

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.

EASTER LILIES

A list of Easter Lily Dedications/Memorials is included in this bulletin. Those who gave the lilies are invited to take them after the service today.

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 and to connect with those who have the least. We CAN make a difference in so many lives throughout the world. Thirty-two percent of this donation supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 36% helps Presbyterian Hunger Program, and 32% assists Self-Development of People. Please mark the appropriate box on the envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

PICTURES FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Beginning today, 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!

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS FIELD TRIP—4/7

This Tuesday we are taking a field trip to Lake Nona High School to attend a performance of the dress rehearsal of "Carousel" under the direction of Justin Chase. At 9:00 a.m. we will meet at the church to car pool to Lake Nona HS. At 1:00 p.m. we will go to lunch at a restaurant, and then head back to the church. If you would like to attend, a sign-up form is hanging on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS LUNCHEON—4/16

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 on 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 Monday, 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!

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 on Sunday, April 19 or Sunday, April 26 in Fellowship Hall.

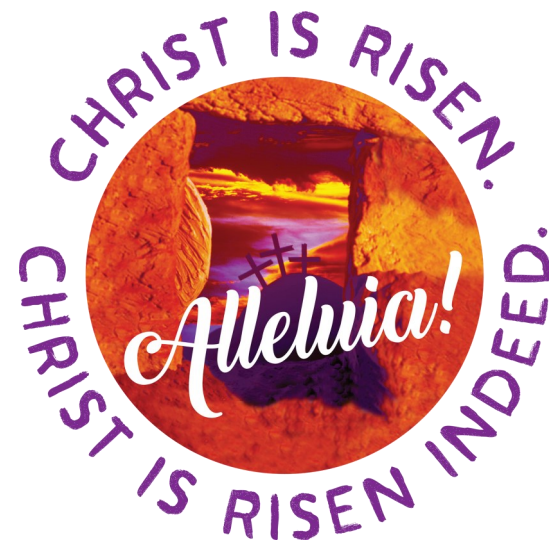
PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY

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. The survey will close on April 13.



UP NEXT . . .

- Tues, 4/7 9am N&F Field Trip to Lake Nona HS
- Wed, 4/8 10am PS Board Mtg, Rm 301
- Thurs, 4/9 7pm Compassion Committee Mtg, Zoom
- Sun, 4/10 5pm Kid's Night Out, FH
- 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 1:30pm Line Dancing, FH
- Mon, 4/13 6pm Hannah Circle, Rm 301
- Thurs, 4/16 11:30am Neighbors & Friends Luncheon, 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 Pazuar
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
 Adam Davies, Sunday Sexton



Winter Park
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE • *I Know My Redeemer Lives!* - arr. Helman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty and eternal God, you have opened the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. As the empty tomb stands witness to Christ's triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring life. Give us the courage to proclaim to all the world the good news. Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN 232 • *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We worship a God who forgives, loves, redeems and restores. Let us turn to the Lord, confident in his mercy and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, walking on paths that lead away from you and the life you desire for us. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made to be our home. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may have life in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Return to the Lord with joy and gladness! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Praise be to the risen Lord. Alleluia! Amen!

* RESPONSE • *The Strife Is O'er* (Hymnal 236, vs 1)

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children and youth are invited forward for a special message by Pastor Melanie.

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 • *The Day of Resurrection!* (Hymnal 233, vs 1)

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:1-10 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"THE GOOD NEWS" • Rev. Melanie Ruta

* THE AFFIRMATION 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 *The Resurrection and the Life* • Lloyd Larson

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 238 • *Thine Is the Glory*

* The Charge and Benediction

* CHORAL RESPONSE • *Hallelujah Chorus* - Handel

* POSTLUDE • *Fanfare for Organ* - Lemmens

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

LITURGIST

Phyllis Woods

MUSICIANS

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organ

Scott Beck, Director of Handbells

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

Christ is the resurrection and the life! All who believe in Him shall never die. O praise the living King, let earth and heaven sing! Christ is the resurrection, He is the life! Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing of Him who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, He lives my ever living Head. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Christ is the resurrection and the life! All who believe in Him shall never die. O praise the living King, let earth and heaven sing! Christ is the resurrection, He is the life!

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!