



The Covenanter

FEBRUARY 2022



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” – Colossians 1:17

Well you turn the page on the calendar and it's February. For us here in the Sunshine State, this can actually mean Spring is near, if not right around the corner. With the dreary days of January behind us it sure is nice to know a change is coming.

Of course, we experience change in all sorts of ways – some welcome, mostly not. Yet, even amid difficult change there seems to be a beauty, a wonder, even a presence “holding all things together.” Still, we wonder why bad things happen? Why does evil persist? Why does our journey have to be so difficult?

We ask, why? To be sure this is okay, God understands our need to ask, why? The challenge for us is in seeking the “why,” we often miss the “Who.” Margert Finberg writes, “Wide awake to the presence of God, I realized I had been so focused on asking why a good God allowed bad things to happen that I was missing out on the nearness of God all along. In becoming preoccupied with the why, I was missing the Who.”

It's no secret that trees change. It's no secret that the roots of a tree grow deeper into the ground during winter. When it's cold, lifeless and blustery above ground, the change in the tree is taking place out of sight. However, there is an order to such growth. One might say, a presence that guides the process from season to season, and at all times.

Spring brings beauty, renewal, resurrection-life, but real growth and development happens below the surface, beyond where we can see - deeper within us, where it's dark, cold and seemingly lifeless. There, in that place, are the tiny tubules of our souls that can draw the nutrients of God's life upwards into larger roots, into bigger structures like the trunk and limbs and leaves and flowers. But it is within, in the work beneath the surface, in the darkness - there are the miracles taking place that we can't see. Phillip Larkin from his final volume, *High Windows* writes the following:

*The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.
Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.
Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In full-grown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.*

Perhaps, change is what we're destined for or maybe articulated best by Paul, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

As Spring approaches, I'm grateful for this new life and the potential life for all of us, as we seek to be faithful, imaginative and continually changed - made new in the image of the One who created us and “holds all things together.”

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Darren

Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 AM | Sunday School: 9:15 AM
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Tuesday Nights Together!



FEBRUARY & MARCH

FEBRUARY - ARMCHAIR TRAVELING SERIES

MARCH - "WHY JESUS" LED BY PASTOR DARREN

TNT CLASSES RETURN!

Starting on February 1st, TNT classes will return to Winter Park Presbyterian Church! This semester, as we ease back into things, we will be having one class at a time. Through the month of February our *Armchair Traveling Series* will return. We invite you to the Church every Tuesday Night starting at 5:00 PM to explore the world through several of our members who were there to experience it. On February 1st Doug and Carol Reece will be presenting on Switzerland, on February 8th Reta Jackson will present her trip to Spain and Portugal, on February 15 Wendy and Frank Jamison will take us to Iceland, before showing us their trip to France on February 22nd.

After our trip around the world concludes, Pastor Darren will bring us back home as we spend the month of March with a book study titled "Why Jesus". This will be a discussion based class featuring the book "Why Jesus" written by David Nasser dealing with faith, culture, and the uniqueness found in Jesus Christ.

Dinner will not be served this semester, however brown bagging your supper is encouraged for some fellowship time before the classes! (There will be an option for pizza at the end of each month.)

PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US IN 301 ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST FOR THE RETURN OF TNT CLASSES!

WPPL Concert Series Presents
The Orlando Big Band



**Sunday,
 March 6**

3pm

**Join us for an
 afternoon of
 swing music!**

Free | Donations Accepted



The Orlando Big Band has been bringing swing, Dixieland, blues, and jazz alive in Central Florida for the past ten years. Vocal accompaniment includes trios, duets, and soloists styled in authentic costumes from the twenties through the sixties.



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2022

ORLANDO BIG BAND
 SWING TIME IN SPRING TIME
 Sunday, March 6 3pm

MUSICAL TAPESTRY
 VOICE/FLUTE/CELLO/ORGAN/PIANO
 Sunday, April 3 4pm

MAGIC OF BRONZE
 CENTRAL FLORIDA'S COMMUNITY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
 Sunday, May 1 4pm

Concerts are FREE and Open to the Public!

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO CAMDEN DREASHER
 FOR RECEIVING HIS EAGLE AWARD!**





SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
9:15—10:15 AM

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (R IN A) • ROOM 301

February 6 • Parables

Parables were a favorite source for teaching and learning in many cultures for thousands of years. Most of us associate them with Jesus and the Bible. The New Testament book of Luke has many parables. What are some of the parables that have had an influence on your life? What ones do you like? Which are ones that you wish Jesus had not told? We'll be talking about some of their histories and settings (both ones that are familiar and ones that are skipped over). Pat Morgan will lead as we continue our discussion.

February 13 • Planning

Class planning session for March and April. All are welcome.

February 20 • Parables

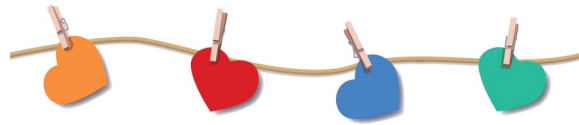
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February 27 • Parables

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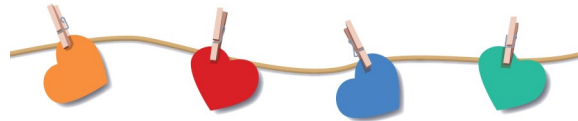
SEEKERS CLASS • ROOM 315

The Seekers class is continuing their study of early Christian leaders. You can join the class any time. The lessons are separate presentations and are not dependent on previous lessons.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING-UPDATE

Our congregation donated \$1,101 to the Christmas Joy Offering in December 2021. Those monies have been sent to the Central Florida Presbytery for distribution to the Board of Pensions (fifty percent) for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The remaining fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Thank you to all who were able to be a part of this special offering to assist those who serve the church: Past, Present and Future.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS 2021 SUMMARY

SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED DURING 2021

\$1,055.00	One Great Hour of Sharing - Easter Sunday
715.00	Caring for Generations - Mother's Day -
698.00	Pentecost Offering - Pentecost Sunday -
558.00	Peacemaking Offering - 1st Sunday in October
1,101.00	Christmas Joy Offering - Sunday week before Christmas
\$4,127.00	Total

FIVE CENTS A MEAL

\$ 499.22	1/31
794.67	4/25
321.54	7/25
618.62	10/24
\$2,234.05	Total

THE COMPASSION COMMITTEE THANKS ALL WHO SUPPORTED THESE SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

LIBRARY NEWS
DORIS ANGUISH, LIBRARIAN



The first window at the rear of the west side of the nave portrays a group of children gathered around Jesus. He loved little ones, as he often called them, and they were of special concern to Him. Our Lord always welcomed children to His side.

Notice the child sitting on our Lord's lap, His hand upon the head of an adoring child, the girl holding flowers she picked for Him, mothers each holding a baby for Him to bless, and a boy kneeling at His feet. Jesus loves all the children in the world.

There existed in the time of Jesus a highly developed belief in angelology. It was believed that every nation and every child had an angel. Our Lord is referring to this when He stresses the importance of children and warns: Never despise one of these little ones—they have their guardian angels in heaven who look in the face of my heavenly Father. This is an imagery taken from the ceremonies of oriental courts of the day where those who were most intimate with the King also had constant access to him. So do the guardian angels with God.

In the emblem at the bottom of this panel is an angel standing behind a small child. This is the symbol for this comforting spiritual picture. Suffer the little children to come unto Me.



COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help

We are delighted to again be serving in the Men's Service Center at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office, or contact Nancy Galyean at 407-929-0903 or nangalyean@gmail.com.

What	When
Bake brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 2/9 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 2/10 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 2/11 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines (news, sports, cars, National Geographic, religious magazines/booklets, paperback books)	All month: Place in COALITION giant storage box in Fellowship Hall.
Prepare to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 2/11 3:30-4:00 PM
Serve the Meal. Join us in the WPPC kitchen for departure to Coalition at 4:00 PM and return by 7:30 PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway or call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 2/11 4:00-7:30 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 2/11 7:30-8:00 PM
Financial Donation: Make check out to WPPC; note on the memo line "Coalition for the Homeless" - mail to WPPC or bring to the church office.	Anytime

HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 50 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide and serve a wonderful meal to our guests at the Coalition.

We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent.

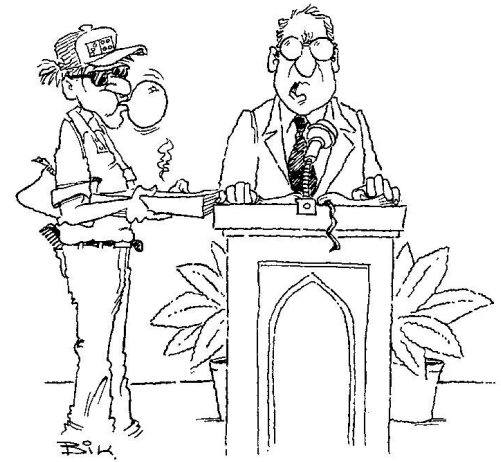
Any of the above gifts, or your time, are so appreciated!
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Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar

Answer: B (See Genesis 25:1.)



"I REALIZE WE'VE RUN INTO THE LUNCH HOUR, AND I'M SORRY. NOW, WHO'S THE WISE GUY WHO ORDERED PIZZA?"

Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column.

Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

- | | TRUE | FALSE |
|---|------|------------|
| 1. Jesus healed Peter's wife
(Matthew 8:14). | E | (N) |
| 2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish (14:17). | R | A |
| 3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah (17:3). | M | S |
| 4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus (19:22). | T | C |
| 5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" (21:13). | I | G |
| 6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age (24:7). | V | D |
| 7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens (25:1-13). | F | A |
| 8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake (26:48). | P | L |
| 9. The Roman governor Pontius Pilate interrogated Jesus (27:11-14). | W | O |

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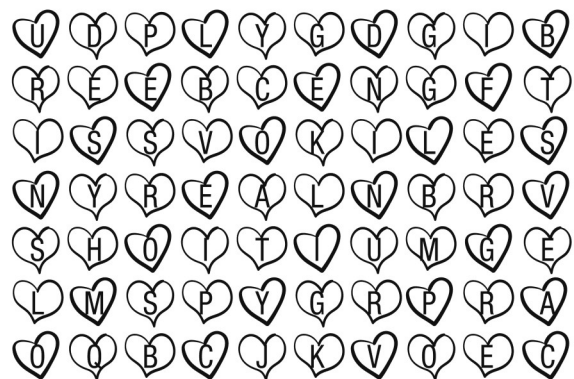
Answer: N, A, S, T, I, V, A, L, O, salvation



The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D ↓ → → →, because love

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ over a multitude of ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓. Offer

→ → → → → to one another without

→ → → → → → → → → →. Each of you should use whatever

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ you have received to ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ others, as faithful

stewards of God's ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> <i>Eileen Silvers</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <i>Beth Danley Ivan Smith</i>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <i>Cathy House Jayne Watkins</i>	<u>8</u> <i>Betty Gow Jim McKinney Jeanne Vinci</i>	<u>9</u> <i>Jan Hall Mike Yost</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Sara Van Arsdel</i>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> <i>Mark Beaty Vicki Hurd</i>	<u>14</u> <i>Sally Naylor</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Aidan Smith</i>	<u>16</u> <i>Ed Matrick Judy Schmalstig</i>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <i>Jyme Smith</i>
<u>20</u> <i>Lenore Dillard Jane Munns</i>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <i>Christopher Baldwin</i>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> <i>Barbara Edwards Craig Uttley</i> <u>29</u> <i>Denise Riccio</i>					



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		<u>1</u> <i>Curtis Koon Steve Walker</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <i>John Dreasher</i>	<u>5</u> <i>Nancy Galyean</i>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> <i>Bill Cuthill Fran Morrissey Nancy Schieber</i>	<u>9</u> <i>Kathy Anderson</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Willard McCurdy, IV</i>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> <i>Travis Smith</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Gregory Seel</i>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <i>Phillip Anderson Meg Thomas</i>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <i>Carol Hunt Stephanie Nants</i>
<u>20</u> <i>Robin Danley Fred Kittinger</i>	<u>21</u> <i>Shelby Reaves Mary Van Hook</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Wendy Ethridge Ethan Thomas</i>	<u>23</u> <i>Marilyn Bryant Sara Ann Hiatt</i>	<u>24</u> <i>Nolan Seel</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> <i>Spencer Bartholomew Chris Lane Solange Yost</i>
<u>27</u> <i>Yvonne Cobb Carla Gehrig Michael Goodson</i>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Charlie Anderson Debby Tallungan</i>	<u>31</u>		



Have you ever wondered what play-based learning – also known as purposeful play – is all about? How can children acquire knowledge and skills by simply playing?

Purposeful play consists of formal and informal experiences designed to lead to the building of specific strengths in children at certain developmental levels. The brains of young children grow and learn best (making mental connections and neural pathways) through the active movement of their bodies, the exploration of the environment, the manipulation of objects, the acts of designing and building, and the creation of personal expressions of language, art, music and role play – NOT by rote memorization, sitting still at desks, working expressly with paper, pencil or keyboard, or listening to adult lectures.

At WPPP we understand that “play” is child’s work. It is connected to self-worth and social ability. It is a context for learning. We implement a developmentally appropriate program that follows an organized, predictable routine and provides activities in literacy, math, science, cognitive skills, large and small motor development, social/emotional development, creative expression opportunities and more. We adhere to a child initiated, developmentally appropriate learning environment that will best prepare the child for the emotional demands of further schooling and life.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year opens to the public on February 1st. Photos of our classes and their activities can be found on our Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool Florida Facebook page. Information about our program and pricing is available on our website winppc.org/preschool.



Emergent literacy activities can even be found on the playground at WPPP!

*“Play is
the highest
form of
research.”
– Albert
Einstein*



These children may be playing, but they are also working on eye-hand coordination, using tools, developing fine motor skills, creating and more!



The young child who stacked these cups made decisions on planning, designing and constructing their tower.



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 Penny Walsh, Organist
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 Fran Morrissey
 Michelle Trahan
 Jay Van Hook

2023

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 Fred Kittinger
 Malcolm MacDiarmid
 Jim McKinney
 Dawn Sumrall

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 John Gehrig
 Jayne Leach
 Audrey Santiago
 Sara Van Arsdell

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 Christine Rich
 Dennis Schmalstig
 Meg Ball Thomas

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 Betty Johnston
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 Cynthia Nants
 Jyme Smith
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 Lisa Dreasher
 Jerry Fitzgerald
 Nancy Galyean
 Andy Riccio

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 Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

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