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Weekly News 02/19/2023

Today in Worship • Followers of Jesus Listen to Him • Matthew 17:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Exodus 24:8-18 •

Today is called Transfiguration Sunday because we hear of the time Jesus took His three closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, on a journey up a high mountain. There they saw His appearance radically change ("transfigured") with the glory Jesus has always had as the Son of God shining through. Peter, James, and John were amazed seeing Jesus talking with two Old Testament figures, Moses, and Elijah. But they were terrified when they experienced the presence of God the Father and heard His voice: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" *Today, Jesus makes His presence real for us as He speaks to us in Scripture and as we encounter Him in the Sacraments. We should be just as amazed to be in His presence. But do we look for every opportunity to be with Jesus, to listen to Him, to follow His ways? Are we open to being conduits of His message of love to a broken 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.

Ash Wednesday is February 22 – 11:00am Traditional Service – light lunch to follow | 7:00pm Combined Bilingual • The Lenten season helps us as followers of Jesus to focus our attention on our need for repentance and to turn toward the redemptive mercy and forgiveness that is ours through Jesus. The sign of ashes speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, marking the penitence of the Christian community. The sign of Cross reminds us the lengths to which Jesus would go to redeem us and makes us God's own. The 11am service will have a light lunch to follow.

Souper Bowl of Caring - Thank you! • Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Food Pantry last weekend. Your generous gifts enable us to help fight food insecurity and demonstrate the love of Jesus as we support those who are struggling in our community. You still have an opportunity to participate in this ministry through your prayers and your support! [Donate now](#) to the food pantry and help us feed over 400+ families. Volunteer on Thursdays to pack bags, unload the delivery truck and put away inventory, or join us on the 4th Saturday of the month to help with distribution.

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 requesting more information.

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LWML Fundraiser for Missions – PoP Polo Sale • The LWML will be selling PoP polos beginning February 26 - March 19. You can purchase polos by contacting Debbie Noss at (407)658-8908 or she will also be available on Sunday February 26, in between and after services.

Lunch & Jeopardy – Save the Date! – Wednesday, March 1 at 12pm • Jim Essig will be hosting another Lunch and "Jeopardy" on Wednesday, March 1 at 12:00pm in the Family Life Center. Please RSVP to Jim by phone, text, or email at (407)446-7147 or jim.essig@poporlando.com, by 12 pm on Monday, February 27. We hope that you can join us!

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

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

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.

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.

Fruits of Faith

February 12

9:00 Traditional: 126 | 11:00 Contemporary: 53 | 11:00 Spanish: 79 | TOTAL: 258

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

January 29 offerings \$11,322

February 5 offerings \$10,653

February 12 offerings \$22,273.13 needed each week: \$11,923

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We ask the Lord to surround Vicki and Chris Stork and their family at the loss of Vicki's sister Gloria White. We thank God for all the blessings He gave Gloria during her earthly life, and we are thankful that she is now in the arms of Jesus.

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, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, baby Eli Muchama, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, Nitza Rohena, Nancy Schloemer (thanksgiving – cleared to drive), 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,

Special: Jesus, Lord of glory, help us so we do not overlook the power of Your presence and the glory of Your love. Lead us to seek You with all our heart and to hear and obey Your word. Help us always to share Your gracious words 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.

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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.

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