

The Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

(Please stand at points if you are able)*

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

PRELUDE

Joy Unspeakable Joy

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

ADVENT READING

Rankin Family

CHILDREN'S
MOMENT

HYMN

Holy Spirit Rain Down

*CALL TO CELEBRATION

God of Intention, awaken in us the new gifts that are present in this space today.

We are open to surprises.

Yield, change lanes, slow down, watch and wait are Advent signals for introspection.

We are open to surprises.

How do we prepare for the unexpected?

We stay pregnant with hope and engage in peace.

Release in us, Holy One, the joy of Advent.

We are open to the move of the Liberating Spirit in this place today.

Amen

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SONG OF PRAISE

Yes I Will

OFFERTORY

INVITATION

***God of Hope, as we listen to the call to stay open,
prepare our hearts for the gifts of change. As we
exercise our faith to actualize the spirit of Advent,
may we find joy in rehearsing kin-dom together.
Amen***

OFFERTORY

Happy

*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 3:7-18 NIV

GOOD NEWS

BENEDICTION

Happy

RESPONSE

WINDERMERE
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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.

*****Facemask should now be worn entering and exiting the church but may be removed during the service when seated if you are vaccinated. Unvaccinated individuals including children should wear masks at all times. Thank you.**

Luke 3:7-18 NIV

7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **9** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." **10** "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. **11** John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." **12** Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" **13** Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. **14** Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay." **15** The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. **16** John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." **18** And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to

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

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 this evening 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.

KIVA - The Christmas Eve offering has always been targeted to KIVA. A visit to KIVA.org shows what impact a \$25.00 loan can have, be it buying farm equipment or helping to cultivate fields. If you will not be present on Christmas Eve, it is easy to contribute to KIVA. Go to <http://www.windermereunion.org/give> and click on the Donate through PayPal button. A PayPal account is not required to donate with a credit or debit card. Please click "write a note" and add that the contribution is for KIVA.

New Member Orientation - Will take place this morning after 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.

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.



CONCERNS expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

><> Sarah Larenas - Prayers for Laila. She is at Tampa General fighting different viruses and just wants to go home.

~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.

~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 12 - Kathy Coleman & Marie Weick

December 19 - Mary Ellen Nattans & Peggy Goehring

Christmas Eve - Becky Neaman, Kathy Coleman, Labert & Cheryl Altemose

December 26 - Kathy Coleman & Connie Lawton

January 2 - Becky Neaman & Nancy Wheeler

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.



Yes I Will

I count on one thing. The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now. You won't fail me now
In the waiting, The same God who's never late
Is working all things out, You're working all things out.

Yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley, Yes I will, bless Your name
Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, oh yes I will

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Will not fail me now, You won't fail me now
In the waiting, The same God who's never late
Is working all things out, Is working all things out

Oh, yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley
Yes I will, bless Your name
Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy
For all my days, oh yes I will, For all my days, oh yes, I will

And I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify
The Name of all names
That nothing can stand against
(x4)

Oh, yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley
Yes I will, bless Your name
Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, oh yes, I will
For all my days, oh yes, I will
For all my days, yes, I will