

The Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

(Please stand at points if you are able)*

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

PRELUDE ***Lord, You are Good***

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

ADVENT READING

Nagle/Gorman
Family

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN

***I Have Decided to
Follow Jesus***

*CALL TO CELEBRATION

Holy One, we enter this sacred space in anticipation of encountering divine power

This is the season of expectation.

From the beginning, you transformed chaos.

This is the season of formation.

Our world is shaken and disturbed by ruckus.

This is the season of speaking and hearing truth.

In all seasons, there are sparks of life that gives hope.

***This is the season to awaken to the miracles
present before us.***

Amen

SONG OF
PRAISE

I am a Friend of God

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OFFERTORY

INVITATION

God of Hope, you promised us real love will never fade away. As we look toward Advent, may the assurance of our faith speak louder than our current experiences. May our joy be made complete through the gifts we share to unite as one. Amen

OFFERTORY

Jesus Happened

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36 NIV

GOOD NEWS

BENEDICTION

Lord you are Good

RESPONSE

WINDERMERE
Union Church
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Provoking thought. Inspiring spirit. Accepting all.

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Scripture and Announcements



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**Welcome to Windermere Union Church.
We're Glad You're Here!**

Please fill out a visitor's card and let us help you get connected. If you have a question about a ministry or event, we are here to help!
Contact the church office at 407-876-2112.

Luke 21:25-36 NIV

¹ 25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Birthdays Are Great and We Want to Celebrate With You!

Please contact Ann Green, ggreen7@cfl.rr.com or 407-293-8892 with those special dates for all your family members so we can recognize and wish one and all a Happy Birthday!



Aprille Case	November 2	Linkin Snow	November 14
Jill Heroux	November 4	Aimee Young	November 17
Sybil Evans	November 4	Lillith Young	November 18
Ryan Lawrence	November 7	Del Harbin	November 18
John Harak	November 10	Cassie Speirs	November 18
Mickey Mittong	November 11	Trinity Snow	November 21
Kevin Harris	November 10	Faith Longo	November 22
Taylor Falzarano	November 13	Jane Ferguson	November 28
Kathy Coleman	November 13	Christiana Gonzales	November 28
Charles Davis	November 14	Taylor Whiteside	November 29

Announcements

Christmas Poinsettias - We will decorate the church with Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service. The cost of the flowers are \$10.00 each. If you are interested in flowers in memory or in honor of your loved one visit one visit the Windermere website under members and click on Poinsettias and order yours.

Christmas Eve Service - The annual candlelight Christmas Eve service will be at 6 pm December 24th. Service will include Bible reading of the Christmas story, music and the children's Christmas pageant. Please bring all your family and friends to enjoy Windermere Union Church's candlelight service.

Christmas Cantata - will be on December 19th during Sunday service. The church choir and praise team will perform a cantata, which is a musical production that tells a story. This is a Sunday service you will not want to miss.

Church Announcements - If your ministry has an announcement to share with the congregation, please send your announcements to our office manager by 5pm on Wednesday

Congregation Open House - Lynn and Chet Evans are planning a WUC Congregation Open House with entertainment provided by the Deer Island Holiday Boat Parade on Sunday, December 12, at 5 pm. Everyone is invited. Pasta dinner and sunset at 5:30 pm. Boat parade will probably motor by around 6:30. Bring the kids. The doors will be thrown open and gathering will be mostly outside

Fun Christmas Sweater Sunday - Join in on the Christmas Joy. We invite you to wear your Fun Christmas sweater on Sunday December 19th. We will celebrate Christmas spirit by wearing fun Christmas Sweaters during Sunday service. So make sure you wear your favorite and join in on the fun.

New Member Orientation - Will take place on Sunday, December 12th right after morning service. Just head over to the Preschool building with Pastor Barton. We will fill you in on who we are as a church and some of our history. We want to share our stories with you and hear yours as well. There is no obligation to join, this is just an informational gathering. If you are interested in attending please speak with Pastor Barton, or contact the church office at office@windermereunio.com.

Small Group - The next Small Group will meet on Friday, December 17 at 7 pm. This will be a Holiday Party hosted by Debbie and Pat Heisinger. Feel free to bring a light snack. All are welcome! Contact Martha at 407-616-8802 or harrimanfamily2@gmail.com if any questions.

SPARKLE - On Sunday, December, 19th, from 5:30-7:30, there will be an outdoor show of lights. Please join the fun, walk around and see the light show and listen to the music, visit with your friends and have an all-around fun pre-Christmas time. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ushers Needed - We would love you to be part of the team!!! No resume or previous experience required. Just a smile and a welcoming hand to "usher" people into W.U.C. Please contact Becky Neaman at bneaman@gmail.com if you would like to help as an usher.



CONCERNS expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

~God we know You hear our prayers~

CELEBRATIONS from church members and friends

~Thank You God for blessing us~

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE the C and C SLIPS, TO HELP ENSURE ACCURACY. The Cs and Cs listed above are from completed slips and internet messages sent to the church office at office@windermereunion.org. Please submit your Cs and Cs no later than Monday morning in order to be included in the next bulletin

Usher's

- November 28th Kathy Colemam
- December 5th Becky Neaman & Nancy Wheeler
- December 12th 2 ushers needed.
- December 19th Mary Ellen Nattans



TOYS FOR MATTHEW'S HOPE

This year, Windermere Union Church will be participating in the Christmas toy give away at Matthew's Hope. Newborns to teenagers will be participating in the giveaway. There is no price limit on the gifts and NO GIFT CARDS, please.

Gifts will need to be at the church by Wednesday, December 1st, please. Thanks so much for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Stumpf (Happyheart.chris@gmail.com or 407-583-7872).

Classes

Adult Sunday School – Fall back into Adult Sunday School. That's right Adult Sunday school is back!!! Class is on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the preschool kinder-gym. No preparation is needed. Everyone is welcome.

Bible Study - Meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at church and for those who cannot physically attend via Zoom.

Inspirational Wednesdays - Wednesday's at noon with LaTrell. This is a weekly online class via Zoom. It is a combination of conversation and a brief overview and context sharing about the subject from the facilitator. It is Bible-study-ish.



Lord, You Are Good

Lord You are Good. And your mercy endureth forever (x2)

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship you. Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are. We worship you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are. And You are Good.

Lord You are Good. And your mercy endureth forever (x2)

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We worship you. Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are. We worship you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are. And You are Good.

Yes You are, yes You are, yes You are!
So good, so good, so good. Yes You are, yes You are, yes You are!

You are good all the time. All the time, You are good.
You are good all the time. All the time, You are good.
You are good all the time



I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus; (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow, (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus; (x3)
No turning back, No turning back.

No turning back, no turning back. (x3)

I am a Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God (x3)
He calls me friend

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How You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God (x3)
He calls me friend

God Almighty, Lord of Glory
You have called me friend
I am a friend of God (x3)
You call me friend (x3)