

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Draw Us to You* - Burkhardt (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together as the church;

not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual house.

We will be the living stones that shout praise even when others are silent.

God redeems us, joins us together, and builds us up.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, the Great Architect, designing a world where no one is left out:

You established Jesus as the cornerstone for a temple where the Holy

Spirit roams freely, going forth to all people. Redesign our churches

and nations to imitate Your heavenly temple. Begin by redesigning and

transforming our hearts as we worship You this day. Amen.

* HYMN 392 (GTG Hymnal) • *Jesus, We Are Here*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus taught us mercy by praying for the forgiveness of those who killed Him. This miraculous grace assures us that no matter what we have done, no matter the words we have left unsaid, we can come to Christ with our honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, the way, the truth, the life, You have shown us how to love God and our neighbor, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, You have demonstrated it. But we still don't understand. We do not believe all You have said to us; we do not trust the way You have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to Your truth, open our eyes to Your way, and lead us into new life. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to Him, Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

* RESPONSE • *Christ is Alive!* (GTG Hymnal 246, verse 5)

Christ is alive, and comes to bring

good news to this and every age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring

with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

CHILDREN GO WITH MARY GRACE

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His name.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

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

SERMON

“STEPHEN” • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come By Here - Kyle Pederson (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology (GTG Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

* HYMN 724 (GTG Hymnal) • *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Lift High the Cross*— Young (10:30)

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

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

LITURGIST:

Jim Esch (8:15)

Rick Davis (10:30)

COMMUNION SERVERS: Anna Caparis, Syd Davis, Mike Galyean, Nancy Galyean,

Bonnie Gaughan, Debbie Pauzar, Andy Riccio,

Ron Thompson, Phyllis Woods;

Steve House, Coordinator (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, Carissa Taylor

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

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. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at darrenb@winppc.org or 407-647-1467 x 103. For pastoral emergencies when the church office is closed, call 407-647-1467 x 112.

PUBLICITY

If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please fill out the publicity request 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.

HANNAH CIRCLE

Hannah Circle will meet Monday, May 8th at 6:00 PM in room 301. All women are welcome. This will be our last meeting before we take the summer off. We will resume on September 11th.

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY CHOIR

WPPC and the Chancel Choir are hosting Tennessee Tech University Choir this Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public. Invite your friends for an evening of great music!

SPECIAL OFFERING

CARING FOR GENERATIONS - NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

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 in advance for your generous support of this ministry. ~ Compassion Committee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP | JULY 24-28

At **Hero Hotline VBS Camp**, children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up! Registration has begun and forms are available in the front office. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Grace Gabriel at marygraceg@winppc.org.



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

5/14: WPPC Preschool

Trisha Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs, will update us on this wonderful community asset.

FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for the weekly worship service in honor of/ in memory of someone special or of a special occasion, please pick a date and put your name on the sign-up chart located in front office hallway by the double doors leading to the sanctuary. When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in.

NOTES



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 7, 2023
COMMUNION SUNDAY



The Session		
2023	2024	2025
Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Theresa Coker
Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig	Mary Ferguson
Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach	Cathy House
Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago	Glenn Riccio
Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Ron Thompson

The Diaconate		
2023	2024	2025
Ron Ellman	Lisa Dreasher	Meg Baldwin
Betty Johnston	Jerry Fitzgerald	Anna Caparis
Sevilla Morse	Nancy Galyean	Lynne McKnight
Cynthia Nants	Andy Riccio	Debbie Pauzar
Jyme Smith		Debbie Roberts

Missions Supported by WPPC
Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala
PC(USA) World Missions
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff	
The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	Mary Grace Gabriel, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant	Anthony Gileno, Sexton