

The Rev. Luis A. Perez  
(Please stand at points\* if you are able)

First Sunday after Christmas Day

January 1, 2023

PRELUDE

*King of Kings*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

WELCOME

Pastor Luis Perez

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

GREETING TIME (Please be sensitive of individuals personal boundaries)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand at points\* if you are able)

Please let us stand for the Call to Worship for this morning: O people of God, let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One...for God is worthy to be praised.

***The rhythms of life praise the Everlasting God through the markings of time and space.***

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One...for God is worthy to be praised.

***The flowers, land, and trees praise the Divine Gardener through rest, renewal, and beauty.***

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One...for God is worthy to be praised.

***Praise the Spirit of God through our breathing, living, and our giving as we begin a new year.***

Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One...for God is worthy to be praised.

***Praise be to the One who blesses us through Jesus Christ our Brother, Redeemer, and Friend!  
Amen***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Stephens Minister

The Leader: Please join me in unison in our offertory invitation in preparation for giving, with a special focus on our Shepherds Fund in support of those in need.

***All: Let us put our trust in our Living God, who is always faithful. In so doing, we are declaring that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure belong to God. In so doing, we are proclaiming we give because we yearn to love and bless our world through our material possessions. In so doing, we are asserting that we are empowered stewards of what belongs to God, and God alone. To the God who is Three in One be the glory and honor! Amen.***

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE

*God So Loved*

\*DOXOLOGY (Please stand at points\* if you are able)

***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 LESSON & GOOD NEWS

Matthew 2:13-18 NIV

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Joyful Joyful We Adore You*

## Announcements

The United Church of Christ - Do you want to learn more about your church family beyond our local church walls and even our Conference? Visit [UCC.ORG](http://UCC.ORG)

Shepherd's Fund - This morning we will be collecting our Shepherd's Fund (SF) offering. If you choose to give as God has blessed you, there are three ways you can do so. First, by dropping your check in the SF basket on the table in the entrance to the sanctuary or during the offertory. Second, by scanning the Shepherd's Fund QR code in the worship bulletin. Or, three, by using the church's PayPal account on the church website.

Men's and Women's Breakfasts - Will be on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am at TooJay's in Ocoee. If you plan to attend, please contact Patrick Heisinger at [pdh@heisinger.net](mailto:pdh@heisinger.net) or for the Men's Breakfast and Sharon Kieper at [skieper@yahoo.com](mailto:skieper@yahoo.com) for the Women's Breakfast. Please let us know by Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Small Group - Will gather on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Laura and Phil Costello will host. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Martha Harriman at [harrimanfamily2@gmail.com](mailto:harrimanfamily2@gmail.com).

Annual Congregational Meeting - The WUC annual congregational meeting is planned for January 29<sup>th</sup> following Sunday service. Please plan to attend quorum states that 20 percent of church members are to be present.

Lunch Bunch - Is postpone to January, with a date to follow. For further information, please contact Chris Stumpf at [happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:happyheart.chris@gmail.com).

Art Group - The Art Group meets on Wednesday mornings in the church narthex 10am -noon. Bring your current project, painting, crocheting, etc. and enjoy fellowship with one another as you create. For more information contact Doreen Tomasulo at 352-432-3072.

Adult Sunday School - Will resume on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the All-Purpose room in the preschool building. The series "Living the Questions" is a very thought-provoking series and is a great way to get introduced to the backgrounds/journeys of other members.

Church Announcements - If your ministry has an announcement to share with the congregation, please send your announcement to our Office Manager ([office@windermereunion.org](mailto:office@windermereunion.org)) by 5:00 PM on Wednesdays. Please remember, Sunday morning announcements from the audience present are limited to one but never more than two very selective and relevant announcements only (and sometimes none).

WUC Name Tags - We would like to see you with your nametag. When you wear your nametag each Sunday it provides a warm welcome to our visitors and a means for all members to connect names with faces. If you have misplaced your nametag and need a new one, please contact the church office at [office@windermereunion.org](mailto:office@windermereunion.org).

Winter Clothes for Homeless Adults are Needed!!! - Please continue bringing your lightly used and clean winter clothes throughout our version of cold Winter nights. The items needed are adult (and children's) winter coats, warm jackets, hats, gloves, socks, scarfs, and blankets. For more information, please contact Ken Johns at [kenjohns32@gmail.com](mailto:kenjohns32@gmail.com). Thank you, Ken, for serving Christ through that beautiful ministry!

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Shepherd's Fund



