



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 4, 2021



GOD  
BLESS  
AMERICA

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's Liturgy is adapted from Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook, 2021

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### MEDITATIVE THOUGHT:

"Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them." – Fredrick Douglas

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* - Burkhardt

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP—Adapted from Psalm 123:1, 3-4 and Micha 6:8

To You I lift up my eyes,

**O You who are enthroned in the heavens!**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

**for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**

Great and gracious God, we desire You most of all

**Hear us as we pray. Hear us as we sing, and be with us as we go to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with You.**

### \* HYMN • *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty.**

**Hold me with thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,**

**feed me till I want no more;**

**feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.**

**Let the fire and cloudy pillar**

**lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,**

**be thou still my strength and shield;**

**be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.**

**Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises**

**I will ever give to thee;**

**I will ever give to thee.**

### CALL OF CONFESSION—Romans 8:38-39

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Assured by these words of promise, let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from You. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us, God. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love You offer us and share Your love with others. Amen.**  
*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
**we are forgiven! Amen.**

\* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri*

COMMISSIONING FOR VBS TEACHERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • ***Fairest Lord Jesus***

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 5:1-9  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 5:1  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERTY" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

\* REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

**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

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

OFFERTORY MUSIC      *At the River* - Copland

\* 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.

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 • *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

**1) O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea!**

**2) O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
whose stern impassioned stress  
a thoroughfare for freedom beat  
across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self control,  
thy liberty in law!**

**3) O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness  
and every gain divine!**

**4) O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea!**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *The Washington Post March* - Linger

**☞ SERVING TODAY ☜**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER**

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

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

**LITURGIST**

Matt Straub

**MUSICIANS**

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organist

**AUDIO/VISUAL**

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe

**MUSIC**

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

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**☞ 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](http://www.winppc.org/sermons).

**Restarting R in A**

The Relationships in Action adult Sunday School class (R in A) at WPPC will resume meeting on July 11th from 9:15-10:15 AM in Room 301 after 16 months. Our class uses a theme that we study issues “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” We are interested in ideas, events, and social issues that affect our lives and the lives of others and how we can be a factor in positive change. Individual classes are often provided by invited guests and specific experts on subjects of spiritual and social interest, as well as individuals from the class and WPPC. If you think this class would be something that would bolster your faith as you walk through life’s journey, you are encouraged to attend this “re-organization” class.

**WPPC Bus Drivers Needed**

As we resume activities at the church, we will begin providing bus service for residents at Westminster and the Mayflower. The bus is currently scheduled for two dates: Sunday July 4th and Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like to provide this service every week and are currently seeking volunteers (no special license required) to drive the bus and assist with this important ministry. The concept would be to have as many drivers as possible, so that no one person is responsible each week. We are hopeful this will allow for increased participation and an opportunity to share this responsibility among many. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or either Ron Ellman ([Ron@ellmanpower.com](mailto:Ron@ellmanpower.com)) or Jim McKinney ([JBMCK60@gmail.com](mailto:JBMCK60@gmail.com)).

## 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](mailto: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	Michele 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	

## Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor  
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  
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant  
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant  
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs  
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

## 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

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