



Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." - John 4: 10

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* - McKechnie

* CALL TO WORSHIP—John 4:23-24

"But the hour is coming,

And is now here,

When the true worshipers will worship God in spirit and truth,

For the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Good morning, Lord! Today's a new day, an opportunity for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures we may have experienced. It's the Lord's day, and an occasion to gather with friends near and far for worship. It's a good day to be glad and give thanks, and we do. Thank You for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and serve one another. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

-Adapted from Rebecca Barlow Jordan

HYMN 466 • *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CALL OF CONFESSION

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands, that You might use them for Your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave You a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that You might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve You—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of Your Cross and the depth of Your great love. Amen.

- Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook, ©2004, Faith Alive Christian Resources

(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—John 10:14-15, 28-29

“I am the Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me—just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father—and I lay down My life for the sheep. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE • *Gloria Patri*

CHILDREN’S SERMON (*Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 106:1-5

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

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

SERMON

“JESUS” • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

* 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 *Trust in the Lord - Rollo Dilworth*

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 354 • *Guide My Feet*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE • *Prelude in Classic Style* - Young

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

OFFICIATING MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Emily Wasser

LITURGIST

Gary Henderson

MUSICIANS

Director of Music: Justin Chase

Organist: Penny Walsh

Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes, Justin Chase, Alan Davis,
Dana Irwin, Jayne Leach, Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reker, Holly Small,
Dawn Sumrall, George Sumrall, Sarah Thomas, Susan Davis-Director

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carole Reece, Doug Reece, and Nelson Roe

✠ WORSHIP MATTERS ✠

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in appreciation and honor of the church staff, choir and bell ringers, the ministers Rev. Bess and Pastor Emily, who have kept the church going during this pandemic. Also to Carole, Doug, and Nelson who record the services for the people watching at home.

ANTHEM TEXT

I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice. I will rejoice in Thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath dealt bountifully with me. Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy path.

Music

Our CCLI License number is 11184426, and our Onelicense.net number is 725233.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

Welcome

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! We will continue to offer our worship services online. Sermons can be found at www.winppc.org/sermons.

Eleanor Fisher Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Eleanor Fisher who passed July 7th. The service will be held in the WPPC Sanctuary this Friday, September 10 at 2:00 PM.

RIP Medical Debt

Our *RIP Medical Debt* campaign is underway. They are accepting donations on our crowdfunding page <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/orange-and-seminole-county-florida/>. Donations may also be made by check payable to RIP Medical Debt with a note on the memo line that the check is for the Winter Park Presbyterian Church Campaign. Checks may be dropped in the collection plate, given to Carolyn in the church office or mailed to RIP Medical Debt at 80 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, New York 10580. *RIP Medical Debt* empowers donors to forgive billions in oppressive medical debt. They purchase the debt at pennies on the dollar making it possible for a \$100 donation to forgive \$10,000 in medical debt. It is our goal to raise \$10,000 to help our neighbors in need by relieving medical debt in Orange and Seminole counties. This campaign provides us with the opportunity to make a little go a long way in following Jesus instructions to care for those less fortunate. For more information on *RIP Medical Debt* go to <https://ripmedicaldebt.org>.

To the Glory of God...

The Baldwin Baby Grand Piano has been moved from the Chapel into the Sanctuary. The piano is a gift from Sara Van Arsdel and is dedicated in memory of Sara’s mother, R. Sue Hoffman, who loved playing it for many years. Thank you so much, Sara!

Handbell Choir

Handbell Ringers are needed for the WPPC Ringers, an inter-generational handbell choir that meets right after worship each Sunday. It helps, but isn’t necessary, for you to know how to read music. For more information and to sign up, contact Dana Irwin @ 407-678-0406.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Concert Series—September 19 “Music on the Lawn”

The Worship & Music Committee is happy to announce our up and coming concert series for the 2021-2022 season. The first concert will be "Music On The Lawn" and on Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 3-5:00 PM presenting the musical duo "Rexine Unplugged" featuring the lovely voice of Rexine with instrumental accompaniment by our own Gregory Seel. They will be performing a variety of old and new classics, soulful pop and blues with pieces such as *Georgia On My Mind*, *Say A Little Prayer For Me* and *I Can't Help Falling In Love With You*. *The Openers*, a musical group comprised of several individually "famous" people from our congregation, will play the first fifteen minutes of the concert. Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 19, from 3-5:00 PM**. Bring lawn chairs to the east lawn in front of the pre-school wing of the church. There will be ample parking in the pine tree lot. Admission is free but donations will be accepted at the close of the concert. Also, save the dates of October 17, and November 7, for the next two upcoming concerts. More details will be given at a later date.

Relationships in Action - Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM in Room 301

September 12 - *BESSings Upon You*

Dr. Darren Bess was called to this church as senior pastor on March 15, 2020, the same day WPPC first cancelled its “in-person” services because of COVID. He preached his first “on-line” sermon on Mothers Day, May 10, and was welcomed by the congregation with a “parking lot” walk through that afternoon. Since then, to say that, “it has been a challenge,” for Dr. Bess and the WPPC congregation to get to know one another would be an understatement. The Relationships in Action Sunday School class will host Dr. Bess on Sunday, Sept. 12, in Rm 301 at 9:15 to hear him tell of his life’s interesting journey that has brought him to us at WPPC.

Coalition for the Homeless

WPPC was scheduled to “Feed the Homeless” at the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless on Friday, September 10. On August 25th, the Coalition announced that, because of the increase of Covid -19 in our community, they have temporarily suspended volunteers serving on the campus until further notice. All the teams involved in preparing and serving the food have been notified. WPPC will again be donating to the Coalition the cost of the food we would normally spend. The Coalition can then purchase supplies and prepare the food themselves in order to continue feeding the residents living there and members of the community that come to the gate each evening to pick up meals.

Elder & Deacon Nominations

If you are interested in serving our church as an Elder or Deacon, please contact the church office, Lisa Dreasher (lisa.dreasher@gmail.com), or Jay Van Hook (vanhookjay90@gmail.com).

NOTES

Worship Aids

Assistive hearing devices are available from an audio/visual technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

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 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 form located at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/>.

Transportation for Church Events

If you are in need of transportation to a church event, please contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your need.

<i>The Session</i>			<i>The Diaconate</i>		
<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Syd Davis	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis	Ron Ellman
Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Fred Kittinger	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns	Betty Johnston
Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Malcolm MacDiarmid	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers	Sevilla Morse
Shaheed Mohammed	Michele Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich	Cynthia Nants
Nelson Roe	Jay Van Hook	Dawn Sumrall	Sara Van Arsdel	Dennis Schmalstig	Jyme Smith
			Jeanne Vinci	Meg Ball Thomas	

Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music

Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Santiago, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, East 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

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