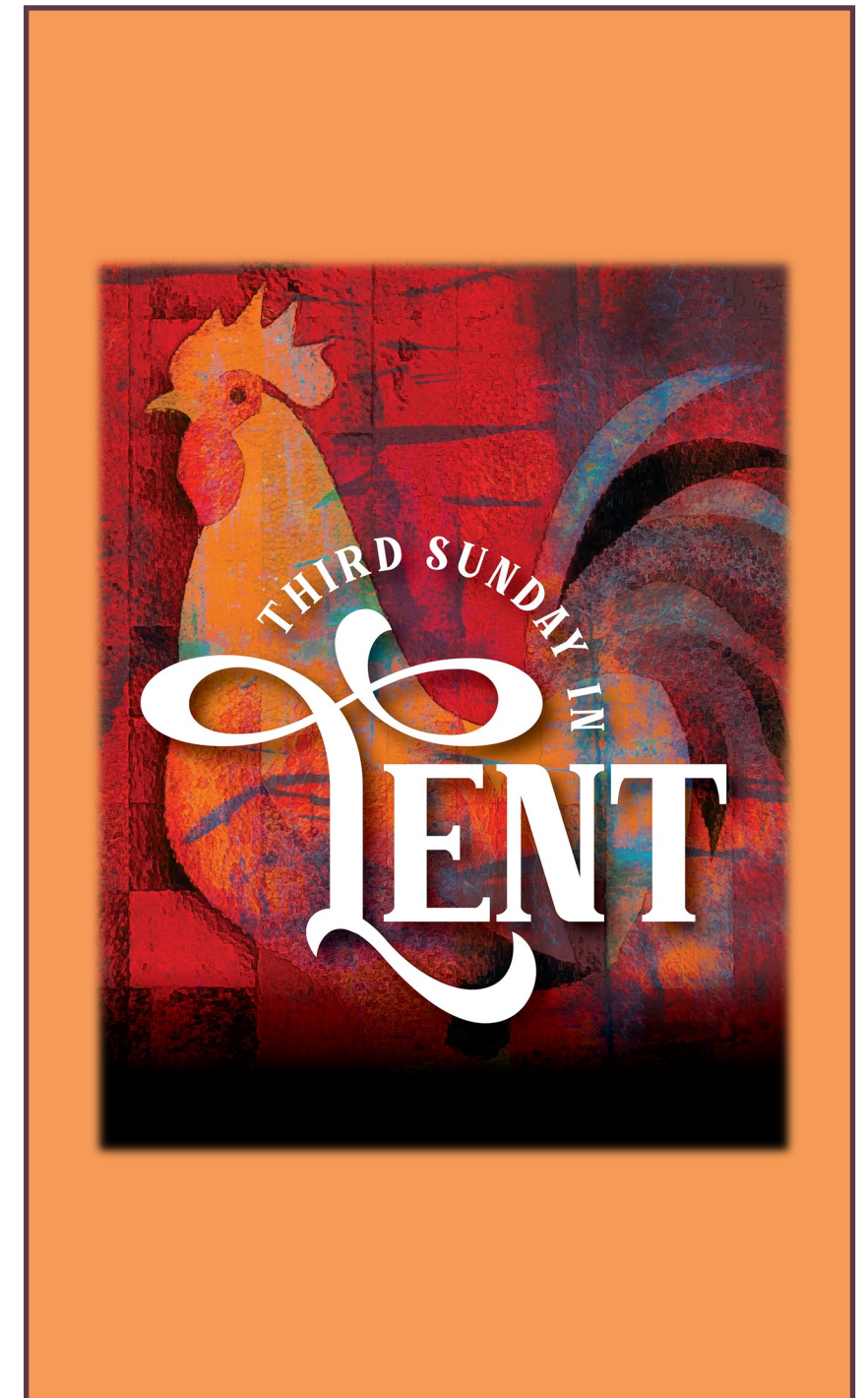
Staff

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



Winter Park
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 8, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE • *When Morning Gilds the Skies* - Hahn (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Lord God, Great I Am, you are living water. As we worship you this day,
show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 475 • ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water and the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* 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 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 • ***In My Life*** (Hymnal 468, vs 3)

**In your church, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 95
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Exodus 17:1-7
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"IT'S NEVER EASY" • Rev. Melanie Ruta

*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 *Surrender* • Heather Sorrenson (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***Doxology*** (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 36 • ***For the Fruit of All Creation***

* The Charge and Benediction

* PRELUDE • *God of Grace* - Manz (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

LITURGIST

David Garton (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

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

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

Take my life and let it be an offering unto Thee, an offering for my King. Take my gifts and let them be the light of Christ for all to see. Take my sickness and my health, my poverty and wealth and use them for Thy good. Take my brokenness and pain; receive them as my tithe for heaven again. Take my hands, unclench my fist holding dreams that I insist are mine alone to keep. Take the failures I confess; redeem them to Thy rightness. Take these objects I possess, trite measures of success, given me on loan. Take the dwelling that I own, and remind me that Thou Art my home. Take my wounds that never healed, take my wounds that never healed, Thy lavish mercy to reveal. Thy mercy to reveal; Take desires not yet fulfilled and align them to Thy will. Take my life and let it be an offering unto Thee, an offering for my King. Take my gifts and let them be the light of Christ for all to see. Take this song to fill Thy heart, my praise through humble art, a melody of love. Take my accolades and fame. Take any honor I might claim and shine them back on Jesus' name. On Jesus' name.

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.