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## Weekly News 02/12/2023

### **Today in Worship • Jesus Followers Are Set Apart • Matthew 5:21-37; Deuteronomy 39:15-20; 1**

**Corinthians 3:1-0; Psalm 119:1-8** • This week we again hear Jesus' teaching as we follow Him. Jesus teaches with authority and power. He makes these 3 points clear about Himself: Jesus is God's authorized agent of salvation. He has come to fulfill all God had foretold in Scripture about the Messiah. Jesus will perfectly keep all the requirements of God (Matthew 5:17-20). As Jesus teaches, He also makes clear that we are the people of God—people who are blessed, who are salt and light. And today Jesus teaches us how to live as God's people—we have been set apart for God's purposes. *Jesus has called us to a love that is authentic and a love that is genuine. As you hear Jesus teach, where do you find that you most need His grace and forgiveness? Because you are forgiven, how can you pour out God's love and mercy on others this week?*

**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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)** • "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.

**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 Director of the Youth Choir for more information | (407) 406-2468

**Today is the "Souper Bowl of Caring"** • The annual Souper Bowl of Caring is our primary fundraiser for the Prince of Peace Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry provides food to 400+ families every month, providing groceries for nearly 20,000 meals. Please prayerfully consider donating to our food pantry ministry today, or [online](#), and continue to pray for the ministry of our Food Pantry. Donation envelopes are in the narthex and FLC at each entrance. There will be an open house between services in the Bickel Building. Everyone is invited to see first-hand what is involved in serving our community. Between services, be sure to grab a cup of coffee and a treat as you make your way to the Bickel building. Thank you for all your support.

**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](mailto:adriana.alas@poporlando.com)

***New-ish to Prince of Peace? Come to the Pastor's Reception on Sunday, March 5.*** The Pastor's Reception gives you an opportunity to learn more about what makes Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz distinct as we serve God in Central Florida. At the Pastor's reception, meet staff, some longtime members, and others who are newish. Those who are interested will also learn more about how to become a member of PoP/PdeP. To ensure we include you with a personal invite, please send an email to [staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com) requesting more information.

***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*** • The Compassion Project works with the Samaritan Resource Center. They are in need of donations. 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, NEW or USED flip flops, baseball caps, sunglasses/reading glasses, rolling suitcases, tents and adult bicycles, etc.

***Ash Wednesday is February 22 – 11:00am Traditional Service | 7:00pm Combined Bilingual*** • The season of Lent is near 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. Both services will have imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The 11:00 a.m. service will be followed by a light meal provided by LWML.

### ***Fruits of Faith***

#### **February 5**

**9:00 Traditional: 115 | 11:00 Contemporary: 57 | 11:00 Spanish: 63 | TOTAL: 235**

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

January 22 offerings \$11,769

January 29 offerings \$11,322                      needed each week: \$11,923

### ***PRAYERS***

***Prayers of Comfort:*** The memorial service for Ginny Fussell will be February 18, 11:00am at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church (3900 S Hiawassee Rd)

***Hospice Care:*** Karin Collins (friend of Nina Cavalli-Rojas)

***Recovering:*** Chris Akerman, Pam Robertson

***Healing and Strength:*** Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Gail Eaton, baby Elijah, John Elmore, Carol Fennell, Judy & Jim Finnie, Rev. Dennis Glander, Noah Glasberger & family, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroeplin, 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, Joan & 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 teach that we have a high calling as Your people. Forgive us when we fall short, and give us a genuine love and an authentic witness as we share Your love with others. • We pray for areas of the world that have suffered tragedy and natural disasters, including the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, as well as those recovering from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole. Lord, have mercy. • 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.

***Search Process for a Director of Worship & Music:*** We pray that the Lord will guide and bless this process.

***Preschool Prayers—Class of the Month:*** This month we pray for our friends in the Tiger Cubs Class (2 years old) - Ms. Stephanie, Daniela, Mateo, Noah, Lucca, Gabriel, Oliver. We ask the Lord to keep these little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessings upon their families.