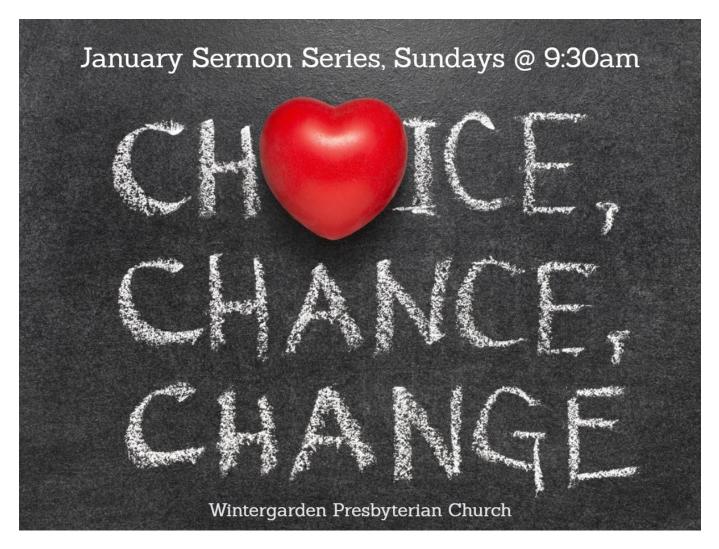
Welcome to Wintergarden Presbyterian Church



Sunday, January 27, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

Our mission is to reach out, teach, and provide Christian love within our community, while encouraging people to walk with Christ every day. We hope you will join us on this journey!

Welcome to Wintergarden Presbyterian Church

Please sign the friendship pads located in each pew and pass them to others.

Prelude

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Call to Worship

- One: Holy, loving Creator of all, the heavens declare your goodness each day and night proclaims your love.
- All: You call us to witness to your power and grace.
- One: You give us mouths to sing your praises, hands and feet to do your will.
- All: You call us to proclaim the good news of your reign.
- One: We yearn to become your people, the body of Christ, living for the sake of the world.
- All: Let us worship the God who calls us.
- Hymn #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of the Day

WE CONFESS TOGETHER

Invitation to Tell the Truth about Ourselves and Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we often forget to rejoice in the gift of each new day. We close our ears to the voices of rivers and streamsvoices that sing your praises day and night. We close our eyes to the need of our neighbors and refuse to see their suffering and pain. We close our hearts to your proclamations of hope and freedom-proclamations of good news and release for all who live in oppression and fear. (*Please take a moment for silent confession*) Forgive us when we keep your good gifts closed tightly in our own fists. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

- One: Hear the Good News: God forgives us and loves us, even when we forget that we are meant to *be* good news for the world. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
- All: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM TOGETHER

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*The congregation may greet one another with the words "The peace of Christ" and a gesture like a wave, a handshake, or a hug.*)

Prayer for Understanding Children's Time Scripture Lesson and Sermon Esther 4 "Change and Faith"

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

Music for reflection Sharing of Tithes and Offering and Doxology Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn #744 Arise, Your Light is Come!

*Charge and Blessing

- One: Rejoicing in the good gifts of our Creator, and filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, let us go out to love and serve the world as the body of Christ. Go to *be* good news to all who are in need.
- All: Amen.

Announcements and Postlude

We give thanks to this team of people who help make everything happen!

Session: Luther Pringle, Bob Swails (Clerk), Joy Swails, & Barbara Woods. **Bookkeeper**: Kari Albanes Music Director: Heather DeGroot **AV:** Lamont Andrews and Daniel Garland **Administrative Assistant**: Beckie Tokarski **Office Volunteers:** Bob Swails (Mondays), Lisa Brown (Tuesdays) and Jeanne Murray (Thursdays)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship after church.
 Please take a moment to sign up to bring fellowship on a Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help.
- ✓ Praise Team will practice on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30.
- FREE PIANO LESSONS!!!- Crazy, huh? We applied for a grant with Peace River Presbytery to offer piano lessons for free to our community, the Ebenezer Pentecote community, and those who use the food pantry. Want to do it? Chat with Heather!
- Who is My Neighbor: Looking at Islam Today: Today, Islam is the fastest growing religion and accounts for 25% of the world's population. The goal of this discussion group is to promote a better understanding of Islam and our Muslim neighbors. In addition to our discussion, there is a DVD presentation, a guest visitor from the University in Fort Myers and a guided tour of the Port Charlotte mosque. The sessions will be held in the church library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following Wednesdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 5 and 6. All instructional materials will be supplied. All are welcome, including friends. For more information talk to Bill McKinnie.
- Winter Friends Luncheon: Today after worship. All our winter friends are invited to join together for food, fellowship, and conversation. Come and learn what has been happening in the life of your Wintergarden congregation over the past year. Looking forward to seeing for our luncheon.
- Adopt-A-Road: Thank you everyone who came out and joined us to help clean up Wintergarden Ave.
- ✓ PW Bible Study: January 31st @ 7pm. Come out and join us as we study Lesson Four in the book "God's Promise I am with you" on "God with us when we seek God."
- Congregational Meeting: We will be having our Congregational Meeting on February 10th after worship.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS January 28th through February 3rd

TUESDAY AA Small Group: 7pm WEDNESDAY Ebenezer Food Pantry: 10-4pm THURSDAY Praise Team: Practice from 3-4:30 pm SATURDAY Adopt-A-Road: 8am to 10am SUNDAY Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: Adults and Children @ 11am