

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. Contact: jasonm@winppc.org; 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>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Mike Galyean	Hal Eastburn	Will Lawrence	Howard Evans	Peggy Bargar	Nancy Appich
Terry Irwin	Reta Jackson	Will McCurdy	Curtis Harrison	Almeda Dean	Barbara Edwards
Jayne Leach	Don McCarter	Rachel Myers	Gary Henderson	Carol Howell	Bonnie Gaughan
Meg Ball Thomas	Debby Roberts	Dail Pribil	Allen Shaw	Betty Johnston	Fran Morrissey
Mary Van Hook	Sara Van Arsdel	Doug Reece	Jyme Smith	Sevilla Morse	Cynthia Nants
	Phyllis Woods	Debby Tallungan	Jeanne Vinci	Ginny Seel	Eileen Silvers

Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Ball, *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

Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell, Brazil; Jenny Bent, Dominican Republic;
Mark Hare, Haiti; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jason T. Micheli, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor for Family Discipleship
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Deniz Uz, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music
Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant

Cindy Mitchum, Executive Secretary
Rian Schaible, Director of Communications
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton
Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs

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Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2017 • 7:00 P.M.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



WELCOME TO WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you're a guest or a long-time member, we're glad you joined us in worship this evening to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Winter Park Presbyterian Church strives to be a community where we find new life by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. We seek to be a people who live out of God's redeeming grace, witnessing to the new life given by God by engaging in ministries of compassion and justice.

There are many opportunities here to connect with others. It is our hope that you find this church to be a place where you feel welcomed and equipped to grow in your Christian faith.

On behalf of our staff and leadership, I wish to all of you a most joyous, blessed and merry Christmas!



Jason T. Micheli
Senior Pastor

If You Are New Here

We invite you to write your name(s) in the red registration pad when it is passed down the pew. If you would like information on the ministries of this church, please include your contact information. Also, greeters and ushers at the entrances can provide you with information about our programs and volunteer opportunities.

Worship Aids

Assistive hearing devices are available from the sound control technician at the rear of the sanctuary. Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

You may complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the back of the sanctuary) and give it to an usher.

Worshipping with Children

Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. In addition, childcare for preschool-age children is available in our nursery, room 608.

Silent night, holy night!

All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child!

**Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

Silent Night, holy night!

**Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Silent night, holy night!

Wondrous star, lend thy light;

**with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King. Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542 • J.S. Bach

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SERVING THIS EVENING

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Jason T. Micheli, Senior Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER: The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor for Family Discipleship

CHRIST CANDLE: Dana Carotenuto, Molly Carotenuto, Olivia Carotenuto, Phoebe Carotenuto, Alison Frazier, Julia Frazier, Scotty Frazier, Holly Woods, Phyllis Woods

LITURGIST: Phyllis Woods

MUSICIANS: Chancel Choir—Justin Chase, Director; Lauren Langa, Soloist
Deniz Uz, Organist

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Stephen Smith, Ethan Thomas,

☞ WORSHIP MATTERS ☜

Worship Resources Online

You will find bulletins for upcoming and past worship services at winppc.org/bulletins. An archive of recent sermons is available at winppc.org/sermons.

Music Notes

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

† FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD †

* HYMN 40 Joy to the World!

* BENEDICTION

* CANDLELIGHT ANTHEM AND CAROL Night of Silence/Silent Night • Kantor/Gruber During the singing of Night of Silence by the choir, The Rev. Dr. Micheli and The Rev. Wasser will light their candles from the Christ Candle and then pass that light to the ushers' candles. The light of the ushers' candles will then be passed to those closest to the center aisle, who will then pass it on so that all in each pew receive the light. To light your candle, tip the unlit candle into the flame of the lighted candle. Once your candle is lit, please hold it upright.

At the choir director's cue, please join in singing Silent Night.

At the close of the service, please extinguish your candles and place them in the baskets at the narthex doors as you leave the church.

(CHOIR) Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows this cold endless night, frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise, fire of hope is our only warmth; weary, its flame will be dying soon. Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light, gentle on the ear you whisper softly rumors of a dawn so embracing, breathless love awaits darkened souls, soon will we know of the morning. Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar, shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love. Star unknowing of night and day, Spirit, we wait for your loving Son.

Congregation joins in singing Silent Night (next page)

When the prelude begins, all are invited to enter a period of quiet reflection so that those wishing to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation may so do. Please silence all electronic devices.

* Please stand as you are able.

† GATHERING AROUND THE WORD †

PRELUDE La Nativité • Jean Langlais

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP There is good news of great joy for all! Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Let us worship God.

* HYMN 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful stanzas one and three only

* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You came to show us mercy, but we are not merciful to others. You came to establish justice, but we fail to seek what is right. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your light shine upon us to deliver us from evil and lead us in your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Continue with silent confession and reflection—response next page)

RESPONSE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE **Gloria Patri - Hymnal 579**

* PEACE The peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Shout for Joy • Andre Thomas

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • **Refrain from *Angels We Have Heard on High***
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hymnal 23

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† LISTENING FOR THE WORD †

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 2:1-14
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON A CHILD IS BORN
The Rev. Dr. Jason T. Micheli

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *O Holy Night*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH • APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.