

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

PRELUDE *Rise Up (Lazarus)*

WELCOME Pastor Luis

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

VIDEO INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR PASTOR

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand at points\* if you are able) Stephen Minister  
(Slightly revised from the UCC Call to Worship for this Sunday.)

Leader: Please let us stand for the Call to Worship: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

**People: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.**

Leader: We seek God's face on Sunday mornings and evenings and throughout the week in the joy of a seeker.

**People: We follow the Holy One all the days of our lives with eagerness.**

Leader: We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance.

**People: We seek the face of the Holy One...follow the God of our redemption...and grow to be disciples of hope in the world, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed* #537

OFFERTORY PRAYER Stephens Minister  
(Slightly revised from the UCC Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving for this Sunday.)

Leader: Please join me in unison in our Offertory Prayer in preparation for giving as God has provided: When Jesus calls his disciples, he promises to transform the gifts they already possess to be used for the glory and "kindom" of God. Let us offer our resources in following Jesus.

**All: Great God, receive our gifts of ourselves and our resources for the benefit and building of your kindom. We do so with gratitude. We do so as our response to your yearning to find God whether as seekers, followers, or disciples. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE *Alive and Breathing*

\*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 4:12-22 NIRV

NATIVE AMERICAN BENEDICTION PRAYER

Rev. David House

POSTLUDE

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General Giving



Shepherd's Fund



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 29** — Sharon Kieper / Peggy Goehring
- February 5** - Becky Neaman / Nancy Wheeler
- February 12** - Kathy Coleman / Provi Estrada
- February 19** - Mary Ellen Nattans / Connie Lawton

## Announcements

On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> the pastor candidate will be joining us for the "candidating weekend" which includes leading us in worship, preaching the trial sermon, a meet and greet, and the final congregational vote. Every member of the congregation is invited to be in worship that Sunday to join in the process and, if formally approved by the congregation, welcome our new settled pastor for the start of his ministry on April 1st.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** –The WUC annual congregational meeting is scheduled for February 5th following Sunday worship. All members are highly encouraged to attend. Our bylaws indicate a duly constituted meeting requires 20 percent of the official church membership.

**Adult Sunday School** - Welcomes you! Class is 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. For more information, please contact Allan Nagle at [anagle4647@aol.com](mailto:anagle4647@aol.com).

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**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.

**Inspirational Wednesdays** - Meets Wednesdays at 11:00 AM via Zoom. This is a small group exploring faith formation through in-depth study. It meets for approximately an hour and usually includes material to read, listen, or watch during the week in preparation for the following week. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sharon Kieper at [skieper@yahoo.com](mailto:skieper@yahoo.com).

**Lunch Bunch** – Lunch Bunch is back! Lunch will be served on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. For further information, please contact Chris Stumpf at [happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:happyheart.chris@gmail.com). All are welcomed!

**Matthew's Hope Meal Peace Meals** - will be served on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring the donation you will be providing for this meal to church by Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Heather, Kathy, & Chris ([happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:happyheart.chris@gmail.com)).

**Small Group** - Our first home Small Group Gathering in 2023 is scheduled for Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. A BIG "thank you" to Laura and Phil Costello who have volunteered to host the gathering. The POC for the Small Group Gatherings is Martha Harriman and she can be reached via email at [harrimanfamily2@gmail.com](mailto:harrimanfamily2@gmail.com). All are welcomed!

**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 26<sup>th</sup> - but with a slight twist. Starting Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Youth and Children's Valentine's Party** – Will be held in the classroom on February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to contribute toward the party (cookies, candy, goodies, and surprises). There will be a box on the back credenza for these items. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Chris at [happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:happyheart.chris@gmail.com).

**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).



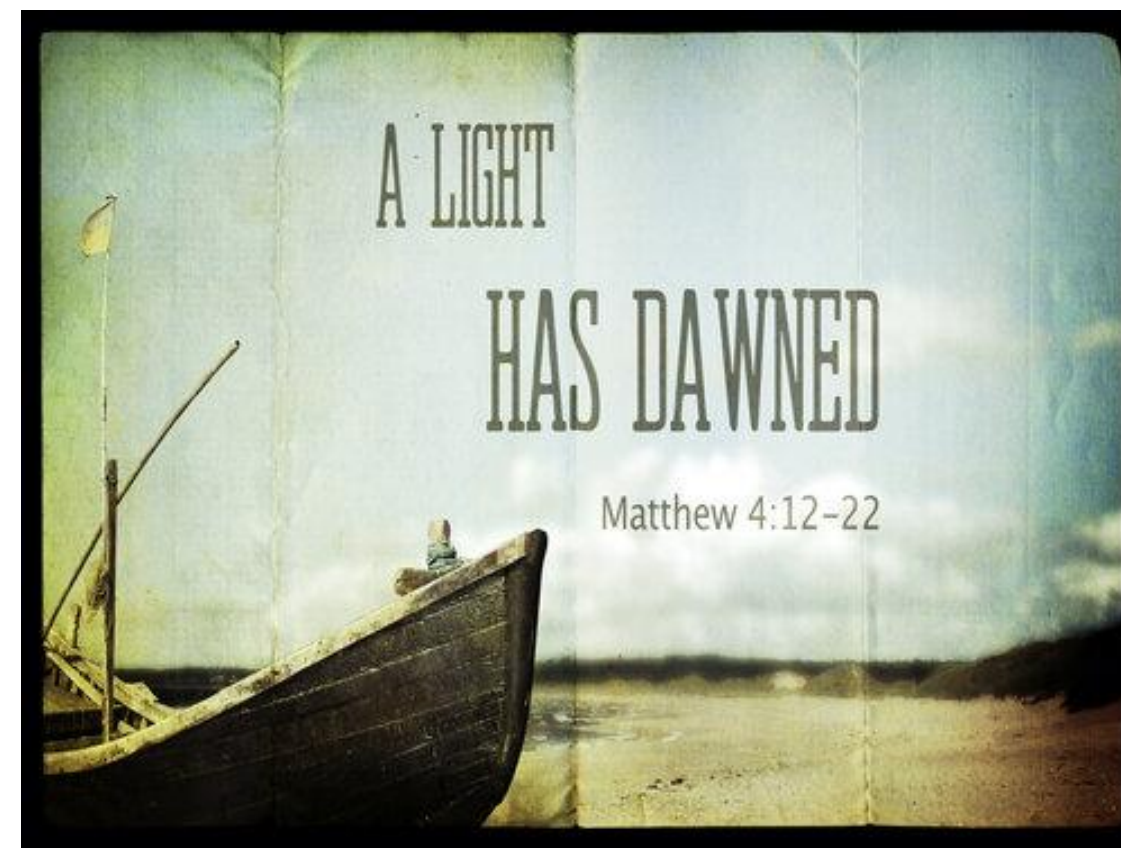
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