

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
Our sympathies are extended to the family of Bette Blanchfield who passed Tuesday, September 15. Please keep her daughter Vicki, and their family in your prayers. A service for Bette will be held in Erie, PA.

CONCERT OF PIPES AND VOICES – SEPT 27, 4:00 P.M.
Every year the Central Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists opens the season with a concert, and this year it will be held here at WPPC. Our Chancel Choir and Bell Ringers, along with choirs from four other churches, will be here for a concert of *Pipes & Voices*. There will be over 60 voices singing amazing anthems with organ accompaniment. You will hear 3 pieces by this Festival Choir, along with an organ improvisation on a hymn, and a couple more solo organ pieces. CFAGO Dean, Phoon Yu, will be playing Bach. It’s wonderful to be having this opening festival in our beautiful sanctuary with our magnificent organ! After the hour concert, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for hors d’oeuvres, desserts, and beverages! Please attend this free concert and bring friends who love music!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY – SEPT 23 & 30, 5:45 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
Pastor Melanie is leading a small group topical study on Wednesday nights. Each night is a stand-alone topic. Come as your schedule allows. Remaining topics are Kings, Prophets, and Wisdom. Bring a side or salad to share.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - BEGINS OCT 6
Phyllis Woods will be leading a Women’s Bible Study every Tuesday afternoon in October. The first class is Oct 6. This is a four-week study and each week they will look at some of the Psalms of David. The class will take place at 2:00 p.m. in room 301.

FOOD PACKING - OCT 3, 10 A.M. - NOON
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. The food will go to *No Child Hungry* for local distribution. You can read more about this organization on their website at www.nochildhungry.net. If you would like help serve, please sign up on the bulletin board in the front office.

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION —SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 A.M. IN ROOM 301
★ **Sept 27 - *How Is Immigration Policy Impacting Our Own Community?***
Guest speakers Ruth Silva and members of El Redentor Presbyterian Church (Oviedo) will share information about their church's immigration ministry and the effects of recent enforcement policies on our neighbors and Presbyterian brothers and sisters. All are welcome to come and hear what’s going on around us.

★ **Oct 4 - *What if a Sunday morning could help change the life of a child?***
Come learn about Camp Kusi a vital ministry serving abandoned and at-risk children in Peru. We are excited to welcome Janie Clark Mach, Director of Camp Kusi; Phoebe Drew-Bell, Project Manager; and Barbara Sayles, former WP Presbyterian Christian Education Director. They will share updates from Peru, stories of lives being changed, and opportunities for us to become involved in this important ministry.

PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADE
The Halloween Parade will take place on October 31 at 9:30am. If you would like to volunteer to pass out treats to the children, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the front office

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CHANGES IN SPECIAL OFFERINGS
As we move forward to simplify and modernize, we will no longer collect Special Offerings nine times a year. These Special Offerings will now be consolidated into three collections; each for only one time per year: *One Great Hour of Sharing*-Easter Sunday (March/April), *5 Cents a Meal*-October, *Christmas Joy* (one week before Christmas). **We will begin this transition with our 5 Cents a Meal collection on Oct 25.** This will be your contribution for half of 2026, if you have not given yet in 2026, for all of this year. Next, will be *Christmas Joy* on Dec. 20. This will finish Special Offerings for 2026. The 2027 Special Offerings dates will be published in the Jan 2027 Covenanter and in Sunday bulletins. The Compassion Committee thanks you for your understanding and cooperation.

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| ➤ Sun, 9/20 | After Svc | Congregational Mtg (Following 10:30 Svc.) |
| ➤ Sun, 9/20 | 11:30am | Welcome Home Reception |
| ➤ Wed, 9/23 | 5:45pm | Wednesday Night Study, FH |
| ➤ Thurs, 9/24 | 7pm | Session Mtg, Rm 301 |
| ➤ Sun, 9/27 | 1:30pm | Line Dancing Class |
| ➤ Sun, 9/27 | 4pm | “Pipes and Voices” Concert, Sanctuary |
| ➤ Wed, 9/30 | 5:45pm | Wednesday Night Study, FH |
| ➤ Sat, 10/3 | 10am | Food Packing Event, FH |
| ➤ Tues, 10/6 | 2pm | Women’s Bible Study, Rm 301 |

JOIN US TODAY FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE!

WELCOME HOME RECEPTION

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP – TO GET TO KNOW NEW WORSHIPERS AND TO CATCH UP WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AWAY FOR THE SUMMER OR LONGER. WE’VE MISSED YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK!

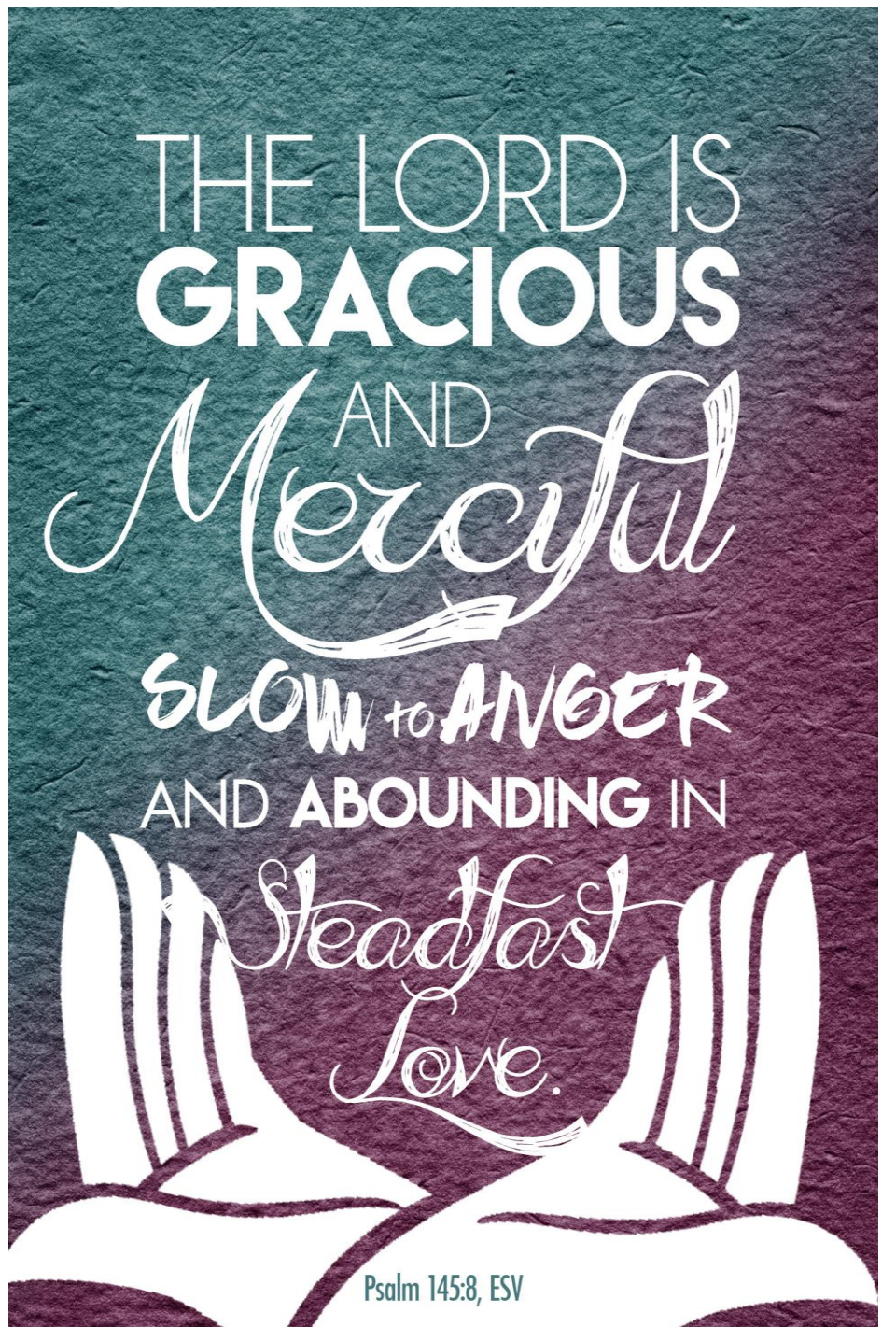
The Session			The Diaconate		
2026	2027	2028	2026	2027	2028
Syd Davis	Maria Garton	Rusty Baldwin	Meg Baldwin	Marilyn Bryant	Sue Howard
Betty Johnston	Lil Rea	Steve House	Ernestine Beattie	Cynthia Nants	Lynne McKnight
Shaheed Mohammed	Phyllis Woods	Jayne Leach	Debby Roberts	Robert Nevill	Debbie Pauzar
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		



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - Hobby (10:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives or try to avoid it,
God is gracious and merciful.

Whether we are life-long disciples or new to the life of faith,
God is slow to anger when we stumble or fall short.

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,
God is abounding in steadfast love.

We praise God’s name forever and ever!

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gracious God, you call us to do your good work; you supply our every need; and you secure our eternal future with your compassion and grace. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

* HYMN 718 • *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

CALL TO CONFESSION

With repentant hearts let us turn toward God’s grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but begrudge it being gifted to others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring our own faults. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy rule our hearts or when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. We pray in the name of Jesus by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

(Continue with silent confession *and reflection*.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving and grace beyond our ability to earn it.

Let us live as grateful and forgiven people. Thanks be to God.

* 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

Psalm 145:1-8

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

SECOND READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

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

SERMON

“A QUESTION OF COMPASSION” • 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 • *There Is a Redeemer* (Hymnal 443, v 1)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

* 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 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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* • arr. Nestor (10:30)

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 846 • *Fight the Good Fight*

* The Charge and Benediction

Congregational Meeting (10:30)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY

A Congregational Meeting will take place today after the 10:30 service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the new classes of officers to serve as Deacons and Elders.

Elder Nominees:

(2027) Nelson Roe; (2029) Fran Morrissey,
Robert Nevill, Chuck Schindler, Sara Van Arsdel

Deacon Nominees:

(2027) Tracy Trotta-Nevill; (2029) Pamm Ferguson,
Janet Hope, Sevilla Morse, Jeanne Vinci

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Rev. Melanie Ruta, Interim Pastor

LITURGIST

Robert Nevill (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)

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

ANTHEM TEXT

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy grace I’ve come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me while a sinner, wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interspersed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face; clothed then in blood washed linen, how I’ll sing thy sovereign grace. Come, Lord, do not tarry! Take my soul away! Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

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!