



Weekly News 11/26/2023

Christ the King Sunday

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Today: “Jesus, the Righteous King” • Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7; 1 Corinthians 15:20–28; Matthew 25:31–46 • This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. We celebrate Christ’s reign among us. As the creator of the universe and ruler of all, it is no small thing that He has called us to be His people and placed us under His reign. And yet, there are so many circumstances in this world where—by appearances only—it might not seem like Jesus in on the throne. Disasters, violence, even events in our own lives can leave us asking, “Is the Lord really in charge?” *God’s Word teaches us that Jesus is the Righteous King, the one who stands for Justice. How ought we live as those who act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with you as our God.*

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

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023_11_26-Christ-the-King-Larger-font.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.

Campus Christmas Decorating – December 2, 8:30am • Join with others in the PoP/PdeP family to spruce up the campus with Christmas Spirit for Advent and making spirits bright for the birth of Jesus. All helping hands are needed to assemble Christmas trees, hanging up wreaths and garland.

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. **If you’re interested in donating Christmas baked goods** for the event, please contact DCE Eric Gerken at the church office.

Combined (Bilingual) Worship – Sunday, December 3 at 10:30am • Come join us as we come together as one to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

Meal/Potluck and Congregation Meeting follows worship – Sunday, December 3 • (last names beginning with A-L, please bring a dessert; M-Q, a side dish or salad; and R-Z, a main dish to share) | Join, celebrate and feast as one people of God, one Prince of Peace/Principe de Paz.

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>

Angel Tree Ministry – Pick an Angel from the Tree to Help a Family in Need! – Bring Gifts by Monday, December 11 • The Angel Trees are up in the Narthex and in the Family Life Center and FULL of angels to choose from! 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/

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.

Christmas Concert: Un Mundo de Navidad – Coral Clave del Sol – Saturday, December 9 at 7pm • 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. | Director Andres Soler at 407-406-2468

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.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias – Order Today! • If you wish to place Poinsettias this Christmas season, please fill out an online form or use the Poinsettias Envelopes located by the entrances. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/poinsettias>
Altar flowers can be ordered any time throughout the year: <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers>

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 19

9:00 Traditional: 150 | 11:00 Contemporary: 48 | 11:00 Spanish: 63 | TOTAL: 261

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

November 5 offerings \$10,486

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

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: Gwen Talliver and her family, especially granddaughter Jasmin Witcher, as Jasmin’s husband, Anthony, died suddenly and unexpectedly this week leaving behind his wife and 4 young children.

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, Elizabeth Dawson, Sarah D, Steven Dorsagano, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Judy Finnie, Leonard G, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bjorg Hodges, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepelin, 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, 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 are our righteous King. Your judgments are just, and your mercy is great. Help us to live as your loyal subjects as we act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with you, O God. • 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:

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

(Accepting free will donations for Advent Lunch)

LWML will not be meeting on December 6 due to it being the 1st Advent Wednesday.

Saturday, December 9 (morning) – Community Rummage Sale – Now Accepting Donations!

Drop off items in the FLC.

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

Tickets are available to purchase the day of the concert. \$15 per person – children 10y/o and under free.

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

Friday, December 15 at 5:30pm – Angel Tree Ministry Gift Distribution – Gifts due by Monday, December 11

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

<https://bit.ly/Peter-Mayer-Christmas-Concert>

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.

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- **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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