

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW
AND PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

NAME: _____

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____ I'D LIKE A CARE CALL FROM THE PASTOR OR A DEACON

____ I'M INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW I CAN BECOME MORE ACTIVE
IN THE CHURCH



The Session			The Diaconate		
2026	2027	2028	2026	2027	2028
Syd Davis	Maria Garton	Rusty Baldwin	Meg Baldwin	Marilyn Bryant	Sue Howard
Betty Johnston	Lil Rea	Steve House	Ernestine Beattie	Cynthia Nants	Lynne McKnight
Shaheed Mohammed	Phyllis Woods	Jayne Leach	Debby Roberts	Robert Nevill	Debbie Pauzar
Nelson Roe		Ron Thompson	Jeanne Vinci	Paula Smathers	Frances Swope
Local Outreach Supported by WPPC					
Coalition for Women & Families Coalition for Homeless of Central FL-General Christian Service Center Health Care Center for Homeless Hope CommUnity Center IDignity Parramore Kidz Zone SALT Outreach, Inc. (Serving and Love Together)					
International Missions Supported by WPPC					
Audrey Santiago, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , Guatemala Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, <i>Ecological Sustainability</i> , Costa Rica Dan Turk, <i>Environmental Education</i> , Madagascar Elizabeth Turk, <i>Community Health & HIV/AIDS</i> , Madagascar <i>Scripture Union Mission</i> , Peru					
Staff					
Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor			Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant		
Justin Chase, Director of Music			Pattie Lavelle, Bookkeeper		
Penny Walsh, Organist			Jessica Grablewski, Children's Ministry Coordinator		
Sandra Shafer, Pianist			Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs		
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells			Mark Greenleaf, Property Manager		

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Melissa Storey went to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 18. Melissa experienced the goodness of special brothers and sisters in Christ during her illness; and she joined the congregation by live video Sunday services. Melissa did not wish for a Memorial Service. She asked instead that you consider one of her guiding scriptures: Micah 6:8 "And what does God ask of you? To be just, to be kind, to walk humbly with our Lord." Amen.

2026 WPPC FANTASY FOOTBALL—CRASH COURSE TODAY!

Have you wanted to join the WPPC Fantasy Football league, but you don't know how to play Fantasy Football? No experience is needed to play, but today after the 10:30 a.m. service, join us at noon in room 301 to get a crash course on how to play Fantasy Football. Our online draft is set for Tues. Sept 8 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in playing, please contact the league's Commissioner, Glenn Riccio by phone at 407-671-2797 to get all the information you need or if you can't make the Fantasy Football crash course.

SAVE THE DATE—OCT 3

Get your hairnets ready! WPPC is hosting a food-packing event on the morning of Sat. Oct 3 in Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages and abilities. The more volunteers, the more fun! And the faster we meet our goal of 10,000 meals for food-insecure members of our community.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY—BEGINS AUG 26

Pastor Melanie will lead a new small group topical study on Wednesday nights. After wrapping up the summer class on the "Context" of the Bible, we'll take a break until Wednesday, August 26 and start a new conversation on the "Text" itself. As always, each night is a stand-alone topic. Come as your schedule allows. Topics: Creation, Blessing, Release, Relationship, Land, Kings, Prophets, Wisdom.

When: Aug 26, Sept 2, 9, 23, 30

Time & Place: 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bring a side or salad to share with those coming from work or continuing on to choir practice.

LINE DANCING RETURNS SEPT 13

Summer is rapidly coming to a close, and September is just around the corner. We would like to return to our Line Dancing classes. Our wonderful instructor, Bethany is available to begin on Sun. Sept 13 at 1:30 p.m. There is a signup sheet in the Admin Building. This really is a great way to enjoy getting a bit of exercise as well as enjoying testing our memories together from week to week. We will be meeting every two weeks up until the holiday season and beyond if we continue to have sufficient interest. The cost is about \$7-\$8 per week based on the number of people who are there. Please join us on the 13th and feel free to bring your friends. The more the merrier and possibly the less expensive!

HANNAH CIRCLE— SEPT 14

We are looking forward to the Hannah Circle starting up again on Mon. Sept 14 with a series on *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit*. The circle will meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in room 301. All women of the Church are welcome to be part of this lively and dedicated group, which has been part of our Church for decades.

CONTACT INFORMATION

We are updating contact info which will help us in the office and when we are working on a new photo directory. We've included a tear-out that will run in the August bulletins which you can complete and drop in the offering plate. Super easy!



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 23 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE • *Amazing Grace* - Bish (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ.
With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord!
God has lavished upon us the fullness of his grace.
With glad and grateful hearts, let us worship the Lord, our God!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy. Guide us to reach out for your healing. Embolden us to live the lives of abundance you freely grant us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

* HYMN 263 • *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us so that our lives may testify to your abounding grace. Have mercy on us, O God, In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.
(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal 581)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:30)

All children and youth are invited forward for a special message before heading to Children’s Church.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:9-13
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:18-25
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“SOCIAL FEAR” • Jim Esch

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

RESPONSE • *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* (Hymnal 437)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

* 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 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 *Panis Angelicus* - Franck (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 269 • *Lead on, O King Eternal!*

* The Charge and Benediction

* POSTLUDE • *A Festive Trumpet Tune* - Martin (10:30)

SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER
Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

GUEST PREACHER
Jim Esch

LITURGIST
Jeanne Vinci (10:30)

MUSICIANS
Sandra Shafer, piano (8:15)
Justin Chase, Director of Music (10:30)
Penny Walsh, organ (10:30)
Sarah Leaman, soprano (10:30)

AUDIO/VISUAL
Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe & Chase Finch (10:30)

WORSHIP MATTERS

FLOWERS
The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving and grateful memory of Ann MacDiarmid by her husband, children and grandchildren.

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.

PUBLICITY
If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please send an email to cindym@winppc.org.

WI-FI
Wi-Fi is available for everyone. You’re welcome to connect during your time with us. Network: WPPC_Guest / Password: Welcome2Home!

UP NEXT . . .

➤ Sun, 8/23	Noon	Fantasy Football League Crash Course, Rm 301
➤ Wed, 8/26	5:45pm	Wednesday Night Study, FH
➤ Thurs, 8/27	7pm	Session Mtg, Rm 301
➤ Wed, 9/2	5:45pm	Wednesday Night Study, FH
➤ Mon, 9/7	All Day	Office Closed for Labor Day