

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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

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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	Carel Thompson	Jayne Leach	Debby Roberts	Robert Nevill	Debbie Pauzar
Nelson Roe	Phyllis Woods	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, Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, Ukraine Dr. Robert Gamble, This Child Here, Ukraine Dr. Anne Hallum, A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation), Guatemala Iglesia de Santa Clara Presbyterian, Santa Clara, Cuba Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Ecological Sustainability, Costa Rica Dan Turk, Environmental Education, Madagascar Elizabeth Turk, Community Health & HIV/AIDS, Madagascar Scripture Union Mission, Peru					
Staff					
Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor			Cindy Mitchum, Executive Secretary		
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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SEPT 20

A Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, September 20, after the 10:30 a.m. service for the purpose of electing the new class of elders and deacons.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Pastor Melanie is leading a small group topical study on Wednesday nights. each night is a stand-alone topic. Come as your schedule allows.

Topics: Creation, Blessing, Release, Relationship, Land, Kings, Prophets, Wisdom.

When: 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.

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.

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!

UP NEXT . . .

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| ➤ Wed, 9/2 | 5:45pm | Wednesday Night Study, FH |
| ➤ Mon, 9/7 | All Day | Office Closed for Labor Day |
| ➤ Wed, 9/9 | 10am | PS Board Mtg, Rm 301 |
| ➤ Wed, 9/9 | 5:45pm | Wednesday Night Study, FH |
| ➤ Sun, 9/13 | 1:30 | Line Dancing, FH |
| ➤ Mon, 9/14 | 6pm | Hannah Circle, Rm 301 |



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 30 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24, NRSV

ORDER OF WORSHIP * Please stand as you are able
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
PRELUDE • <i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> - Glaser (10:30)
* CALL TO WORSHIP
You who are many are transformed to become one in Christ. We who are many are called to lift our praise with one voice. All are welcome in the house of the Lord. We have come together to worship the Lord our God!
* PRAYER OF ADORATION
Oh God, we give you thanks for every blessing that we have received and pray that you will use us to be a blessing to others. We thank you who are our creator, sustainer and redeemer for making us a community of reconciliation that we might embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace to the glory of your name. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
* HYMN 310 • <i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>
CALL TO CONFESSION
Confident in God’s grace and his mercy, we come before the Lord confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, we confess that we are too conformed to this world. We conform to this world’s frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world’s reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world’s shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world’s impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conforming and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.
<i>(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)</i>
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.
* RESPONSE • <i>Gloria Patri</i> (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	Psalm 138	
	The word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.
SECOND READING	Matthew 16:21-28	
	The word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.
SERMON	“GETTING BEHIND JESUS” • Rev. Melanie Ruta	
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 • <i>You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!</i> (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 - <i>From Colossians 1:15-22</i>	Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For	
	in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and	
	invisible.	
	We believe he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.	
	He is the head of the body, the church.	
	For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through	
	him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things	
	in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross.	
	We once were alienated from God, but now he has reconciled us by	
	Christ’s physical body through death to present us holy in his sight,	
	free from blame and accusation.	
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS	INVITATION TO OFFERING	
	OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Do Lord, Remember Me</i> - arr. McDonald (10:30)
* OFFERTORY RESPONSE	<i>Doxology</i> (Hymnal 606)	
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
* HYMN 313 • <i>Lord, Make Us More Holy</i>		
* The Charge and Benediction		
* POSTLUDE • <i>A Celebration of Many Peoples</i> - Burkhardt (10:30)		

<u>SERVING TODAY</u> OFFICIATING MINISTER Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor LITURGISTS Glenn Riccio (8:15) Lynne McKnight (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 & Chase Finch (10:30)
<u>WORSHIP MATTERS</u> FLOWERS The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jay & Mary Van Hook by their children. ANTHEM TEXT I’ve got a home in Glory land that outshines the sun. I’ve got a home in Glory land that outshines the sun. I’ve got a home in Glory land that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue. Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me. Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me. Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, way beyond the blue. I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too, oh Lord. I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too. I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too, way beyond the blue. Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me. Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me. Oh, do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me way beyond the blue. I’ve got a home on the other side. I’ve got a home on the other side. I’ve got a home on the other side. I’ve got a home on the other side. Do Lord, oh do Lord, do remember me way beyond the blue. Do Lord, remember me! 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.
<u>COMMUNICATION INFORMATION</u> 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!