

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

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 8, 2023

PRELUDE *So Will I*

WELCOME Pastor Luis

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

GREETING TIME (Please be sensitive of individuals personal boundaries)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand at points if you are able) Stephens Minister

(The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith - adapted by Robert V. Moss)

Leader: Please let us stand for the Call to Worship for this morning: We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify...ease 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.

People: God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

Leader: God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

People: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

Leader: God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

People: God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family...

Leader: To proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

People: God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace...

Leader: The presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *We Three Kings*

OFFERTORY INVITATION Stephens Minister

Leader: Please join me in unison in our Offertory Invitation in preparation for giving as God has provided.

All: Today we declare that our generosity serves as an essential element of the baptized life. We affirm that our giving is a public expression of our belonging to the "kindom" of God. In celebration of those principles, we are grateful to the Giver of Gifts and we are humbled to participate as co-givers of our work of ministry. We freely dedicate our tithes, offerings, and gifts to the One who loved us in Christ Jesus. Let it be so!

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE

Good Lord

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 2:9-11(The Message)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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.

January 2 Ron Stumpf
January 2 John Meyer
January 3 Jim Goehring
January 5 Lisa Davis
January 5 Ann Green
January 9 Julie Neaman
January 10 Patrick Brewer
January 10 Ozzy Gonzalez
January 12 Don Snell
January 12 Walter Munroe



January 15 Joshua Livingston
January 15 Chet Evans
January 16 Scott Picard
January 17 Ashley Storm
January 19 Becca Carpenter
January 20 Mea Sanchez
January 21 Erika Longo
January 25 Cody Speirs
January 29 Ann Meyer

Upcoming Ushers for January
January 15 - Mary Ellen Nattans / Connie Lawton
January 22 - Peggy Goehring / Connie Lawton
January 29 — Sharon Kieper / Becky Neaman

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Announcements

Adult Sunday School - Will resume on Sunday January 8th 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting - The WUC annual congregational meeting is TENTATIVELY scheduled for January 29th BUT MAY OCCUR ON FEBRUARY 5TH (following Sunday worship). We'll lock in the exact date on the next Official Board gathering next Tuesday (the 10th). We'll keep you posted. All members are highly encouraged to attend. Our bylaws indicate a duly constituted meeting requires 20 percent of the official church membership.

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.

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. 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).

Lunch Bunch - Lunch Bunch is back! Lunch will be served on Wednesday, January 18th at 12:30pm. For further information, please contact Chris Stumpf at happyheart.chris@gmail.com. All are welcomed!

Men's and Women's Breakfasts - Will be on Saturday, January 21st at 9:30 am at TooJay'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 January 19th.

WUC Preschool Registration Dates - 2023-24 school year WUC preschool registration for Church members will be held on Friday, January 20th from 9:00 - 12:30 p.m. During that time a Church member can drop off a registration card and pay the registration fee of \$150 if they are enrolling a child in our 2, 2 1/2-, or 3-year-old programs. If they are enrolling a child in the VPK program, there is no registration fee due. All 2023-24 school year registration information can be found on the WUC Preschool website. This includes the classes we offer, fees, and tour dates.

Small Group - Will gather on Friday, January 27th at 7pm. Laura and Phil Costello will host. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Martha Harriman at harrimanfamily2@gmail.com.

The "Silly Sock Sunday" Campaign - As has been a tradition for a few years in memory and honor of our precious Marge Nagle's birthday, we'll be celebrating "Silly Sock Sunday" on Sunday, March 26th - but with a slight twist. Starting Sunday, January 15th, we'll be challenging everyone to buy a pair of new socks (or better yet, a package of new socks for children or adults) to raise awareness of the needs in our community. Bring them to church through the next upcoming Sundays or on March 26th. Options we'll have available after Silly Sock Sunday may include sharing the socks with a local benevolent organization, supporting Ken John's ministry to the homeless, or share with a local children hospital. The sky's the limit! So, let's get silly and share the love with others. As Allan, and Staff agreed -- Marge would've been delighted! Let's do it!

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!

Windsong - Will be gathering, Saturday, January 14th in the church, narthex at 10:00 a.m. We will be reflecting on the past year's accomplishments and planning for 2023. We want your input, so please join us. Contact David Houesal.

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.



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