

The Rev. Luis A. Perez

(Please stand at points* if you are able)

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

PRELUDE

Sanctuary

WELCOME TO ALL & TO PASTOR BRAD

Pastoral Search Team Representative

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Marcelino Rivera

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Stephen Minister
Angela Bednarek

Leader: In our time of darkness, God led us from captivity to freedom.

People: As we left the only life we knew, God called us to be strong and courageous.

Leader: With the Egyptian army behind us and the sea in front of us, God parted the waters.

People: As we walked through the sea, God called us to be strong and courageous.

Leader: In the wilderness, God fed us with Mana from heaven and water from a rock.

People: As we were thirsty and hungry in the desert, God called us to be strong and courageous.

Leader: Today we stand on the banks of the river Jordan looking into the land God has promised.

People: As we face the unknown that tomorrow may bring, God calls us to be strong and courageous.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

On River Jordan's Banks I Stand (#598)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stephens Minister
Angela Bednarek

Leader: Please join me in unison in our Offertory Prayer: Friends, the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of wonder, our hearts and minds are opened to your calling this morning. We rejoice in our sharing and giving and we pray that our offering is fruitful. We praise you for food harvested, spiritual gifts, cherished family and friends, the beauty that surrounds us, and the mystery of your grace. Help us grow in gratitude even under the stresses of life, the injustice in the world, and the seeming instability of our nation. We praise you for your bounty. We rejoice in what you have for us through new horizons to come. We bless your most Holy name. Amen.

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE

Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

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.**

PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM MOMENT

SCRIPTURE LESSON & GOOD NEWS

Joshua 1:1-9 NRSV
Entering the Promised Land

Pastor Brad

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 29

Ann Meyer

February 19

Lynn Evans

February 2

Susan Thompson

February 19

Marco Larenas

February 4

Marty Brewer

February 20

Katie Snell

February 4

Neo Gonzales

February 20

Angela Bednarek

February 5

Scout Mouchet

February 20

Doreen Tomasulo

February 11

Mike Taylor

February 20

Latrell Harrison

February 13

Foster Bullock

February 22

Pat Minnick

February 17

Laura Pinto

February 28

Steve Berwick

February 17

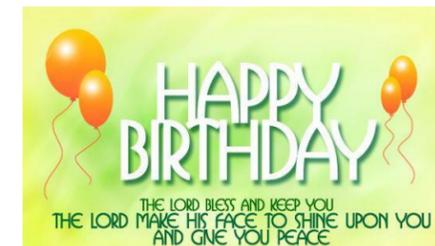
Rick DiCicco

February 28

Fred Engelking

February 18

Ruth Smith



Upcoming Ushers for February

February 5 - Becky Neaman / Nancy Wheeler

February 12 - Kathy Coleman / Provi Estrada

February 19 - Mary Ellen Nattans / Connie Lawton

February 26 - Peggy Goehring / Connie Lawton

Announcements

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.

Ash Wednesday - Ash Wednesday gathering is scheduled for February 22nd at 12:30 pm. It'll be a small and intimate moment of introspection as we prepare for the traditional Lenten season.

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.

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 at office@windermereunion.org by 5:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Dresses for Haiti - Dresses for the children in Haiti has been an intergenerational project here at Windermere Union Church and is coming to completion with a tag or card from the WUC youth and children. All the dresses will be going to *Be Like Brit Home* in Grand Goave, Haiti. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this ministry.

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.

Lunch Bunch - Lunch Bunch is back! Lunch will be served on Wednesday, February 15th at 12:30pm. For further information, please contact Chris Stumpf at happyheart.chris@gmail.com. All are welcomed!

Matthew's Hope Meal Peace Meals - will be served on Tuesday, February 21st. Please bring the donation you will be providing for this meal to church by Sunday, February 19th. For more information contact Heather, Kathy, & Chris (happyheart.chris@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!

Youth and Children's Valentine's Party - Will be held in the classroom on February 12th. 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.

Winter Clothes for the Homeless - Please continue bringing your lightly used and clean winter clothes throughout our version of cold Winter nights. The items needed are adult and children winter coats, warm jackets, hats, gloves, scarfs, and blankets. For more information, please contact Ken Johns at kenjohns32@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.



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