



Weekly News 11/19/2023

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Today: “The God Who Gives...Hope” • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30 • Regardless of the ways darkness seeks to envelop everything in this world, God’s light always breaks through. God’s Word speaks directly to God’s people: we “are all children of the light and children of the day.” The darkness does not rule over us, Christ does, and for this reason we have an enduring hope. More than that, we have been appointed to bring the light and life of our Lord Jesus Christ light into this dark world—to share the hope that is within us. With confidence we approach this day and every day, knowing we are His people, He has given us this purpose, and He Himself is with us to the end of the age.

To view or print Sunday’s 9am Worship bulletin:

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023_11_19-Trad-Pentecost-25.pdf

Bible Classes

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

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) NEW- Pray Like Jesus Prayed – We are looking at the big events in Jesus’ life- and the prayers he prayed about them. What can we learn from Jesus’ prayers to help us pray today. This will be a fun, interactive discussion. We meet in the Church Office Conference Room from 10:00-10:45 each Sunday.

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.

Piano & Violin Recital: Keys and Strings – From Europe to America – Today at 3pm • Join us later today as we host a Piano & Violin Recital! Former PoP organist, Ammon Perry, Pianist, will be playing alongside Ayako Yonetani, Violinist. Free admission.

Thanksgiving Basket Outreach – Thank you to those who made donations towards our outreach to be able to feed a family in need for Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Worship Service – Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm (English) and Thursday, November 23 at 11am (Spanish) in the Sanctuary • Join us for Thanksgiving worship services as we set our hearts and minds to the Day of Thanksgiving. Let us all remember the many blessings our Heavenly Father has poured out upon us, especially the eternal blessing of Jesus Christ.

Hours of Operation • The Church office and Preschool will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24 in observation of Thanksgiving Day.

Angel Tree Ministry – Help Families in Need! – Bring Gifts by Sunday, December 11 • The Angel Trees are up in the Narthex and in the Family Life Center and FULL of angels to choose from! We will be working with 10 schools surrounding our community, PoP Preschool, and children of ESOL students —Providing gifts to the children this Christmas. If you are unable to get an angel from the tree, please donate online or give through your regular giving and mark your donation as Angel Tree Ministry. www.poporlando.com/give/

Pint Jars Needed for LWML Holiday Sale • LWML ladies are asking for donations of pint jars, wide mouth or regular ones, for the cookie/doggie treats sale in December. You can drop off the donations during the week in the church office or leave them in the narthex or FLC for the ladies. Thank you!

LWML Holiday Sale – Order your Cookies Today! Orders Due by December 10 • The LWML ladies are taking orders for Christmas cookies and Doggie treats in between services each Sunday. Orders can be placed in-person or by filling out the form at the link below. If you have any questions, contact Kathy McCartin. <https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Cookieorderform2023.pdf>

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Community Rummage Sale – Now Accepting Donations! - Saturday, December 9 at 8am • The Centro de Paz Para la Vida is sponsoring the outdoor and indoor rummage sale this year. Your donations are welcome during the month of November and can be placed in the FLC behind the curtains that are set up. If you would like to volunteer by cleaning, sorting, and pricing the items donated please contact Carol Bickel.

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.

Campus Christmas Decorating – December 2, 8:30am • Join with others in the PoP/PdeP family to put up trees and garland and make a campus ready and making spirits bright for the birth of Jesus.

Holiday Shopping Made Easy – Gift Cards Through RaiseRight! • The Gift Card program through Raise Right supports our youth ministry. **You can use this ID code: CFA82EEB65547** to identify Prince of Peace Youth as the organization you want to benefit from your order and start shopping.

Christmas Trivia Fu(n)draiser – Hosted by the Youth • December 2 at 3pm • Save the date for this friendly competition over 3 rounds of Christmas related trivia songs, movies, history, and traditions. Admission is \$20/person. Come as a team or form a team when you get here. Prizes for the winners. Christmas treats available for refreshments.

Plastic Bags Needed for Food Pantry • The food pantry needs donations of plastic bags (grocery bag type) to be able to distribute the food properly. You can donate bags and drop them office in the church office.

Food Pantry Fund Drive Update: Thank you to all those who have participated! 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. We are continuing to receive gifts. Note “Food Pantry” on your checks or donate at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/give/online>

Fruits of Faith

November 12

9:00 Traditional: 116 | 11:00 Contemporary: 55 | 11:00 Spanish: 65 | TOTAL: 236

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

October 29 offerings \$12,484

November 5 offerings \$10,486

November 12 offerings \$11,873 needed each week: \$11,923.

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We offer prayers of comfort for the Reynolds family at the loss of, Dorothy Reynolds, who went to her heavenly home on Monday, November 13. The Lord surround them and all who grieve with peace and a resurrection hope.

Recovering: Ellen Boogher, Deaconess Ligia Borges (at home), Barbara Conyers, Gene Fresk, Camille Neville, 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, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, , Bjorg Hodges, Chris and Kristen Ivanic, Joe Heinz, Jim, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepflin, Henry Leon, Jim Lord, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Royanne Martin, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, Christopher Miller, Mario Muniz, Skylar Newport, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson, Vincent Ward, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Ellen B., Sarah vonBraun, 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, let the bright beams of Your hope shine upon us, and fill us with such confidence in Your love and holiness, that we will not help but be light in a dark world, pointing the way to You. • Watch over and keep safe all those who are traveling during this time of year. • Be with President Biden, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • Lord, watch over and keep our first responders safe.

Prayers 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.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Traditional Worship | Sanctuary • 7pm

Thursday, November 23 – Adoración de Acción de Gracias | Templo • 11am

November 23 & 24 – Church & Preschool Offices closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday, December 2 – Campus Christmas Decorating (8:00am)

Saturday, December 2 – Christmas Trivia Youth Fundraiser – 3:00-5:00pm, \$20/person

Sunday, December 3 – Combined (bilingual) Worship – one service at 10:30

Pot-luck and Congregational Meeting follows worship

Wednesday Morning Advent Services

11:00am on Wednesdays December 6, 13, & 20; followed by a light meal

Saturday, December 9 (morning) – Community Rummage Sale

Saturday, December 9 at 7pm – Christmas Choir Concert by Coral Clave de Sol (Hispanic Community Choir)

Wednesday, December 13 at 4pm – Angel Tree Gift Wrapping

Friday, December 15 at 5:30pm – Angel Tree Ministry Gift Distribution

Monday, December 18 at 7pm – “Stars and Promises” Christmas Concert Tour (Peter Mayer)

Sunday, December 24 – Modified Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00am Traditional worship | Sanctuary

11:00am Culto español | Templo

No Bible classes or children’s Sunday School

No 11:00am Contemporary worship

Christmas Eve Worship — Sunday, December 24

5:00pm Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship | Glow Sticks | FLC

5:30pm La Vispera de Navidad | Templo

7:30pm Traditional Worship | Candlelight | Sanctuary

10:00pm Traditional Worship | Candlelight | Sanctuary

Christmas Day Worship — Monday, December 25

10:00am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31 – Regular Sunday Morning Schedule

(9am Traditional, 11am Contemporary, 11am Culto español; no children’s Sunday School)

New Year’s Eve Worship — Sunday, December 31

6:00pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

7:30pm Culto español | Templo

Church and Preschool Offices will be closed Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

The church office will be on a modified schedule between Christmas and New Years.

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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 dates.

- **Saturday, December 9 at 7pm – Christmas Choir Concert: Un Mundo de Navidad - Coral Clavel de Sol.** A Holiday tradition that is done every year by the community choir. This year they are singing Christmas songs in Spanish, Italian, and Latin. Featuring the Tenor Rafael Cavero, and Andres Soler, Director.
Tickets are available for purchase on the day of the concert: \$15 per person – Children 10 years old and under are free. For more information, please reach out to Director Andres Soler at 407-406-2468



- **Monday, December 18 at 7pm – "Stars and Promises" Christmas Concert Tour** - The 24th 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://bit.ly/Peter-Mayer-Christmas-Concert>
- **Saturday, March 2, 2024 – Choir Concert – Cornerstone University Chorale**
Dr. Kent Walters, Conductor. More detailed information will be provided in the new year.

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