

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 Rev. Emily Wasser at emilyw@winppc.org or 407-647-1467 x 122. 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.

The Session			The Diaconate		
2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Hal Eastburn	Will Lawrence	Doris Anguish	Peggy Bargar	Nancy Appich	Ardyth Austin
Reta Jackson	Will McCurdy	Marilyn Bryant	Almeda Dean	Barbara Edwards	Caroline James
Don McCarter	Rachel Myers	Rick Davis	Carol Howell	Bonnie Gaughan	Jim McKinney
Debby Roberts	Dail Pribil	Steve House	Betty Johnston	Fran Morrissey	Ellenorr Osterhaus
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Phyllis Woods	Debby Tallungan		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. Robert Eckard, Interim 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
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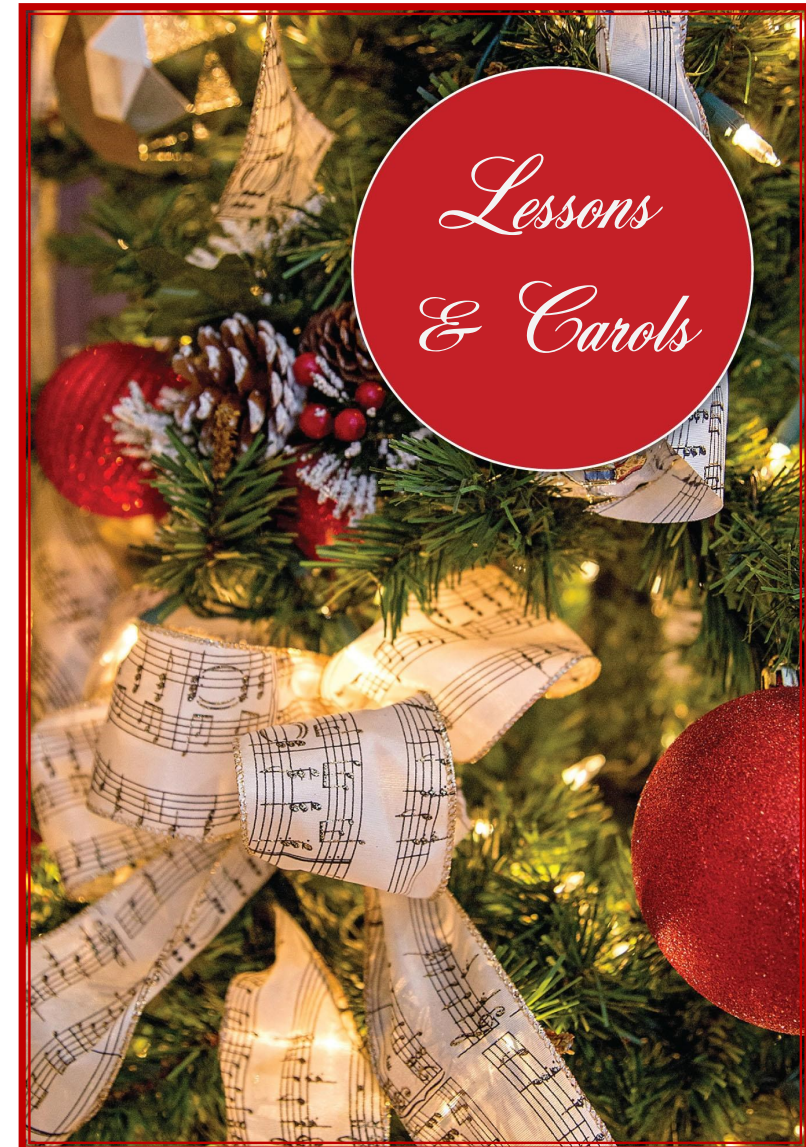
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Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 16, 2018 • 10:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WELCOME TO WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hello! Welcome home to worship at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Whether this is your first time here or your hundredth, we're glad that you've chosen to join us today!

Here at Winter Park Presbyterian Church we strive to be a community of members joined together through new life by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. Our goal is 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.

Whether you are interested in finding education classes, a group who shares your interests, or looking to connect with our community, there is something for everyone here. It is our hope that you will find this church to be a place where you feel welcomed and will join in on our activities as we all seek to grow in our faith. Welcome!



Emily Wasser
Associate 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. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in fellowship hall following the service.

Worship Aids

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

Worshipping with Children

Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. They are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment, following which they may return to sit with their families, or (Pre-K—3rd grade) leave for Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. In addition, childcare for preschool-age children is available in our nursery, room 608, during all services.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Elders are available to pray with you after the service, at the front of the sanctuary. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Pastoral Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the back of the sanctuary) and give it to an usher.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 16

9:15 – 10:15am
9:30am – 12pm
10:30 – 11:30am
11:35am – 12:35pm
4 – 7pm

Sunday School
Library Open
Worship Service & Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
WPPC Ringers, Sanctuary
Youth Group (Grades 6-12) Event, Off Campus

Monday, December 17

9am – 12pm
11:30am – 12:30pm
6 – 9pm

Library Open
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall
Ladies' Game Night, Room 317

Tuesday, December 18

10:30 – 11:30am
2 – 4pm

Staff Meeting, Room 301
Young at Heart, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 19

Noon
4 – 5pm

Bulletin Materials Due
Worship Planning, Room 303

Thursday, December 20

9am – 12pm

Library Open

Friday, December 21

11:30am – 12:30pm

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 23

8:15 – 9am
9:15 – 10:15am
9:30am – 12pm
10:30 – 11:30am
7 – 8pm

Worship Service, Chapel
Sunday School
Library Open
Worship Service, Sanctuary
Service of the Longest Night, Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Host Families Needed

On Sunday, January 13 the *Millikin University Choir* will be singing in our 10:30 worship service. This choir has gained international acclaim, having performed nationally for several American Choral Directors Conventions and on tour throughout the United States and Europe. It will be a very special service. The choir will be arriving on Saturday, January 12 by 8:30 PM and are in need of host families. You would need to pick up students at WPPC that evening, bring them home with you, and give them a place to sleep (an air mattress or couch would work – they are college students), provide some food that night, breakfast in the morning, and bring them back to WPPC the next morning by 9:45 AM. If you are interested and available the evening of January 12th to host these students who will bless our service the next day, please email Justin at Justin.Chase@ocps.net as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help!

Moment of Kindness

We want to highlight the many ways you make our church a home by acknowledging moments of kindness—a way to inspire, grow, and connect. If you would like to share a moment of kindness please email Cindy Mitchum - cindym@winppc.org.

Cuba Trip Donations

Peter & Melanie Rice, Reta Peterson, Kathy Peterson, Kathy Masatelli and Fran Morrissey plan to visit Santa Clara, Cuba. WPPC now has a relationship with Santa Clara Presbyterian Church, where they will be staying. They will experience the church activities and continue to build a friendship/relationship with them. It is customary to take our Cuban church hosts small, practical gifts of items often lacking in their environment. Among the items on the list are Included the following over-the-counter medications: Antibiotic Ointment; Aspirin; Ibuprofen; Tylenol; Allergy Relief (Benadryl) Ointment, Tablets, Capsules; Children’s Ibuprofen; Infant & Children’s Tylenol; Diaper Rash Cream; Glucosamine; Hemorrhoidal Ointment; Hydrocortisone Ointment; Lubricant Eye Drops; Mucus Relief Chest Congestion (Vapo-Rub); Multivitamins for Older Adults & Children; Omega 3 Fish Oil; Vitamin C; Vitamin E; Vitamin B-6; Alka-Seltzer; Band-Aids. Craft supplies have also been requested: Yarn, especially cotton; Embroidery Floss; Thread (for sewing machines); Needles; Pins, Sewing Scissors, Crochet Hooks, Knitting Needles; Pens; Pencils; Scissors; Glue Sticks; Crayons; Colored Marker Pens; Coloring Pages. Donations can be dropped off in the front office during the week and on Sundays donations can be placed in the pink tub labeled “Cuba” located in Fellowship Hall.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

WPPC has been collecting phones in our church for several years. If you are upgrading your cell phones for Christmas, please donate your old phones to our outreach ministry, *Cell Phones for Soldiers*. In the past years we have donated over 1000 phones! “Thank You” to everyone who has donated phones. Please keep it up; it's for a great cause. You can also donate tablets & digital music players. A box is in Fellowship Hall on the white shelf, where you can put your phones and other electronic devices mentioned above. This is an outreach program of the WPPC Compassion Committee.

SERVING TODAY

OFFICIATING MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard, Interim Pastor
ASSISTING MINISTER: The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
LITURGIST: Rene Cuthill
MUSICIANS: Penny Walsh, Organist; Chancel Choir - Justin Chase, Director;
Westminster Ringers - Susan Davis, Director;
Holly Small, Piano; Meg Baldwin, Guitar; Alan Davis, Bells
Children’s Choir - Susan Davis, Director
Lake Nona High School Choir - Justin Chase, Director
GREETERS: Doris Anguish, Gary Henderson, Curtis Koon, Debby Roberts, Ann Tebbetts
USHERS: Wade Edwards, Allen Shaw, Hilda Shaw, Stephen Smith, Bob White, Tracy White
ELDERS: Hal Eastburn and Steve House
ADVENT LIGHTERS: Sean Tallungan, Debby Tallungan, Connie Joy Tallungan, Esther Grace Tallungan
AUDIO/VISUAL: Carole Reece, Doug Reece, Nelson Roe, Stephen Smith, Pierce Barger, Ethan Thomas

WORSHIP MATTERS

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Dave Miller & the Barger family in honor of Rita Sue Miller.

Worship Resources Online

You will find bulletins for upcoming and past worship services at winppc.org/bulletins.

Music Notes

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

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 *Carol of the Bells* • arr. Sorenson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* • arr. Dobrinski

* CALL TO WORSHIP The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
**and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
 Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
 His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.
**He will establish and uphold it with justice and with
 righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.**
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
 Let us worship God together.

HYMN 31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF **God our Maker,**
 CONFESSION **we confess that we are not ready to meet you.**
You call us to repent, but we turn away from you.
You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Embrace us with tender mercy
so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation will be held today immediately following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the church nominating committee and to elect persons to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken today. This is one of the four annual PC (USA) Special Offerings taken every year. Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to this offering. Fifty percent of receipts from this offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please give generously to assist those who serve the church: past, present and future. Thank you

Service of the Longest Night - Sunday, December 23 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel

The holidays can be a painful time for those experiencing loneliness and loss. A space is needed to acknowledge the sadness and concern that may be present. This service provides such a time of quiet reflection, special music, healing prayer, and candlelight. You may know others who would like to attend this service; invite them to come with you. Perhaps you just need a quiet time of reflection and prayer amid the chaos. All are welcome.

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

December 23: Christmas Weekend—No Class

White Socks Drive

This year we will be serving the Homeless later than usual. Please bring your socks by December 28th so we can take them with us when we serve that night. The recipient's of these socks are the people that come to the Coalition for the Homeless, for an evening meal, or they are residents in the program. Our church has been doing this drive for over 18 years, and have dispensed literally thousands of pairs of socks. It's hard to describe the joy and thanks that are expressed for these simple gifts. Please bring NEW WHITE SOCKS and deposit them in the marked containers in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Magazines, Books & Calendars

Each month (every 4th Friday) when we serve the meal at the Homeless Coalition, we take reading materials our WPPC congregation has generously donated. Last month we had only one bag of magazines, books, and calendars to offer our guests. Please place any items they might enjoy reading in the Coalition box in Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Card Project

The Deacons are sponsoring Christmas cards for the congregation to send to those members who cannot come to church regularly. Today, after the service, the Deacons will be in Fellowship Hall with the cards and the list of members. During the week the cards and list will be in the Healthy Living Room. The cards will be mailed on December 18th. Say "Merry Christmas" to someone you haven't seen for a while!

Refrain (all)

Choir only:

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

Refrain (all)

Choir and Congregation:

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.**

Refrain (all)

6TH LESSON John 1:1-14
The word became flesh.

CAROL *Ding Dong Merrily on High* • Wilcocks

7TH LESSON Reading:
"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone ...",

† FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD †

* HYMN 29 ***Go, Tell it on the Mountain***

BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL **Refrain of *Adeste Fidelis***
RESPONSE **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

* POSTLUDE Toccata on *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* • Bish

RESPONSE (HYMN 5) ***Let All Mortal Flesh (verse 3)***

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears a way.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE **Refrain from *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Hymnal 23)
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

* 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.**

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

(Congregation is invited to remain seated throughout)

1ST LESSON Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9
In the coming messianic kingdom, all of God's creations will live together in peace and harmony.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Rejoice in the Lamb* • Britten

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Dream Isaiah Saw* • Rudolph

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • **Doxology** - Hymn 592 (To the tune of *Veni Emmanuel*)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

2ND LESSON Luke 1:26-35; 38
The birth of Jesus is foretold

CAROL (HYMN 16) ***The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (verses 1 and 2)***

3RD LESSON Luke 2:1; 3-7
The birth of Jesus.

CAROL *Cradle Carols* • arr. Martin

**Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

**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!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."**

CHORAL RESPONSE *O Magnum Mysterium* • arr. Lauridsen

4TH LESSON Luke 2:8-16
The shepherds receive the good news.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Do You Hear the Shepherd?* • Ingram

5TH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi bring gifts and treasures, they bow before baby Jesus. Herod learns about the one who has been born King of the Jews.

CAROL (HYMN 66) ***We Three Kings***

Choir and Congregation:

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

Refrain (all):

**O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright:
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

Choir only:

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

Refrain (all)

Choir only:

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising,
Worshipping God most high.