

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE • *Land of Rest* - Proulx (10:30)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us each by name as we gather on holy ground.

**We come to this place, seeking to know the great I AM.**

Let us worship God.

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**At Your holy table, O God, the first are last and last are first. Teach us how to share our tables with people who are poor and suffering, so that all may have a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come at the resurrection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN 406 • *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The apostle Paul tells us: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. For the times we have failed to do this, let us confess to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather You do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what You ask of us. We long to see You come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on us. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in Your ways of peace. Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails!

**In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!**

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RESPONSE • *Remember Not, O God* (Hymnal 430, verse 1)

**Remember not, O God,  
the sins of long ago;  
in tender mercy visit us,  
distressed and humbled low.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 2:1-10

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6

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

SERMON

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

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* - Chilcott (10:30)

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* (Hymnal 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* 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 true 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.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 726 • *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *Processional in G Major* - Stanley (10:30)

## ✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

**OFFICIATING MINISTER:** The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Mary Grace Gabriel, Children's Ministry Coordinator (10:30)

**LITURGIST:** Glenn Riccio (8:15)  
Gary Henderson (10:30)

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Ardyth Austin, Carol Bess, Mary Ferguson, Nancy Galyean, Debbie Puzar, Glenn Riccio, Debby Roberts, Ron Thompson, Phyllis Woods; Mike Galyean, Coordinator (10:30)

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

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

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## ✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jay & Mary Van Hook by their children.

**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 contact us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at [darrenb@winppc.org](mailto:darrenb@winppc.org) or 407-647-1467 x 103. 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 publicity request 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).

**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 tomorrow, 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 10th: Continuation of Faith Journeys with Phyllis Woods**

Phyllis will be talking about her growing up years and the impact that faith in Christ has had on her throughout her life.

**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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION**

We are pleased to have an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. An authorization form is available from the church office and can be returned to Carolyn Achenbach. You can also securely set up one-time and recurring giving on our website at [winppc.org/give](http://winppc.org/give) and clicking “Member Giving.”

**NOTES**



**Winter Park**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COMMUNION SUNDAY



**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 Arsdell	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		Debbie Roberts

**Missions Supported by WPPC**

Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine  
 Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine  
 Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, 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	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
Scott Beck, Director of Handbells	Anthony Gileno, Sexton
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant	