

The Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

(Please stand at points if you are able)*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

PRELUDE ***Joy, Unspeakable Joy***

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

ADVENT
READING

Snow Family

CHILDREN'S
MOMENT

HYMN ***Soon and Very Soon***

*CALL TO CELEBRATION

God of New Insight, we celebrate the dawning of a new day.

We are witnesses to the fulfillment of your promise.

Advent is a season of paradigm shifts.

We are witnesses to the fulfillment of your promise.

God's story of inclusion is being revealed in Advent.

We are witnesses to the fulfillment of your promise.

Forerunners are born in Advent.

We are co-creators with God actualizing a future with hope.

Peace is a promise of God.

We have been charged to be the peacekeepers of the earth.

May we move with the Spirit as givers and receivers of hope and peace.

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***We are God's hands and feet. We are here for
all of this. Holy Spirit, bring it!***

Amen

SONG OF
PRAISE

***All Things are
Possible***

OFFERTORY
INVITATION

***God of Life, we are in awe of the blessings that
surround us. Because the Spirit of the Lord is
within us, we bask in the gifts of our bodies. In
this Advent season, we celebrate regeneration
of body, mind and spirit. We remain flexible to
what the Spirit will give to us in this season.***

Amen

OFFERTORY

Peace

*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.***

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:68-79 NIV

GOOD NEWS

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION
RESPONSE

WINDERMERE
Union Church
United Church of Christ



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 1:68-79 NIV

¹ 68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
69 He has raised up a horn[a] of salvation for us in the house of his servant David
70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—
72 to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

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!



Sheryl Anderson	December 2	Vicki Hunt	December 21
Vivian Boehm	December 3	Nancy Poston	December 21
Mikie Young	December 5	Sadie Bruehl	December 23
Liz Gmazel	December 6	Stella Bruehl	December 23
Proteek Roy	December 8	Harper Kellen	December 24
Denise Picard	December 9	Joe Livingston	December 25
Grant Chase	December 9	Tiffany Taylor	December 25
Ken Poole	December 12	David Snow	December 26
Carol Wolfe	December 15	Todd LaFlame	December 27
Kitty Boehm	December 17	Amy Buchanan	December 29
Ed Cordes	December 20	Becky Neaman	December 30
Larry Decker	December 21		

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 on 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. Our children will be featured. 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..

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 the 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.

Story time with Miss Chris - Please join Miss Chris on Wednesday for Story Time. This week she will be reading the book Dear Santa. Listen to this lift-the-flap book as we discover what gift Santa brings on Christmas.

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:

- ><> Debbie Heisinger - For calm weather and safe travels for our daughter and son-in-law as they relocate from Knoxville to Seattle.
- ><> Wilensky's – Ron's brother-in-law passed away this week. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- ><> Jerry Hedgepath - Prayers for healing for his niece, who is sick. Prayers for healing –his brother died last week.
- ><> Allan Nagle – The father of Allan's daughter in law, Robyn, died this week. Prayers and healing.

~God we know You hear our prayers~

CELEBRATIONS from church members and friends

- ><> David Houseal - He and Linda will be celebrating 41 years of marriage this week.
- ><> Allan – Grandson, Andy, is visiting.

~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

December 5th-Becky Neaman & Nancy Wheeler

December 19th-Mary Ellen Nattans

December 12th-2 usher needed.

Christmas Eve-Ushers needed

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.



All Things Are Possible

Almighty God, my redeemer. My hiding place, my safe refuge.

No other name like Jesus. No power can stand against You

My feet are planted on this rock, And I will not be shaken

My hope, it comes from You alone. My Lord and my salvation

Your praise is always on my lips. Your word is living in my heart
And I will praise You with a new song. My soul will bless You, Lord

You fill my life with greater joy. Yes, I delight myself in You
And I will praise You with a new song. My soul will bless You, Lord

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And I will praise You with a new song. My soul will bless You, Lord

When I am weak, you make me strong. When I'm poor, I know I'm rich
For in the power of Your name

All things are possible **(x4)**

Your praise is always on my lips. Your word is living in my heart
And I will praise You with a new song. My soul will bless You, Lord

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All things are possible **(x8)**