

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *With Timbrel and Dance* - Tucker

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Jesus says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.”

“If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with Me.”

Let us worship God.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of Salvation, You have rolled the stone away and the tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat Your love for humankind. The night is passed and with dawn comes new creation; Christ is risen to bring us new life. We herald with gladness Your anointing of Jesus. We rejoice in our promised redemption from sin and life everlasting. Hear our shouts of glad adoration as we enter the courtyard of Your redeeming grace. Amen.

* HYMN 123 • *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God.

If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure our sin does not either.

Let us confess our sins,

That they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You are sovereign and holy, compassionate and faithful.

You created us to be in a loving relationship with You. You seek to shape us and guide us by Your perfect will. Yet, we rebel against You and seek our own way. We choose to follow our own desires, even when they are destructive. Our hearts are rebellious as we do what we want without regard for others. You have called us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow You. Forgive us for missing the mark. Forgive us for slipping away. Transform our lives by the power of Your Spirit. Redeem and restore us that we may glorify You. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Imagine if we had no assurance of forgiveness, no understanding of pardon.

My heart shrivels, my soul becomes anxious.

Jesus says, “My peace I give to you. My peace I leave with you. Therefore, do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Jesus, thank You for the peace You give us.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son. So that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. God did not send His Son to the world to condemn the world, but rather that the world be saved through Him.

Because of what God has done, we are forgiven.

Abba, Father, thank You for your divine initiative of mercy.

Jesus, thank You for pardon, forgiveness and grace. Holy Spirit, thank You for leading us, guiding us and the invitation to dance with love.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

RESPONSE • *Christ Is Alive!*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 126

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

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

SERMON

“THE ROAD TO EMMAUS” • 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 *Now, O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?* - Nagy

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

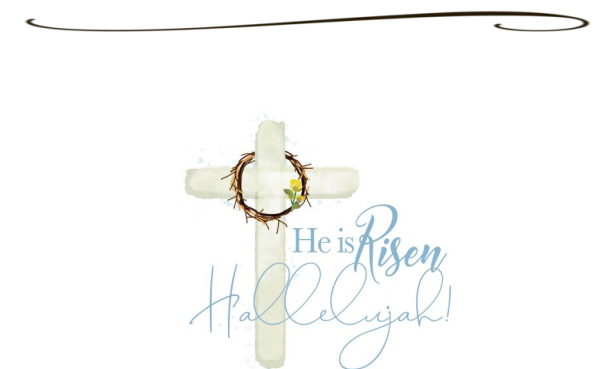
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN 118 • *The Day of Resurrection!*

BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE • *Hallelujah Chorus* - Handel

POSTLUDE • *Lift High the Cross* - Raney



✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

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

ASSISTING MINISTER: The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

LITURGIST: Meg Baldwin (10:30)

MUSICIANS: Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organ
Holly Small, Piano
WPPC Ringers: Ardyth Austin, Carol Bess, Justin Chase, Ava Manning, Lynne McKnight, Cynthia Nants, Bethanne Seel, Griffin Seel, Larry Seel, Meg Thomas, Annette Weidner, Dana Irwin, Director

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe (10:30)

WORSHIP MATTERS

ANTHEM TEXT

Now, O Death, where is thy sting? Where, O Death, thy victory? The Son is risen and Death is driven away. Death is swallowed up today, swallowed up in victory! This is our God. In Him we trusted, and in love He saved us; Give glory to His name, from this day praise Him forever. Jesus Christ is risen! Now, O Death, where is thy plague? Your destruction now, O Grave? For God who ransoms, redeemed His captive today. Every tear He wipes away; all disgrace He takes away. From this day! This is our Lord God's faithful witness. He is first born from the dead Who rules the kings of earth. He who loves, He who has freed us: Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Christ is our victory.

MUSIC

Our CCLI License number is 11184426; OneLicense.net number is 725233.

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 contact us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at darrenb@winppc.org or 407-647-1467 x 103. For pastoral emergencies after office hours, call 407-647-1467 x 112.

PUBLICITY

If you have a church event that needs to be publicized, 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing—Today

This Special Offering of the PC(USA) is being received today. Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us; to connect with those who have the least. We CAN make a difference in so many lives throughout the world. 32% of this donation supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 36% helps Presbyterian Hunger Program, and 32% assists Self-Development of People. The Compassion Committee thanks you for your generosity.

WPPC Concert Series Presents Magic of Bronze—Sunday, May 1

Mark your calendars for May 1st and be sure to catch *Magic of Bronze*, Central Florida's community handbell ensemble, at WPPC, for the presentation of their Spring Concert "Sail Away". "Sail Away" invites you to experience the power of water through music. From a gentle babbling brook to a treacherous thunderstorm at sea, "Sail Away" tells the story of one legendary man's life spent sailing the open seas. Explore myths and legends of the deep, hear the melody of a river, and journey with our hero as he finds love and discovers the true meaning of home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration Sunday—May 15th

On Sunday, May 15 the Preschool will join us as we have our First Annual End of the Year Celebration. More info coming soon!

5 Cents A Meal Offering Next Week

Next Sunday, April 24, we will take the second quarterly collection for 5 Cents A Meal this year. Please continue your support for PATH (Presbyterian's Answer To Hunger). This offering is sent to Presbytery, which divides the monies among Second Harvest Food Bank (25%); Society of St. Andrew (SOSA) (21%); Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR) in Guatemala (21%); and Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PC (USA) mission workers in Madagascar, with Dan training seminary students and helping Elizabeth implement a community health program and teaching (21%). Twelve percent covers administrative costs. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to support this offering.

Relationships in Action—Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM in Room 301

April 24th - *The Holy Land Revealed: Discovery and Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls*
Having previously addressed the Pharisees and Sadducees, this session will focus on a group that many scholars identify with the Essenes. It is first in a series of three lessons on the people who resided in the community at Qumran. This is the group that is credited with having deposited the Dead Sea Scrolls in nearby caves. Fragments of over nine hundred different scrolls have been discovered in 11 caves.

The Session

| 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
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| Theresa Coker | Syd Davis | Mike Galyean |
| Bonnie Gaughan | Fred Kittinger | John Gehrig |
| Fran Morrissey | Malcolm MacDiarmid | Jayne Leach |
| Michelle Trahan | Jim McKinney | Audrey Santiago |
| Jay Van Hook | Dawn Sumrall | Sara Van Arsdel |

The Diaconate

| 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
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| Susan Davis | Ron Ellman | Ardyth Austin |
| Jane Munns | Betty Johnston | Lisa Dreasher |
| Rachel Myers | Sevilla Morse | Jerry Fitzgerald |
| Christine Rich | Cynthia Nants | Nancy Galyean |
| Dennis Schmalstig | Jyme Smith | Andy Riccio |
| Meg Ball Thomas | | |
| Jeanne Vinci | | |

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

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- Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
- Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
- Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
- Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
- Kenny Lovelace, Sexton



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 17, 2022

