

The Rev. Luis A. Perez

(Please stand at points* if you are able)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

PRELUDE *Joy Unspeakable Joy*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Love* Sarah and Malena Larenas

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) Malena Larenas
Augustus and Quirinius -- these are ancient names that seem odd to a post-modern world.
Nazareth and Bethlehem -- these are distant towns we know little about.
Yet, still, we gather together to hear once more a story so ancient and yet so current, so distant and yet so near.
We come to hear the story of God coming to us to make us whole...to make us wonder...to set all creatures free from the bonds of hate, mediocrity, and carelessness.
So, let us worship the One who yearns that we serve as peacemakers in the world.
The one who came to set us free from ourselves.
The One who calls us to be the salt and light of the world on his behalf.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* #125
WUC Choir

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

OFFERTORY INVITATION Stephens Minister
Come sisters and brothers and let us adore the Holy One. Let us once again hear the voices of angels declaring to shepherds the good news of the Christ-Child. Let us once again share of our treasures with God just like the wise people of old. For as we share we do so as a proclamation that everything belongs to God. As a declaration that Christ is a revolution of love for all. As an announcement to the whole world that the Savior has come, is here, and will come again. So, let us give unreservedly in honor of him. Amen.

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE *Christmas Day*

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 1:18-25 NIV

BENEDICTION

Announcements

SPARKLE - Tonight, from 5:30-7:30, there will be an outdoor show of lights. Please join the fun, walk around, 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.

Christmas Eve Service - The Christmas Eve worship service this year is scheduled for December 24th at 7:00 pm. Plan to bring the whole family, a neighbor, and a friend. We're looking forward to a worshipful evening of Christmas music and some "pageantry" a little different than what we've ever done before. And you'll be invited to help make it happen! No rehearsal, no fuss, no mess!

Christmas Morning - Remember that Sunday, Christmas morning (Dec. 25th), will be a 20-minute virtual worship service prepared by the staff and pastor Luis. The virtual recording will be available online at 6:00 AM on Christmas morning (on Facebook, our church website, and via email so it reaches as many as possible) for everyone to enjoy from home with their families.

Poinsettias - Let's help make the sanctuary look beautiful with poinsettias! The cost of each plant/flower is \$10.00. If you're interested in the flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the order form and place it in the offertory plate along with your payment. All orders must be submitted by December 20th. Any question? Call the church office at 407-876-2112.

KIVA this coming Christmas Eve - As has been the custom for several years at WUC, the collection for the Christmas Eve Service will be dedicated to our support of Kiva. As you're aware, Kiva is a 501(c)3 organization that helps thousands of micro-entrepreneurial individuals in especially poor countries with funding in the form of "microloans" (most in the range of \$25 to \$1000) that allow them to reach economic self-sufficiency through micro-entrepreneurship. Most Kiva loans fall into the following project categories: agriculture, arts, eco-friendly projects, education, healthcare, water and sanitation, and loans to women. If you want to donate before the Christmas Eve Service, scan the KIVA QR code below. Thank you for your support.

Shepherd's Fund - A great big "THANK YOU!!!" goes out to everyone who support our Shepherd's Fund on the first Sunday of the month (or any Sunday) to help those in need with direct financial support. Helping to replenish and strengthen it during this Advent/Christmas season will be so important to those who need our support. I thank you for your generosity! Do you desire to share a modest gift to support the Shepherd's Fund? Scan the Shepherd's fund QR code below.

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

Art Group - Due to the busy Advent/Christmas season, the Art Group will resume the first week of January. For more information contact Doreen Tomasulo at 352-432-3072.

Adult Sunday School - Meets on Sundays 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 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) by 5:00 PM on Wednesdays.

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. Thank you, Ken, for serving Christ through that beautiful ministry!

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General Giving



Shepherd's Fund



KIVA





CONCERNS expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

- ><> Martha Kilmer – Ruthie fell. She has bruises but is continuing to go to work.
- ><> Lin Wilensky – The Harriman's are travelling back from a funeral of a very dear friend.
- ><> Annie Myers – A friend has pneumonia.

~God, we know You hear our prayers~

CELEBRATIONS from church members and friends

- ><> Lin Wilensky – Martha Harriman was elected interim chairman for Dave's House.-
- ><> Ann Green – Val sends her thanks for the cards and meals. Ann & George's 52 anniversary is this week.
- ><> Karen Carlson – Katerina got her dream job. Karen was promoted to VP at her company.
- ><> Allan Nagle – His daughter and her husband have been assigned to Wellington, NZ for the next 3 years.

~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 Wednesday morning to be included in the next bulletin.

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.

- Vivian Boehm December 3
- Mikie Young December 5
- Liz Gmazel December 6
- Proteek Roy December 8
- Denise Picard December 9
- Grant Chase December 9
- Ken Poole December 12
- Martha Seidner December 13
- Carol Wolfe December 15
- Declan Williams December 15
- Colin Williams December 15
- Rosie Patel December 18



- Ed Cordes December 20
- Larry Decker December 21
- Vicki Hunt December 21
- Nancy Poston December 21
- Sadie Bruehl December 23
- Stella Bruehl December 23
- Harper Kellen December 24
- Joe Livingston December 25
- Tiffany Taylor December 25
- David Snow December 26
- Todd LaFlame December 27
- Amy Buchanan December 29
- Becky Neaman December 30

Ushers
Christmas Eve – Kathy Coleman
 Peggy Goehring / Mary Ellen Nattans
January 1 – Becky Neaman / Nancy Wheeler
January 8 – Kathy Coleman / Provi Estrada



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FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Ushers

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