

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Come and Be Joyful* - Hopson (10:30)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the body of Christ.

**We are many individuals, but together we are one.**

Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,

**but all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah!**

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**We bless and praise You, O God, for Your healing mercy—setting us free from things that afflict and imprison us. Deliver us also from systems that oppress and exclude, so all people may rejoice at Your wonderful work; through Jesus our Lord. Amen**

\* HYMN 353 • *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image. Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, our station more than we fear You. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in You when we take a risk for what we know is right. Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If God was not on our side, we could not stand in the judgment. But God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal 581)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT/BLESSING

RESPONSE • *Here I Am, Lord* (Hymnal 69, Refrain)

**Here I am, Lord.**

**Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 1:8-14

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 16:13-20

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

SERMON

"The Question" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

\* THE REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *The Lone, Wild Bird* - arr. Johnson (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 354 • *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Lasst uns Erfreuen (All Creatures of Our God and King)* - Young (10:30)

## ☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

**OFFICIATING MINISTER:** The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Mary Grace Gabriel, Children's Ministry Coordinator

**LITURGIST:** Jim Esch (8:15)  
Meg Baldwin (10:30)

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

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

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## ☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

### FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Monty Gettys, loving wife and mother, by her husband Craig Uttley, and her son Luke Uttley.

### 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.

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## ☞ 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](mailto: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](http://www.winppc.org/sermons).

**SYMPATHY**

Our sincere sympathies to the families of the following who recently passed:

- Barbara & Harry Oldford, 8/12/23
- Jay Van Hook, 8/20/23

**RALLY DAY**

Today we will honor and commission our WPPC Sunday School & Children's Church teachers. Following the service there will be a luncheon reception. Everyone is invited!

**BIBLE RECAP GROUP REMINDER**

Due to Rally Day and the reception following the 10:30 service, the BRG will not be meeting today.

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

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 next Monday, September 4 @ 7:30pm.

**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".

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

**September 3rd - Labor Day Weekend**

No Class. 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.

**NOTES**



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 27, 2023  
THIRTEENTH 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, <i>Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation</i> , Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, <i>This Child Here</i> , Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, <i>SIL</i> , Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, <i>Wycliffe</i> , Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, <i>A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)</i> , 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