



Weekly News 12/11/2022 3rd Sunday of Advent

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Today in Worship • “Open Your Eyes” • Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-15, James 5:7-11, • Lord Jesus, You opened the eyes of the blind, made the lame to walk, opened the ears of the deaf, brought new life, and shared the good news of Your kingdom. We need You to open our eyes so we can perceive where You are at work in our world today. Help us as we join You in the paths You have set us for us, that we would flourish and grow as we share Your good news.

About this Advent Series: Practices to Prepare • In the church we set aside time in the weeks before Christmas to prepare for the coming of Christ—preparing to celebrate at Christmas Jesus’ first coming as well as preparing in these last days for His return in glory. We call this time of year, “Advent,” which means ‘coming.’ How will we prepare for the coming of our Savior and King? What practices ought we put into place? God’s Word leads the way.

Bible Classes

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am • The class is led by Jim Essig. We are looking at the Gospel of Luke. Classes are in the Music Room during our 10:00 am Education Hour, between the 9 am & 11 am worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGE 4 – GRADE 5: Foundations of Faith • Kids will make crafts, play games, and learn the basic truths about God using both Old Testament and New Testament stories. Kids will walk away from each class with a new “God is...” statement (i.e. “God is powerful” or “God is kind”). Sunday School meets upstairs in the Family Life Center classrooms from 10:00-10:45 on Sunday mornings.

“Kid Video” every week: Did you know that DCE Eric Gerken produces a weekly kid video that ties into the Foundations of Faith lesson? Great for kids, families, and adults. The video is posted weekly to our Facebook and YouTube channels. (Tip: start a faith-conversation with your kids or grandkids using that video as a starting place.)

YOUTH SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS (6th-12th) • “Word One Bible Studies” – a mixture of discussion and experiential learning – come check it out – in the far, upstairs classroom in the Family Life Center from 10:00am-10:45am.

Mid-week Bible Class for Adults • Wednesday Mornings 9:30am – 10:30am in the Board Room. Our topic is looking at Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday’s theme. Led by Pastor Ken.

Advent Devotions • Looking for Advent Devotionals to help you prepare spiritually? Written by pastors and leaders in the FLGA District, you can subscribe to daily devotionals by going to <https://flgadistrict.org/newsletter/> and clicking “Seasonal Devotions.” | Lutheran Hour Ministries also has devotionals available at <https://www.lhm.org/advent/>.

LWML Holiday Sale – Last Day to Order Cookies! • Today is the last day to submit orders! You still have time to place an in-person order between services. Cookies will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 18. <https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Cookieorderform2022.pdf> | kathymccartin@gmail.com

Mid-week Advent Worship – Wednesday @11am in The Sanctuary • Join us for our final midweek Advent worship as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth.

Angel Tree Ministry –Volunteers Needed! Gift Wrapping is Wednesday, December 14 at 5:00pm • Thank you all to those who picked up an angel! Today is the last day to drop off Gifts for our Ministry. On Wednesday, December 14, all are welcome to join us for gift wrapping in the FLC as a part of our “Advent Days of Service.”

Drivers Needed! • Some of our church members could use transportation to appointments, Sunday worship, or occasional trips to the store. If you are willing and able to help in that way, we can help you connect with someone who has expressed a need. Please contact Adriana in the office 407.277.3945 adriana.alas@poporlando.com for more info.

Christmas Poinsettias – Order Today! • If you wish to place Poinsettias this Christmas season, please fill out an online form or use the Poinsettias Envelopes are located by the entrances. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/poinsettias>
Altar flowers can be ordered any time throughout the year: <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers>

Christmas Worship Schedule • Join us for another year as we Celebrate Jesus Christ!

Christmas Eve Worship – Saturday, December 24

5pm Family Contemporary Service | FLC – Glow sticks

5:30pm Noche Buena | Templo – Candlelight

7:30pm & 10pm Traditional Service | Sanctuary – Holy Communion – Candlelight

Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25 • 10am Traditional Service | Sanctuary – Holy Communion

Pastors and Staff Appreciation Gift • Our Personnel Committee and Board invite you to thoughtfully consider giving a special donation for an end-of-year gift to pastors and staff. This is an opportunity for us to show appreciation as a whole congregation during this season of giving. Please note “Staff Gift” on your envelope or online gift. We thank you for your consideration.

Lutheran Haven Christmas Seal Outreach • Lutheran Haven’s Benevolent Care Ministry assists Lutheran Haven residents when a critical need arises. This campaign raises funds that are crucial to funding various needs for their residents such as providing home care services. See the envelopes located our entrances.

Support the Youth by shopping with RaiseRight! • You can purchase gift cards online for family and friends, from the comfort of your home. Simply go to RaiseRight.com, sign up and input the enrollment code: **CF82EEB65547** and provide a little personal information and you are set to shop! Make sure to identify “Prince of Peace Youth” as the organization you want to benefit. Contact DCE Eric Gerken with any questions. eric.gerken@poporlando.com

PoP Preschool • Do you know someone who might be looking for an amazing preschool for their child? While our infant and 1y/o classes are full, we still have limited openings for 2y/o through VPK. Call (407) 275-6703 to learn more!

Fruits of Faith

Worship Attendance: December 4

9:00 Traditional: 106 | 11:00 Contemporary: 63 | 11:00 Spanish: 70 | TOTAL: 239

Giving: Thank you for your faithful engagement in our ministry through your gifts and offerings.

November 20 offerings \$ 8,612

November 27 offerings \$25,160

December 4 offerings \$10,222

needed each week: \$11,202

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PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We continue to pray for Connie Lerchen at the sudden and unexpected death of her son Dennis. Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. Surround all who grieve with Your comfort and peace at this time.

Hospitalized or recovering: Carol Fennell, Bill Jordan, Merle Kroeplin, ,

Healing and Strength: Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Earl Caldwell, Karin Collins, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, John Elmore, Jim Essig, Judy & Jim Finnie, Dwight Foote, Ginny Fussell, Rev. Dennis Glander, Noah Glasberger & family, Bob Hahn, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, David House, Jim Lord, Michael McCarty, Lewis Mendez, Rick Perre, Nitza Rohena, Nancy Schloemer, Rex Serio, Cindy Sibley, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson (back), Gwen Taliver, Sonia Tellez, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Barbara Browne, Rev. Amy Bradley, Sarah vB, Jan Fry, Kent Jespersen, Dorothy R, Rev. Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Marleen S, Cathy Smith, Jeff S, Joni S, Janet V, Debbie W, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams

Continued Care: Chuck Boogher, Kelly DeFrietas, Al & Linda Dicks, Eleanor & Gail Eaton, Bob and Colleen E, Linda House, Minnie Hutchinson, Linda Jackson, Bill Jordan, Joan & Otto K, Mary K.M, Joyce Miller, Todd O, Annette Royal, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl, Gloria White

Special: Lord Jesus, open our eyes so we see clearly where You are at work. Open our hearts so we would join you. Open our lips so we would sing your praise. • We continue to pray for recovery efforts for Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole • We ask the Lord to be with President Biden, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • We pray for those who serve our nation in the armed services. We also ask the Lord to watch over and keep our first responders safe.