

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *Arioso* - Bach (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Trust and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are those who trust in God.

Let us worship God.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Faithful God, You have blessed us with the inheritance of grace that we might live as people of justice, righteousness, and peace. Stir in us Your power and fill us with the love of Christ, strong and true, that we may be always eager to serve Your promised reign of peace. Amen.

* HYMN 393 • *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gathered before the throne of God's infinite mercy, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, confessing our need for grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, You planted Your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, You fashioned Your people to glorify You, but we are riddled with impurities. In Your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine You planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel You crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship You rightly. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him. That joy is our salvation. His joy is our freedom. Believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal 579)

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Jesus Loves Me!* (Hymnal 304, Verse 1)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 6:1-4

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 3:14-22

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

SERMON

"THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

* THE AFFIRMATION 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 true 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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 592)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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 307 • *Fight the Good Fight*

THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE • *Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major* - Bach (10:30)

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

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

ASSISTING PASTOR: The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

LITURGIST: Meg Baldwin (10:30)

MUSICIANS: Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)
Gabriela Santos, Soprano (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL: Nelson Roe (10:30)

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by:

✠ Mary Beardall's children in celebration of their favorite mother's third annual ninetieth birthday.

✠ Betty Johnson in loving memory of her daughter Rhonda, and her husband Chuck.

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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY FOR PASTOR EMILY

Following the service on August 28th we will have a congregational meeting to release Rev. Emily Wasser from her Terms of Call. After the meeting we will have a reception for her in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate in a Love Offering for Pastor Emily, you can leave it in the offering plate (please make sure "Love Offering" is on your check) or the front office. You can also give online at winppc.org/give/.

WPPC FANTASY FOOTBALL

As the NFL football season approaches, the Winter Park Presbyterian Fantasy Football League will begin as well! If you are interested in joining our Fantasy Football League please contact Glenn Riccio at 407-671-2797. Our draft will begin on Monday, September 5.

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

August 21st—*The Holy Land Revealed: The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Essenes*
This lesson will explore ways in which the Dead Sea Scrolls relate to the archaeology of Qumran and what they tell us about the community that lived there. The Essenes were an exclusive community, whereas with Jesus, we see just the opposite. The distinction between Jesus' movement and the philosophical practices of this group will be discussed.

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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

We are pleased to have an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. An authorization form is available from the church office and can be returned to Carolyn Achenbach. You can also securely set up one-time and recurring giving on our website at winppc.org/give and clicking "Member Giving."

NOTES



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2022



The Message to Laodicea

The Session		
2022	2023	2024
Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean
Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	John Gehrig
Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Jayne Leach
Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Audrey Santiago
Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel

The Diaconate		
2022	2023	2024
Jane Munns	Ron Ellman	Ardyth Austin
Rachel Myers	Betty Johnston	Lisa Dreasher
Christine Rich	Sevilla Morse	Jerry Fitzgerald
Meg Ball Thomas	Cynthia Nants	Nancy Galyean
Jeanne Vinci	Jyme Smith	Andy Riccio

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

PC(USA) World Missions
 Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
 Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff	
The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor	Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor	Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Justin Chase, Director of Music	Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Penny Walsh, Organist	Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Sandra Shafer, Pianist	Kenny Lovelace, Sexton