

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Adagio* from Sonata 1 - Mendelssohn (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come.

God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people.

God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, our hope and trust, You form us and know us, consecrate us and appoint us: to go and speak words of challenge and comfort; to pluck up and pull down selfishness and hatred; to destroy and overthrow systems of oppression and injustice; to build and plant hope and peace. Fill us with Your Spirit, and give us the words we need, for we are here in Jesus' name. Amen

* HYMN 372 • *O for a World*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We call to God, saying, "Have mercy on us!" We call to God, saying, "Lord, help us!" We call to God even in the midst of our sin, knowing that God is gracious and just.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care—and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before You, God, we just face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal 581)

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • **Remember Not, O God** (Hymnal 430, verse 1)

**Remember not, O God,
the sins of long ago;
in tender mercy visit us,
distressed and humbled low.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 123

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:35-40; 46-52

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

SERMON

"The Lens Matters" • The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps

* 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 *You Raise Me Up* - Graham/Lovland (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Doxology** (GTG Hymnal 606)

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 300 • *We Are One in the Spirit*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Verset in A* from Heures Mystiques, op. 30 - Boellmann (10:30)

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps

LITURGIST: Glenn Riccio (8:15)
Rick Davis (10:30)

MUSICIANS: Sandra Shafer, Piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Penny Walsh, Organ (10:30)
Zach Pecore, Tenor (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Carissa Taylor

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☞

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by George & Dawn Sumrall in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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 reach out to us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at 407-647-1467 or darrenb@winppc.org. 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.

RALLY DAY

We are having Rally Day on August 27th. During the 10:30 worship service we will honor and commission our preschool teachers, our WPPC Sunday School teachers, and we will bless the children's back packs. Following the service there will be a reception for the entire congregation. Everyone is invited and we are asking members to bring cookies or dessert.

RIP MEDICAL DEBT

All Saints Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church, and Winter Park Presbyterian Church have launched a fundraising campaign with *RIP Medical Debt*. We are all dedicated to following Christ's teachings by helping our neighbors in need. RIP Medical Debt empowers us to forgive millions in debt for our neighbors in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. For every \$100 donated \$10,000 in debt is relieved. Please take a few minutes to look over their website - <http://ripmedicaldebt.org>. While you are on their website you can look at our Campaign page "Three Churches Debt Relief Campaign".

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Your input is critical in the selection process of officers for WPPC. Please complete a nomination form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the front office. Forms are available in the narthex and in the front office.

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 be on Monday, September 4 @7:30pm.

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

The RinA class will not meet in August. Classes will resume September 10th.

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.

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 20, 2023
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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 Pazzar
Jyme Smith		Debby Roberts

- 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	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	Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant	Anthony Gileno, Sexton