

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

PRELUDE *Light of the World*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Joy* Kevin, Heather, & Alex Jones

WELCOME Rev. Marcelino Rivera

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

GREETING TIME (Please be sensitive of individuals personal boundaries)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand at points if you are able) Regan Johns
Rejoice! The spirit of God is sending us to bring good news to the oppressed, to comfort the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to proclaim the year of favor among God's people...
Rejoice! The work of the Spirit is calling us to rebuild relationships ruined by injustice and hurt and misunderstanding...
To change lives battered by insecurity, aimlessness, and sin. To proclaim the year of favor among God's people. To cast off any faint spirit and put on the mantle of praise...
To take root as the plantings of the HOLY ONE and display God's glory. Come, let us together as one worship in Joy our Brother and Savior!
Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *Joy to the World* #132
WUC Choir

OFFERTORY INVITATION Stephens Minister
In struggle and in joy, God is faithful to us. So, in response to that faithfulness, today we share our offerings, our tithes, our pledges, and even the least of our coins. We humbly share to our Faithful One these human gifts from our hearts and hands. We believe that they will be multiplied and magnified as the living presence of Christ. We commit to ensure they are used faithfully in our mission to the world, our community, and one another. This we proclaim by faith. Amen.

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE *Heaven*

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 Rev. David Hoesal
Matthew 11:2-10 NIV

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Announcements

SPARKLE - On Sunday, December 18th, 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.

SPARKLE DECORATING- Volunteers are needed to assist in decorating the outdoors with Christmas lights for Sparkle. Decorating will take place on Saturday, December 17th and start at 12:30 pm. Any questions? Contact Chris at 407-583-7872.

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.

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.

Fun Christmas Sweater Sunday - Join in on the Christmas Joy. We invite you to wear your fun Christmas sweater to service on Sunday, December 18th. So, make sure you wear your favorite and join in on the fun.

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

WUC Golf Outing - is Saturday, December 17th at Forest Lake Golf Club. The First Tee time is 9:15 am. The Green Fees are \$45 for Forest Lake Members and \$54 for non-members. Please contact Gerry Picard at: gpicard4@outlook.com if you plan on playing by Wednesday, December 14th so he can give an accurate count to Forest Lake. Friends are welcome too!

Matthew's Hope Meal -Peace Meals will be served on Tuesday, December 20th. Please bring the donation you will be providing for this meal to church by Sunday, December 18th. Please follow contact the church office for the link to the sign-up sheet.

Men's and Women's Breakfasts - This will be on Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 am at Too Jay's in Ocoee. If you plan to attend, please contact Patrick Heisinger at pdh@heisinger.net or for the Men's Breakfast and Sharon Kieper at skieper@yahoo.com for the Women's Breakfast. Please let us know by Thursday, December 15th.

New Church Family Member Celebration - We're so excited we'll be welcoming several new members to the WUC family! The new church family member celebration is scheduled for Sunday worship, on December 18th.

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.

Johns Lake Boat Parade - Holiday Party for the whole family at the Evan's home on Sunday, December 11th. Any question? Contact Lynn at lynnevans7@gmail.com.

Small Group - December Small Group gathering will be held at Debbie and Pat Heisinger's home on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 PM. All who wish to attend are invited. For information, please reach out to Patrick or Debbie at 314-580-6809.

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



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CONCERNS expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

- ><> Debbie Snow – Valerie Whiteside fell & broke her knee. She is in the hospital.
- ><> Sharon Kieper – Mickey & LaTrell's dog Freddie passed away.
- ><> Ann Green – Sue Schulz fell.

~God, we know You hear our prayers~

CELEBRATIONS from church members and friends

- ><> Ron Wilensky – Thanks Ron Stumpf for all he does.
- ><> Ed Cordes – Sister is here visiting.
- ><> Jerry Hedgepath – Is celebrating Ruthie and her new job.
- ><> Laura Costello – Celebrating all their children & grandchildren will be here for 6 days.
- ><> Ann Meyers – John got his stint.

~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
December 18 – Mary Ellen Nattans
 Sharon Kieper
Christmas Eve – Kathy Coleman
 Peggy Goehring / Mary Ellen Nattans



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THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Ushers

Kathy Coleman and Provi Estrada

- Pastor Luis A. Perez, Intentional Interim Pastor - luis@luisaperez.com
- Rev. Marcelino Rivera - pastormarcelino@windermereunion.org
- Chris Stumpf Coordinator of Children's Ministry - happyheart.chris@gmail.com
- Troy Dolendo, Music Director - Troy@windermereunion.org
- Sarah Larenas Rinsch, Office Manager - office@windermereunion.org



Light Of The World

Light of the world, treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars, in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight
Light of the world, from the beginning
The tragedies of time, were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory, You saw my story
God, You entered in, and became one of us

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world

Light of the world, crown in a manger
Born for the Cross, to suffer, to save
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer
We are the richer, by the price that He paid, ohh

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world
You're the light of the world
Light up the dark

Light of the world, soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us, straight into glory
And there He shall reign, forevermore
Oh, forevermore



Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world
The light of the world

Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat repeat the sounding joy

Christ rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of God's righteousness
and wonders of God's love
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