



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 18, 2021

BAPTISM OF BRAXTON HAYES NIEMI



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT:

"No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear." - C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Fairest Lord Jesus - Held*

* CALL TO WORSHIP—Romans 11: 33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?"

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To God be glory forever.

Let us worship the Lord.

* HYMN • *The Church's One Foundation*

**1) The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
to be His holy bride.
With His own blood He bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**2) Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.**

**3) Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**4) Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God doesn't call us to a blind faith, but to a faith that is eye-opening and mind-expanding. However, we often find it more beneficial for ourselves if we pretend we cannot see or understand God's vision for creation and our lives.

So please join me in the prayer of confession...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful 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 soul 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 we 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

This is Good News: While we we're still caught up in the mess of our lives, Christ, died for us! He indeed rose from the dead and is alive at God's right hand.

God does not mock us when we fail to trust,

but invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship.

Put your finger here. Look at My hands. Put your hand in My side. Trust Me!

God does not shame us when our faith waivers,

but challenges us to be strengthened by God's promises.

Happy are those who don't see and yet trust!

God's purpose is not to tear us down, but to build us up.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, refreshed and renewed!

Alleluia! Amen.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri*

THE BAPTISM OF BRAXTON HAYES NIEMI

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE BAPTISM

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE • *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea:

More love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 26:32-35

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 5:1-5

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

SERMON

"Grief" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

* THE 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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Shalom* - Dan Forrest

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Inspired by Your generosity towards us, we return these gifts to You, O God. May our offering today spread the hope of Jesus Christ to those most in need. Amen.

* HYMN • *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

**1) I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with His own precious blood.**

**2) I love thy church, O God;
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.**

**3) For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.**

**4) Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.**

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Dialogue* - Martin

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser

LITURGIST

Cynthia Nants

MUSICIANS

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organist

Sarah Thomas, Cellist

Alex Mendez and Sandra Shafer, Soloists

AUDIO/VISUAL

Nelson Roe

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Lynne McKnight's birthday.

MUSIC

Our CCLI License number is 11184426, and our OneLicense.net number is 725233.

☞ NOTES ☜

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! We will continue to offer our worship services online. Sermons can be found at www.winppc.org/sermons.

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we welcome Braxton Hayes Niemi, son of Travis & Graham Niemi, into our worldwide family of faith through the sacrament of baptism. Welcome to the family, Braxton!

Sympathy

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Eleanor Fisher, who passed July 6th. A memorial service will be held in the WPPC Sanctuary on Friday, September 10. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sunday School

If you are interested in attending in-person Sunday School during the summer, please come ready to learn at 9:15 AM!

◆ *Seekers*

For the rest of the summer Seekers will gather together in "Donnie" (room 315) for "Teacher's Choice". These will be stand alone classes taught each week instead of a series in order to allow students to come and go throughout the summer without missing a beat! Please drop by if you are interested.

◆ *Children and Youth Summer Sunday School*

These classes led by Carolyn Boyle are designed to be effective for all ages with children and youth working together! They will meet Sunday mornings on the first floor of the CE building and all are welcome!

◆ *Relationships in Action (R in A)*

- August 8—Reorganization Meeting
- September 12—Tentative Restart Date

The Relationships in Action Sunday School class met after many months of inactivity on Sunday, July 11. At that meeting, discussion took place regarding the future of the class. Because of the continuing difficulty created by COVID and summer travel plans, it was decided that we would wait until Sunday, August 8, to have the next reorganization meeting, and Sunday, September 12, is the tentative date for restarting the class. More information will be forthcoming regarding the R in A class. Anyone interested in being a part of the Relationships in Action class should plan on attending the August 8th class in room 301 at 9:15 AM.

Sanctuary 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 the narthex. When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in.

Worship Aids

Assistive hearing devices are available from an audio/visual technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

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 form located at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/>.

Transportation for Church Events

If you are in need of transportation to a church event, please contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your need.

<i>The Session</i>			<i>The Diaconate</i>		
<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis	Ron Ellman
Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers	Sevilla Morse
Shaheed Mohammed	Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich	Cynthia Nants
Nelson Roe	Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Dennis Schmalstig	Jyme Smith
			Jeanne Vinci	Meg Ball Thomas	

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, East Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, *Wycliffe*, Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)*, Guatemala

PC(USA) World Missions

Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell, Brazil
Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff

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The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music

Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
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