



## Weekly News 10/22/2023

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**Today: "The God Who Gives...His Challenge to Us" • Luke 14:25-35; Isaiah 40:28-41; Philippians 3:12-21 •**  
Today the words we have from Jesus challenge us. He calls upon us to count the cost of following Him. It is a tall order to be a disciple, to honor, trust, and love God above all things. It is the tallest order to take up our cross and follow Jesus. The paradox of grace is that God's Son has given everything to make us His own, to transform our lives, to empower us to live as the people of God. In fact, it is impossible to count the cost of discipleship without considering all that Jesus has done for us. *Prayer: We thank You, Jesus, for giving all. By the awesome power of Your Spirit, enable us to take up our cross and follow You.*

**To view or print Sunday's 9am Worship bulletin:**

[https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023\\_10\\_22-Trad-Pentecost-21.pdf](https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023_10_22-Trad-Pentecost-21.pdf)

### **Bible Classes**

**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am •** The class is led by Jim Essig. We are looking at the topic of Ephesians. 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: Heart of God •** This year, our Sunday School will be digging into the "Heart of God." Our volunteers will help children understand God's attributes through Bible stories, crafts, games and more. Each week the children will learn about who God is and how we can follow Him. The children will have a lot of fun and learn important faith lessons at the same time. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

**YOUTH SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS (6th-12th) •** We are currently exploring "Parables"- the stories that Jesus used to teach. How do these stories help a modern teen? How do we relate to stories about shepherds and Samaritans and kings holding banquets? Come join the discussion as we enjoy some fun activities that will help us explore the depths of God's love for us. Meet in the Office Conference Room each Sunday at 10:00am

**The 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.

**Youth Night – Middle School & High School •** All students and their friends are invited to come and hang out, participate in activities and games, and spend some time discussing God's Word and why it matters in their life today.

**Altar Flowers •** To sponsor Altar Flowers in celebration of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or simply out of thanksgiving to God, you can do so at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers> or by contacting the office. **Today's altar flowers** are given by Vicky Stork in celebration of hers and Chris's 45th Anniversary.

**Trunk or Treat – Volunteers & Donations Needed! - Sunday October 29 at 4pm •** We need 20 or more people to decorate trunks and greet our trunk or treaters, volunteers to help with carnival games, crafts, information tables and candy donations. Please sign up online if you're interested. Volunteer paper forms will also be in the narthex and FLC. For more information contact DCE Eric Gerken. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/bd322e>

**Thanksgiving Basket Outreach Distribution – Friday, November 17 – Donations Needed •** As we get closer to a new month, we are preparing for our annual Thanksgiving outreach and need your help! Please donate online or in person during the week or on Sunday mornings at worship. Please mark your donation as "Thanksgiving Outreach" <https://www.poporlando.com/give/>

**Lunch & Zilch – Thursday, November 2 at 11:30 am in the FLC – RSVP Required •** Jim Essig is hosting another lunch and zilch. Please RSVP to Jim via text or email by Monday, October 30. There is a cost of \$10 per person to cover the lunch and the prizes for the Zilch winners (this is not a fund-raiser), so we can be sure to have the correct number of prizes for our winners! [jim.essig@poporlando.com](mailto:jim.essig@poporlando.com) | 407-446-7147

**Food Pantry Fund Drive Update:** We are more than halfway to our goal of \$25,000 (either in one-time gifts or regular recurring gifts) to support our Food Pantry outreach. To make donations you can give online or give by check. If giving online, please choose "Food Pantry" item from the drop-down menu. If giving by check, please make sure to add "Food Pantry" in the note section. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/give/online>

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**Youth Trivia Night – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Save the Date!** • More information will be provided soon.

**Peter Mayer “Stars & Promises Christmas Tour” –Tickets Still Available** • On Monday, December 18, at 7 pm, PoP is hosting the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour of Peter Mayer’s acclaimed Christmas Concert. Peter is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist who has released 25 of his own albums, toured internationally with his own band, and was lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett’s Coral Reefer band for three decades. | **For Tickets:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-stars-promises-christmas-2023-orlando-fl-tickets-714795150537?aff=oddtcreator&mc\\_cid=9987e124e6&mc\\_eid=6fc9cfa451](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-stars-promises-christmas-2023-orlando-fl-tickets-714795150537?aff=oddtcreator&mc_cid=9987e124e6&mc_eid=6fc9cfa451)

**Compassion Project – Items Needed** • Looking for donations of men’s tennis shoes: size 10+ (new or used in good condition). Please drop off donations in the church office.

**Sports Card Donations** • You can donate any old sports, magic, Pokémon or yu-gi-oh cards to Prince of Peace or to Jeff Powell to be sold for the general fund. Jeff oversees 4 Sports Consultation which is the name he uses for online sales of sports cards. He has years of experience in this so be assured that this will be handled professionally. You can contact Jeff with any questions. (407)538-5206 | [4sportconsultation@gmail.com](mailto:4sportconsultation@gmail.com)

## Fruits of Faith

**October 15**

**9:00 Traditional: 111 | 11:00 Contemporary: 59 | 11:00 Spanish: 64 | TOTAL: 234**

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

October 1 offerings \$14,523

October 8 offerings \$8,446

October 15 offerings \$16,264

needed each week: \$11,923.

## PRAYERS

**Palliative Care:** Dorothy Reynolds

**Recovering:** Deaconess Ligia Borges, John B, Gene Fresk, Janice & Rev. Dennis Glander, Henry Leon, Camille Neville, Raya Pokigo, Norma Poutre, Sheila Roberts, Cindy Sibly, Joni Steidly, Harry Wahl, Pat Williams

**Healing and Strength:** Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Sarah D, Steven Dorsagano, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Judy Finnie, Leonard G, Michael Halstead, Kristen Ivanic, Joe Heinz, Jim, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepelin, Jim Lord, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Royanne Martin, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, Mario Muniz, Skylar Newport, Dale P., Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

**Receiving Treatments:** Ellen B., Sarah vB, Ellen Boogher, Kent Jespersen, Cameron LaPointe, Doug P, Pastor Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Marleen Schmidt, Jeff S, Tina T, Janet V, Debbie W, Staci Welburn, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams, Michelle Zicarelli

**Continued Care:** Chuck Boogher, Rick Burns, Pat C., Kelly DeFrietas, Al & Linda Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Minnie Hutchinson, Linda Jackson, Otto Krumpholc, Mary K.M, Micki & Sal LoBue, Joyce Miller, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms; Michael, Noel, & Roger V

**Special:** Lord Jesus, You call upon us to count the cost. We are not worthy of Your call, yet we are willing to follow because Your call powerfully draws us. Grant us strength, determination, and faithfulness. • We pray for the war and violence that continues to unfold in Israel and Gaza: God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. We long for peace and justice for all people, above all the peace beyond all understanding that only comes through Jesus Christ. • We ask the Lord to be with President Biden, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders and our first responders.

**For those in the military or deployed:** We pray for those who serve our nation in the armed services and for those who are deployed, especially those connected with our PoP/PdeP family: Jake Allison, Zachary Carbonell, Cody Dowling, Kyle Holysz, Matthew Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey W.

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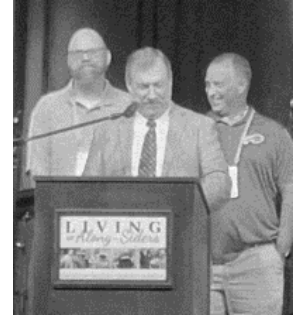
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## ***October is Church Worker Appreciation Month.***



We would like to acknowledge that at the recent President's Equip Conference Anne Dobbins was celebrated for her 10 years in ministry and Eric Gerken was celebrated for his 25 years in ministry.

We appreciate you and all that you do/have done in your years of ministry! We thank God for you, Anne and Eric!



### ***Appreciating our Church Workers —***

#### **Pastors:**

Thank you for preaching God's Word and keeping our faith and life focused on Jesus Christ; for speaking God's Word and bringing Holy Communion when we are ill or homebound; for baptizing our children, instructing them toward Confirmation, and preparing them for Christian marriage; for your pastoral care in our most difficult days and in our most joyful ones.

#### **DCE:**

Thank you for your commitment of giving people of all ages in our congregation's opportunities to learn God's Word; helping our youth build Christian relationships with one another; giving them the experience of youth gatherings and servant events — that they may know Christ and live in their Baptism.

#### **Deaconesses:**

Thank you for your humble presence of service and mercy in our congregations and for teaching us all to do the same; for caring for women and children, the elderly, handicapped, those with special needs, and all those to whom you show mercy by sharing God's Word and His love in Christ. You help us connect with our community and lead us to bring Jesus to others in ways we would never have dreamed possible.

#### **Director of Worship & Music:**

Thank you for leading us into the presence of the Living God through the songs, hymns and liturgy in our congregation; for your hours of practicing on your own and rehearsing our choirs and ensembles; for your planning, choosing music for the church year, preparing for festival services and teaching the future musical leaders of the church.

#### **Director of Senior Adult Ministries:**

Thank you for faithfully calling upon us. You visit us in the hospital and in our homes. We break bread and experience Christ's presence. You ensure that God sees us, understands our life situation. You convey to us that we are never forgotten and still have value among the children of God.

#### **Preschool Director & Teachers:**

Thank you for helping bring little ones to Jesus. You care about the children and shine Jesus' light upon their families. You remind all of us to have faith like a child. You teach us and display how God is patient with us, how our Heavenly Father delights in us, how His love surrounds us.

#### **Directors of church ministries:**

Thank you for the many and various things you do in our congregation and school — from leading our youth to overseeing all Christian education, from serving in our schools to leading our music programs, from overseeing church administration to specializing in outreach. You remind us that at Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz, God has blessed us with many, many staff members, both paid and unpaid.

#### **All who serve the church:**

Thank you for your faithfulness, commitment, and selflessness in teaching God's Word, that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name (John 20:31).

*Thank you to Lu Burchfield for giving us the above list which we adapted for Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz.*

## Concert Series Begins Again – Share the News!

Beginning next month, we will begin our concert series. We are excited to be able to host artists and musicians to hear how wonderful they all play! Save the date and share the news with family and friends. Below you will find the upcoming concert series in order.

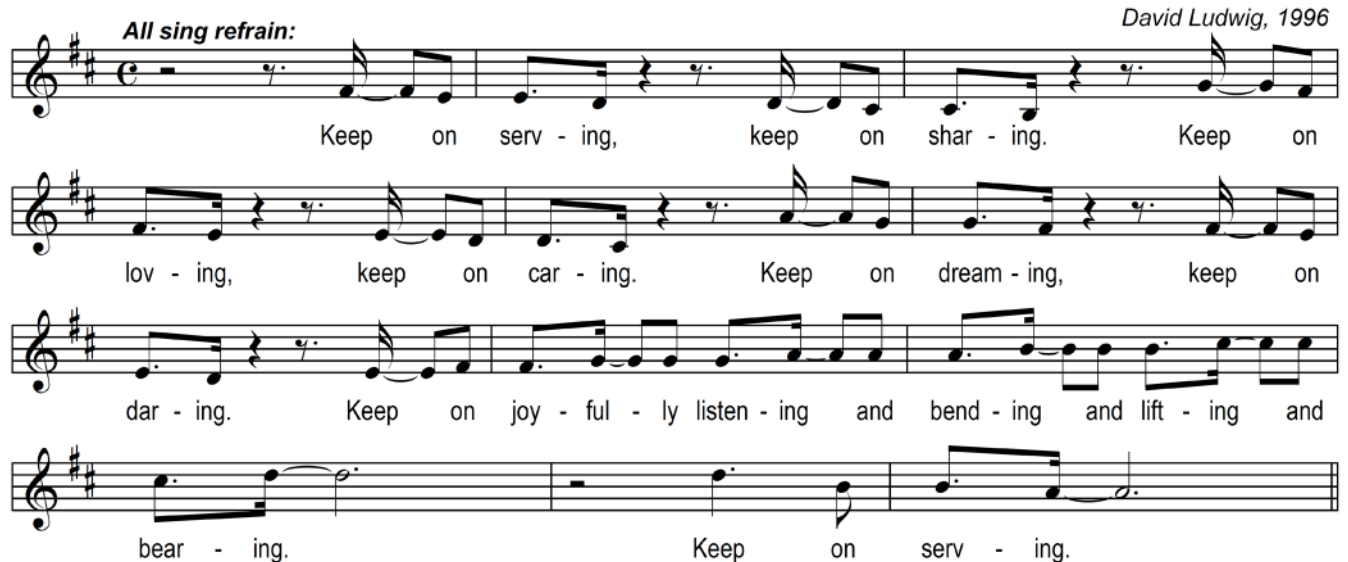
### Upcoming Concert Series:

- **Sunday, November 19 at 3pm – Piano and Violin Recital: Keys & Strings – from Europe to America. (No Cost – Free will Offering)** The Artists, you may remember our former organist, Ammon Perry, Pianist, will be playing alongside Ayako Yonetani, Violinist. Two professional musicians coming together to play pieces by European and American composers, including LeClair, Bach, Liszt, Brahms, Gershwin and Zabach. **If you would like to view past performances of both artists, here are the links to their websites:** Ammon Perry: <https://www.ammonperry pianist.com/>  
Ayako Yonetani: <https://www.ayakoyonetani.com/>
- **Saturday, December 9 at 7pm - Christmas Choir Concert - Coral Clavel de Sol.** A Holiday tradition that is done every year by the community choir. With tenor Rafael Cavero and Andres Soler, Conductor (more information will be provided sometime next month)
- **Monday, December 28 at 7pm - "Stars and Promises" Christmas Concert Tour** - The 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour of Peter Mayer's acclaimed Christmas Concert. Peter is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist who has released 25 of his own albums, toured internationally with his own band, and was lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer band for three decades. *Tickets available online:* [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-stars-promises-christmas-2023-orlando-fl-tickets-714795150537?aff=oddtcreator&mc\\_cid=9987e124e6&mc\\_eid=6fc9cfa451](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-stars-promises-christmas-2023-orlando-fl-tickets-714795150537?aff=oddtcreator&mc_cid=9987e124e6&mc_eid=6fc9cfa451)
- **Saturday, March 2, 2024 - Choir Concert - Cornerstone University Chorale: Dr. Kent Walters, Conductor.** (more information will be provided when the time comes closer.)

## KEEP ON SERVING

David Ludwig, 1996

*All sing refrain:*



Keep on serv - ing, keep on shar - ing. Keep on  
lov - ing, keep on car - ing. Keep on dream - ing, keep on  
dar - ing. Keep on joy - ful - ly listen - ing and bend - ing and lift - ing and  
bear - ing. Keep on serv - ing.

Keep living your life knowing death cannot win.  
Keep dying your death knowing Christ lives within.  
Keep rising by grace from the depths of the grave  
Keep trusting anew in God's power to save.  
Then step out with joy as a captive who's freed  
To reach out with love to God's creatures in need,  
To shout words of hope to a desperate world that needs  
someone to be God's living seed.

Keep laying your sins at the foot of the cross.  
Keep offering there all your heartache and loss.  
Keep watching with wonder the burdens Christ bears.  
Keep hearing with joy the forgiveness God shares.  
Then willingly take up the cross Jesus bore.  
With words of forgiveness relations restore.  
With deeds of compassion live lives full of witness  
to glorify God forevermore.