

Pastoral Care

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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/>. You can reach the Director of Communications at rians@winppc.org.

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<i>The Session</i>			<i>The Diaconate</i>		
2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
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

Tim & Marta Carriker, 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
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Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music
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Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 10, 2017 • 10:30 A.M.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

2ND WEEK OF ADVENT



WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE.

MAY THIS SEASON BE FULL OF HOPE AND JOY.

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 morning to celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent and the Festival of Lessons and Carols.

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.



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

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.

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 10

9:15 AM to 10:15 AM Sunday School, Room 301
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:35 AM to 12:35 PM WPPC Ringers, Room 102
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting, Room 102
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Salt of the Earth Young Adult Group, Panera Bread, Winter Park
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Youth Group Grades 6-12), Room 202

Monday, December 11

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Library Open
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Hannah Circle Christmas Party, Parlor
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Room 204

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Elizabeth Circle, Parlor
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 301
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM History Committee Work Groups, Room 315
6:30 PM to 7:15 PM Children's Choir, Room 102
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Lake Nona High School Women's Choir performance, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
7:15 PM to 7:45 PM Youth Ensemble, Room 102

Wednesday, December 13

12:00 PM Bulletin Materials Due
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Worship Planning, Room 303
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Westminster Ringers, Bell Room
7:15 PM to 8:45 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 14

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Library Open
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Young at Heart Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Friday, December 15

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM Covenanter Article Submission Deadline
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Living Nativity

Saturday, December 16

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Living Nativity

Sunday, December 17

8:15 AM to 9:00 AM Worship Service, Chapel
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM Sunday School, Room 301
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:35 AM to 12:35 PM WPPC Ringers, Room 102
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting, Room 102
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Salt of the Earth Young Adult Group, Panera Bread, Winter Park
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Youth Group Ice Skating Party (Grades 6-12)

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken next Sunday, December 17

This is one of the four annual PC (USA) Special Offerings. Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent 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.

Youth Ice Skating Party

Calling all Youth Disciples! Join us for an extended youth group on Sunday December 17 from 4-7pm. We will be going to the ice skating rink in downtown Winter Park, then Panera for dinner. Cost is \$11 and permission forms are due by December 15, they are available in the church office.

Service of the Longest Night

Celebrations can be very difficult for those experiencing loneliness and loss because of the death of a loved one, relationship problems, job insecurities, health concerns, or weariness from holiday preparations. This service provides a time of quiet reflection, special music, healing prayer, and candlelight to help cope with difficulties. 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 December 21, at 7pm, to join us in the chapel.

Highlights of the Season

- Only one service, "Lessons & Carols," December 10, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Sanctuary
- Lake Nona High School Women's Choir performing Vivaldi's Gloria, December 12, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- Young at Heart Christmas Concert, December 14, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- Living Nativity, December 15 & 16, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, On the Lawn
- Service of the Longest Night, December 21, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Chapel
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, December 24, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM, Sanctuary

ORDER OF WORSHIP • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 *Recitative - Adagio from Concerto in C, BWV 594* • J.S. Bach after Antonio Vivaldi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT *The Blessed Angels Sing* • Helman (Westminster Ringers and Brass Ensemble)

* 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Comfort Ye/Every Valley from Messiah* • Handel (Jeremy Hunt)

* HYMN 12 *People, Look East*
Verse one - All
Verse two - Women
Verse three - Chancel Choir
Verse four - Men
Verse five - All

* OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **God our Maker, 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.

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

RESPONSE (HYMN 5) **Let All Mortal Flesh (verse 2)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE **Refrain from *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Hymnal 23)**

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

* PEACE Leader: The peace of our Lord be with you.

People: 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.

CHORAL CALL *How Far is it to Bethlehem?* • Wilberg (Chancel Choir and Children’s Choir)

Each One Reach One

This is a great time of year for each of us to reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them to come to one of our services for Christmas. Let them know that they’ll find a warm welcome, traditional worship, wonderful music, and an excellent message. So if “each one reach one” is practiced faithfully, our worship experiences will be enriched for us as we see people around us who have responded to our invitations!

UPDATE - Special Offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Our congregation donated \$1,100 for this special offering taken on November 19, 2017 to help those dealing with hurricanes affecting the USA mainland (Harvey and Irma), hurricane Maria affecting U.S. territories in the Caribbean, and wildfires in Northern California.

Thank you to all who were able to participate in this Special Offering. The beneficiaries of these gifts will learn that through Christ’s love all things are possible. God bless each of you for your ability to share your treasure and prayers with those impacted by these disasters.

Relationships in Action, Every Sunday at 9:15 AM in Room 301

The Relationships in Action class will be hosting an annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17, all adult WPPC Sunday School classes are invited.

Christmas Poinsettias

Our church will once again be graced with poinsettias as we celebrate Christmas. Forms for purchasing a poinsettia to serve as a memorial or as a tribute of honor are available in the narthex and the front office. The forms must be completed and returned with payment by December 14.

Young at Heart

Come enjoy festive music directed by church member Jodi Tassos. Afterwards there will be a dessert reception. All are welcome to join! December 14, at 5pm in Fellowship Hall.

Living Nativity

It's time for our annual Living Nativity, now in its 54th year. Performances are Friday and Saturday Dec 15 and 16 this year with half hour sets at 7 pm, 7:30 pm, 8 pm, and 8:30 pm. Preschoolers (always welcomed) are especially invited to the very first performance on Friday night at 7 pm.

Cookies for Living Nativity Reception

We need cookies **vast amounts of cookies** to feed the hundreds (literally!) of kids, young and old, who will flock into our Fellowship Hall after the four performances both nights. Leave cookies anytime from Wednesday on, in the kitchen, marked for Living Nativity. Cookies are our Christmas presents for our neighbors who are coming to see us and hear our Christmas message.

WORSHIP MATTERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Joan Schwab in loving memory of her beloved grandson, Kyle Christopher Schwab.

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.

Bulletin Cover Image

Today's bulletin cover is entitled "Christmas Ornaments, Tree," and was acquired on bossfight.co, a company that provides "free (do whatever you want) stock images, photos, and photography."

Music Notes

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

Bulletin Materials/Announcements

It's a great help in the creation and production of our Sunday bulletin when requested announcements are received by the staff no later than Wednesdays at noon. Please note the information on the back of the bulletin regarding submission of announcements. Many thanks for your help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Moment

Due to the Service of Lessons and Carols there will be no Children's Moment or Children's Church today. We invite parents and children to use the Worship Resource bags in the back of the Sanctuary as needed throughout the service and then sit back, relax, and enjoy the music of the season!

Advent Study

Come deepen your experience of Advent in a study happening every Sunday in Advent, and ending the Sunday after Christmas. The study will be using the book "While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent," and will be led by Rene Cuthill. It will meet at 9:15am in Room 317. The study looks at some biblical figures often overlooked at Advent, which will help us look at some of our own faith questions raised by the season. Join us on this journey as we explore our understanding of the ever so familiar story.

Christmas Card Project

The deacons are sponsoring a Christmas card project. Send a card to someone who is unable to attend service, or a member you haven't seen in a while. There is a table in Fellowship Hall with cards which you can sign and the Deacons will stamp and send. Maybe you can write a short note wishing them a Merry Christmas. One small gesture could mean the world to someone.

† LISTENING FOR THE WORD †

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.

CAROL (HYMN 11)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? (Verses 1 and 3)

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 (CHOIR)

Noel - arr. Holmes (Lake Nona Singers)

4TH LESSON

Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds receive the good news.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Gloria* • Kevin Memley

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE • **Doxology** - To the words of "O Come Emmanuel"

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 (CHOIR) Rejoice With Exceeding Great Joy - arr. Ricketts/Johnson

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

CAROLS (CHOIR) Personent Hodie - arr. Hoggard (Chancel Choir)

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 *Meine Seele erhebet den Herren, BWV 733* • J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

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

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

LITURGISTS: Bill Cuthill

MUSICIANS: Organist, Deniz Uz; WPPC Chancel Choir - Justin Chase, Director;
Westminster Ringers and Brass Ensemble - Susan Davis, Director;
Children's Choir - Susan Davis, Director;
Lake Nona High School Choir - Justin Chase, Director;
Flutists - Susan Davis and Meg Ball Thomas

Trumpet 1: Paul Butcher

Trumpet 2: Aric Brian

Horn: Alan Davis

Trombone: Andrea Rowison

Tuba: Eric Lee

Percussion: Robert Connelly

A special thank you to the members of the Lake Nona Singers from Lake Nona High School who have joined us for this service.

GREETERS: Doris Anguish, Curtis Koon, Gary Henderson, Ann Tebbetts, Debby Roberts

USHERS: Wade Edwards, Allen Shaw, Hilda Shaw, Stephen Smith, Bob White, Tracy White

ELDERS: Hal Eastburn

ADVENT LIGHTERS: Cynthia Nants and Stephanie Nants

READERS: Meg Baldwin, Judith Graham, Dana Irwin, Cynthia Nants,
Stephanie Nants, Dawn Sumrall, Jodi Tassos

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