

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 LUNCHEON—APRIL 16

The delightful Apopka High School "Belles" Women's Choral Group, under the direction of our own Sandra Shafer, will bring us a program of vocal music this Thursday, April 16. The Belles will perform promptly at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with a catered luncheon to follow. The cost of the meal is \$15. **Please make your reservation by tomorrow, April 13 by calling the church office or signing up on the bulletin board in the front office hallway.** The Belles will delight us not only with their musical gifts, but with conversation around the tables as we share a meal with these youthful guests. Plan to come and celebrate the talents and gifts of these young women!

PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY-SURVEY CLOSING TOMORROW, APRIL 13

We are kicking off the search for the next pastor with a survey of the congregation. 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. To complete the survey please go to: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8752715/U-S-Congregational-Mission-Survey-Winter-Park> or scan the QR code above.



SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

As we look to the future to welcome a new pastor and visitors to Winter Park Presbyterian Church, join us each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we begin a new Bible-based adult study on Hospitality. Come any or all Sundays of the nine-week engagement with this important strengthening of Christian discipleship.

PICTURES FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Community Life Committee will be taking pictures after the 10:30 service for a new pictorial directory for WPPC. We will attempt to take 12 to 15 pictures per Sunday, and plan to take pictures through Pentecost Sunday, May 24. If you'd like to have your picture taken for the directory, come and see us in Fellowship Hall on any Sunday through Pentecost, May 24!

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Interested in joining the church or just learning more about what membership is all about? Join Pastor Melanie after the 10:30 service next Sunday, April 19 or Sunday, April 26 in Fellowship Hall.

DONATIONS FOR COALITION HAVE ENDED

Donations of magazines, books, and other items are no longer being collected by Compassion Committee. Over the years, we've requested these donations and provided them to the residents we serve at dinner. Thank You to all who've donated. For those of you who want to donate items for residents at the Coalition, go to their website: CentralFloridaHomeless.org Click on "Take Action" and scroll down to "Donate Supplies." There you will find lists of the items needed. There are also links you can click on to donate directly through their Amazon Wishlist or Walmart Wishlist, with delivery to the Coalition.

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UP NEXT . . .

- Sun, 4/12 9:30am Confirmation Class, Rm 303
- Sun, 4/12 11:45am Personnel Mtg, Rm 315
- Sun, 4/12 11:45am CE Mtg, Rm 303
- Sun, 4/12 11:45am CLOC Mtg
- Sun, 4/12 1:30pm Line Dancing, FH
- Mon, 4/13 6pm Hannah Circle, Rm 301
- Thurs, 4/16 11:30am Neighbors & Friends Luncheon, FH
- Sun, 4/19 9:30am Confirmation Class, Rm 303
- Sun, 4/19 11:30am Exploring Membership, FH
- Sun, 4/19 11:45am Deacon Mtg, Rm 301
- Sun, 4/26 9:30am Confirmation Class, Rm 303
- Sun, 4/26 11:30am Exploring Membership, FH
- Thurs, 4/23 7pm Session Mtg, Rm 301
- Sat, 4/25 1pm Stan Halterman Memorial Svc, Sanctuary
- Sun, 4/26 1:30pm Line Dancing, FH

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 Secretary					
Valerie Beltrán, Children's Ministry Coordinator					
Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs					
Mark Greenleaf, Property Manager					
Adam Davies, Sunday Sexton					

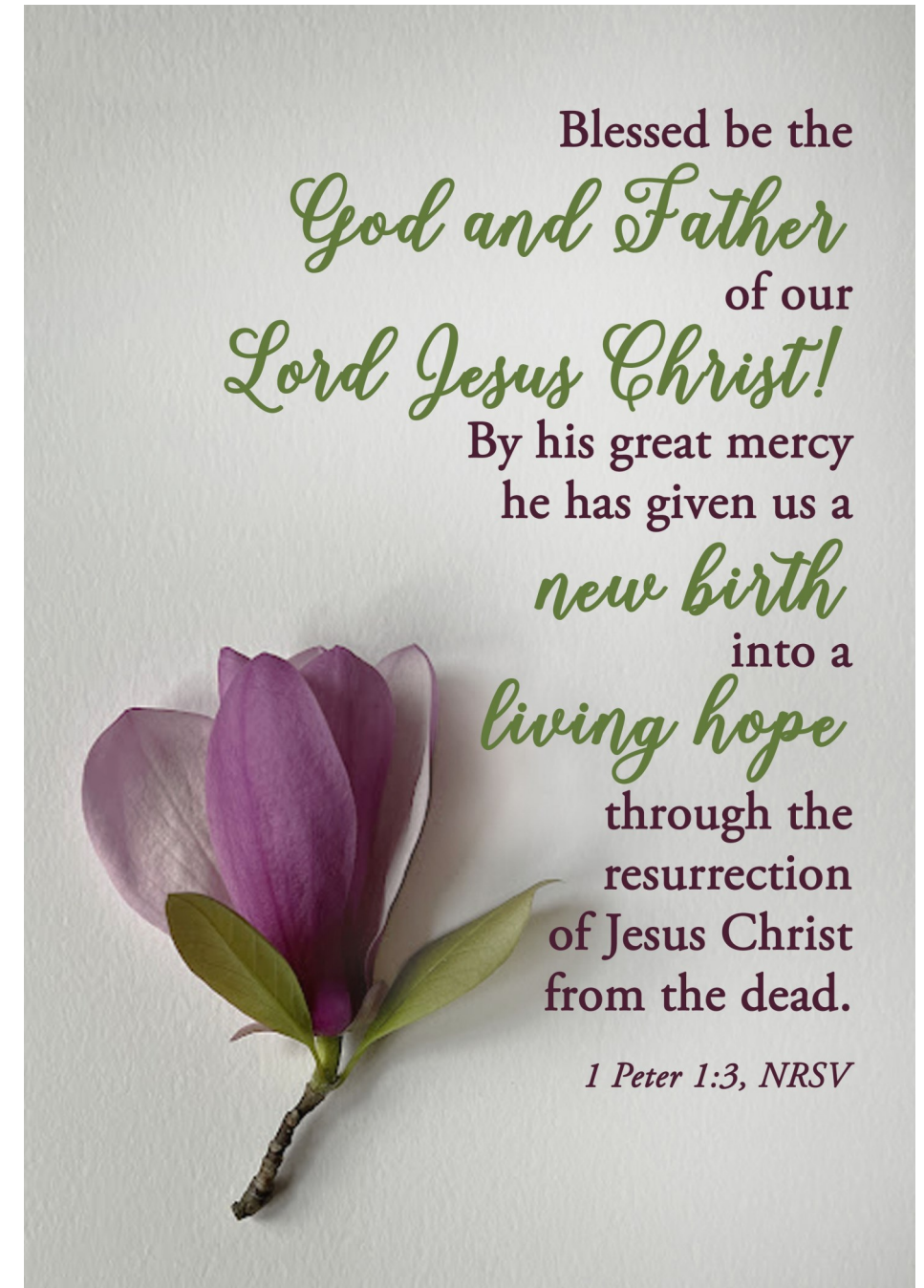


Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE • *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - Beethoven/Raney (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.
In this we believe.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
In this we rejoice.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

* HYMN 238 • *Thine Is the Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonder, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is our refuge and our salvation.

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

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal 581)

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 • *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (Hymnal 240, refrain only)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His name.

FIRST READING

Psalm 16 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“A LIVING HOPE” • Rev. Melanie Ruta

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Adapted from the Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Like a River In My Soul* • arr. Osiek (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 463 • *How Firm a Foundation*

* The Charge and Benediction

* POSTLUDE • *Crown Him with Many Crowns* - Burkhardt (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

LITURGIST

Debby Roberts (8:15)

Steve House (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)

Holly Small, Piano (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

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

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean deep, like an ocean in my soul. In my soul, in my soul. My soul, in my soul. I've got joy, I've got joy, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy like a fountain, peace like a river, in my soul, like a fountain, like a river in my soul.

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!