

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

WPPC CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026

With joyful hearts we celebrate today the confirmation of Chase Dean Finch, Alexander Christopher Jiminez Walker, and Annalise Marie Jiminez Walker as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Welcome Chase, Alexander, and Annalise!

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Fridays beginning May 1st. Please plan to make your office visits and phone calls Monday through Thursday during regular church hours 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—MAY 17

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service on May 17th. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the members to serve on the Pastor Nominating and Officer Nominating Committees.

THE END OF AN ERA AND NEW BEGINNINGS

WPPC Volunteers prepared & served the final Coalition for the Homeless Dinner this past Friday. This ministry spanned more than 3 decades. Many thanks to all of you who've volunteered and donated over the years. Please see the May news-letter for more information.

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS RESTAURANT OUTING—MAY 7

Neighbors and Friends invites you to join us on the May 7th restaurant outing. We will be taking the Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour (312 Morse Ave.), followed by lunch at Panera (329 N Park Ave.). Plan to meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. to carpool to the boat dock for the 10 a.m. boat ride. The cost of the boat ride will be between \$15.25 and \$20.00, depending on the number of people attending. The boat ride is 55 minutes long. After the boat ride we will proceed to Panera for lunch. Both the boat ride and lunch are on your own. Reservations are not necessary, but you are welcome to RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board in the office. Plan to join us to celebrate the beauty of Winter Park and the fellowship that comes from our Christ centered relationships!

NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS LUNCHEON—MAY 21

The Neighbors and Friends ministry strives to reach out to not only the WPPC members, but to the community at large. Plan to attend our May 21 luncheon to learn more about the outreach to our community. Nancy Galyean will present our program. Plan to join us in Fellowship Hall for a catered buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program. The cost of the meal is \$15. Reservations are due Monday, May 18 by calling the church office or signing up on the bulletin board in the office. You are welcome to bring your own lunch and join us around the tables or join us for the program only. Don't forget to bring a Neighbor or Friend with you as they too may experience God's call for all of us to "reach out" to others in our community.

SPECIAL OFFERING, CARING FOR GENERATIONS—MAY 10

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, a perfect time to remember all those who have given their lives in service to God by unselfishly caring for and shepherding others. In a covenant agreement with the Synod of South Atlantic, the Benevolent Assistance Program supports the residents of Florida Presbyterian Homes and Westminster Communities of Florida, enabling residents to remain in their homes even if they have outlived their resources. This safety net assures our residents they will continue to remain in their homes to get the care they need. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

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RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION —SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM IN ROOM 301

The Relationships in Action Sunday School class invites you to attend any or all of the following sessions. Everyone is welcome!

5/3: Reta Jackson: "Christianity in Egypt"

5/10: History of the Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), has had an interesting history. From its beginnings in the 1600's under the leadership Scottish theologian John Knox and heavily influenced by the Protestant Reformation teachings of John Calvin, the road of Presbyterianism has been a winding one. Please join the RinA class as Mike Galyean takes us down that winding road of Presbyterian history.

May 17: Pastor Melanie Ruta: Faith Journeys

May 25: Planning session for July, August, and September

May 31: Video & Discussion: The History and Archaeology of the Bible - The Settlement of the Promised Land

UP NEXT....

- Sun, 5/3 11:45am Inquirer/New Member Lunch, Rm 301
- Tues, 5/5 2:30pm Young at Heart Concert, Sanctuary
- Thurs, 5/7 9:15am N&F Outing, WP Boat Tour & Lunch
- Mon, 5/11 6pm Hannah Circle, Rm 301
- Wed, 5/13 10am PS Board Mtg, Rm 301
- Thurs, 5/14 7pm Compassion Committee ZOOM Mtg
- Sun, 5/17 11:45am Deacon Mtg, Rm 301
- Sun, 5/17 11:45am Personnel Mtg, Rm 315
- Thurs, 5/21 11:30pm Neighbors & Friends Luncheon, FH
- Mon, 5/25 All Day Memorial Day, Office Closed
- Thurs, 5/28 7pm Session Mtg, Rm 301

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
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Secretary	Penny Walsh, Organist
Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs	Sandra Shafer, Pianist
Mark Greenleaf, Property Manager	Scott Beck, Director of Handbells



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 CONFIRMATION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE • *Sonata 6, Theme and Variation 1* - Felix Mendelssohn (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place through all generations.

To you we offer our praise and thanksgiving.

Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer.

To you alone do we give glory. Let us worship!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, we come before you with words of praise, seeking to worship you and draw closer to you. You who created the heavens and the earth and all that are contained within are worthy of praise. You who gave your Son to be our savior, teaching and healing and showing us the way to you and the life you desire for us, are worthy of praise. In your great mercy you provide us with all that we need. You are our rock and our redeemer. In you we find our shelter, our hiding place and our strong tower. You are worthy of our praise. In Jesus' name, Amen.

* HYMN 246 • *Christ Is Alive!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal 581)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

All children and youth are invited forward for a special message by Pastor Melanie before heading to Children's Church.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 4:10-18

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

SECOND READING

Acts 7:55-60

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

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His name.

SERMON

"COUNTING THE COST" • Rev. Melanie Ruta

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *One World, One Communion* - Choplin (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Gluten and soy free elements are available. Please see the server in the center aisle.

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

* HYMN 326 • *For All the Saints*

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE • *Grand Choeur* - Théodore Salomé (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

LITURGIST

Sara Van Arsdel (10:30)

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ernestine Beattie, Anna Caparis, Debbie Pauzar, Robert Nevill, Lil Rea, Debby Roberts, Ron Thompson, Phyllis Woods; Nancy Galyean (Gluten Free); Mike Galyean, Coordinator (10:30)

MUSICIANS

Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)

Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)

Andria Alexander, Guest Organist (10:30)

Joel Alexander, Organ & Violin (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL

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

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

One world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone. One world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone. Wherever people gather to share the bread and cup, though we are many, we are one in love. So much we have in common, though we are miles apart, through the Holy Spirit, we are one in heart. And so we are one world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone. Wherever bread is broken and where the cup is poured, brothers and sisters, we are one in the Lord. Though many things divide us, with great diversity, through the power of love we will find unity. So help us see there's one world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone. There is room for everyone. There is room for everyone for all, for all who come.

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 contact 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.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available for everyone. You're welcome to connect during your time with us. Network: WPPC_Guest / Password: Welcome2Home!