

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

---

---

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Bell Song* - Sherman (10:30)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

We will sing to God and bless God's name forever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

We will declare God's mighty acts and celebrate God's abundant goodness.

**Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.**

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**O God of our salvation, bring Your compassion to all of us gathered here this morning, that we may be restored and renewed, encouraged and enlivened, as we turn our faces toward You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

\* HYMN 408 • *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of Christ. We try to stand firm in God's spirit, but our human self-interest gets the better of us. In humility and faith, let us confess.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with Your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those You forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love You show. Forgive us when we wish Your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of Your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive Your mercy. Amen.**  
*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.

**We will receive this gift of forgiveness, and trust God to transform our lives!**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE • *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* (Hymnal 423, verse 1)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103:13-18

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 9:35-38

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

SERMON

"D.W.J.D. - COMPASSION" • 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 *I Will Arise* - arr. Parker/Shaw (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 36 • *For the Fruit of All Creation*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Postlude in Classic Style* - Young (10:30)

## ☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

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

**LITURGIST:** Jim Esch (8:15)  
Meg Thomas (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

---

---

## ☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

**ANTHEM TEXT**

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loud-est praise. I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

**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](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).

**CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY**

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Dee Herschel, who passed on Saturday, September 16th. Please keep her family in your prayers. Her service will be held at 12pm tomorrow, September 25th, at the DeGusipe Funeral Home (9001 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland).

**FALL FESTIVAL**

You are invited to join us on Sunday, October 15th for our Fall Festival! Mark your calendars and check your email and bulletin for more info coming soon!

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING**

The Peacemaking Offering is next week, October 1st, on World Communion Sunday. This is one of four Special Offerings of the PC(USA). Our Partners in the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, will use 75% of this offering for various peacemaking projects throughout the world. The remaining 25% will be used locally to help support IDignity, which helps the disadvantaged in Central Florida to navigate the complexities of obtaining their personal identification so they can move forward with their lives. Thank you for donating to this most worthy cause. -Compassion Committee

**GLOBAL CHRISTMAS MARKET | 11/4, 9AM-1PM & 11/5, 11:30AM-12:30PM**

You have the opportunity to pre-order three products: Equal Exchange Coffee, etc., Women’s Bean Project (simple food mixes, etc.), and Olive Oil. The payment system has changed from pre-pay to payment at pick-up on Market days: Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, November 5th. Pre-order forms are available in the Narthex. Please get orders in before Friday, October 6th so we know how much product to order. Thank you! For more information about the Global Christmas Market, go to: [www.winppc.org/global-christmas-market/](http://www.winppc.org/global-christmas-market/).

**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.

**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”. Please make your check payable to RIP Medical Debt and put “3 Churches Campaign” on the memo line.

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

October 1st - The Holy Land Revealed: Monumental Tombs in the Time of Jesus  
This session will deal with the burial practices in Jerusalem during the Herodian period up until the year 70, specifically, the Jewish custom of burying their dead in rock-cut tombs. Burial in these tombs was so popular among the Jerusalem elite, that the city is now ringed by nearly 1000 documented rock-cut tombs.

**NOTES**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (WNT)**

WNT continues this Wednesday night. Mike Galyean will share his spiritual journey along the Appalachian Trail. The Appalachian Trail follows the spine of the Appalachian range of mountains from Georgia to Maine traversing 14 states along the way. Mike trekked all 2,128 miles of the “AT” beginning in 1991 and finishing in 1999. You will be inspired by his account of bears, rattlesnakes, and other obstacles he encountered while honoring the memory of his good friend 1Lt. Pete Gray. The first session starts at 4:30pm in Room 301. Dinner will be Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread and Cookies. A suggested donation is \$5. Session two of our Small Group Discussions starts at 6:10pm in the CE Building Parlor. All are welcome and can come for one session or all. No preparation is necessary. Come check it out! Please RSVP to the office by Monday afternoon.



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 Pauzar
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, *SL*, 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
- The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator
- Justin Chase, Director of Music
- Penny Walsh, Organist
- Sandra Shafer, Pianist
- Scott Beck, Director of Handbells
- Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
- Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
- Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
- Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
- Anthony Gileno, Sexton



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

