



Weekly News 02/05/2023

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Today in Worship • Followers Are Salt and Light • Matthew 5:13-20; Isaiah 58:3-9a; 1 Cor. 2:1-12; Psalm 112:1-9

• Could you imagine this world if everyone were their very worst selves all the time? That type of world would spiral out of control, and it would ultimately devolve into a grace-less place. While we certainly do not live in a perfect world, God's grace is present: Our heavenly Father "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45). Jesus, God's divine authorized agent of grace, declares that His followers are salt and light. As salt, we are a part of God's plan to preserve His goodness in this world, and we season lives with His grace. As light, Jesus causes His light to shine through us so that people would not dwell in darkness. *How do you anticipate you will see God's work unfold as you are salt and light in this world?*

About this Series: "We Are Followers" • As God invites us to follow Jesus, our lives are transformed. More than that, as we spend time with Jesus following Him along the way, we continue to discover that His transformation in our lives, the ways that Jesus shapes our lives as we walk with Him, connect directly to His purposes for us. Jesus uses us to extend His invitation to others.

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.

Altar Flowers • If you wish to sponsor Altar Flowers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out a form online or contact our church office.

This week's altar flowers were given by Gail Eaton and Donna Browne in celebration of Eleanor Eaton's 97th birthday on February 8.

FREE Youth Choir/Coro Juvenil – Open Auditions – Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:30pm • Open auditions are still available! If you have children or know of anyone that is interested within the age group invite them for auditions on Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6:30pm here at Prince of Peace Church in our music hall. Contact Professor Andres Soler, Music Direct of the Youth Choir for more information | (407) 406-2468

Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 12 – Donate Now! • The annual Souper Bowl of Caring is a national campaign designed to empower youth and unite communities by helping those in need. We use this as an opportunity to raise funds to support the Prince of Peace Food Pantry which provides food to nearly 400 families every month. Please prayerfully consider donating funds for our food pantry ministry and continue to pray for the ministry of our Food Pantry. Donation envelopes are in the narthex and FLC at each entrance; you may also donate online.

Volunteers Needed! Help Serve the Lord • We are looking for volunteers that are willing to help serve the Lord by helping with ushering, communion assistant, projection, live stream, altar guild and transportation. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Adriana at (407) 277-3945 for more information. | adriana.alas@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!

Compassion Project • Works with the Samaritan Resource Center and the Healthcare Center for the Homeless and the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. There is a collection site in the church office hallway to donate items such as a razor, a clean pair of jeans, a change of underwear, a battery, a blanket, a backpack, some shampoo, etc.

Ash Wednesday is February 22 – 11:00am Traditional Service | 7:00pm Combined Bilingual • The season of Lent is coming up soon and it helps us prepare for Easter by acknowledging our great need and turning to God in repentance and remembering the redemptive mercy and forgiveness we have through Jesus. More info soon!

Fruits of Faith

January 29

9:00 Traditional: 110 | 11:00 Contemporary: 61 | 11:00 Spanish: 81 | TOTAL: 252

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

January 15 offerings \$11,857

January 22 offerings \$11,769

January 29 offerings \$11,322

needed each week: \$11,923

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We continue to pray for the family and friends of Ginny Fussell; there will be a memorial service on February 18 at 11:00am at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church (3900 S Hiawassee Rd).

Hospice Care: Karin Collins (friend of Nina Cavalli-Rojas), Ellie Dreves

Recovering: Chris Akerman, Pam Robertson

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Earl Caldwell, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Gail Eaton, baby Elijah, John Elmore, Jim Essig (thanksgiving), Carol Fennell, Judy & Jim Finnie, Rev. Dennis Glander, Noah Glasberger & family, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepflin, Joan Krumpholtz, Jim Lord, Michael McCarty, Lewis Mendez, baby Eli Muchama, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, Nitza Rohena, Nancy Schloemer, Rex Serio, Cindy Sibley, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson (wrist, back), Gwen Taliver, Sonia Tellez, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

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

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

Special: Lord Jesus, You have declared that we are salt and light in this world. As You empower and transform us by the work of Your Spirit, fill us with anticipation as we look for ways that You will include us in Your work in this world. • We pray for areas of the world torn apart by war, violence, and strife: Lord, have mercy. • 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.

Ministry Prayers—Worship and Music: Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz is putting together a team to move forward in a search process for a Worship and Music Director. We pray that the Lord will look up our congregation with His grace and favor; that He would bless this process and all who participate in it; and that many would be drawn close to the Lord through worship at Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz. | We also pray for God's blessing upon the new community Youth Choir that will be based at our congregation.