



Weekly News 01/21/2024

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Today: "Embrace the Good News" • Mark 1:14-20; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • As Jesus begins His ministry, He gets right to the point: "The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news." Jesus comes to embrace what in many ways is a bad-news world, and He enfolds our lives with the good news of God's love. Jesus then invites us to join Him in His mission of drawing others to live under God's reign.

About Our Sermon Series: Embrace • At the beginning of this new year, we have opportunity to embrace the uncertainty of the days ahead with a sure confidence in the God who goes with us, whose hand is leading us and whose love is supporting us. Walking with Jesus, the One who embraces us with His boundless love, gives us great faith as we go out with good courage.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024_01_21-Epiphany-3.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 Acts. Classes are in the Music Room during our 10:00 am Education Hour, between 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) 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.

This is National Lutheran Schools Week – January 22 – January 26 - John 15:1-5 • NLSW provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Volunteers Needed to Assist During NLSW! • We are looking for volunteers to help run simple carnival games for the children during the wrap up activity to NLSW this week. Volunteers will be needed from 1:45-3:00pm on Friday, January 26th and will work in the FLC to assist children with simple carnival games. If you would like to help, please contact DCE Eric Gerken. eric.gerken@poporlando.com | 402-620-5877

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.

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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

Lunch & Zilch: Save the Date! Thursday, February 8 at 11:30am • The 1st lunch & zilch of 2024! Mark your calendars and come enjoy some fun. Please RSVP to Jim via text or email by Monday, February 5. 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 | 407-446-7147

Save the Date - Vacation Bible Camp is set for June 10-14! • VBC will be the second full week of June and will be lots of fun for kids Aged 4- Grade 5 as they explore the coral reefs AND what it means to be God's friend. This program, previously called Vacation Bible School or VBS will be essentially the same program but has been rebranded as VBC to

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be more attractive to children who may be put off by the term "school". Kids will explore games, crafts, science experiments, snacks, skits, creative Bible storytelling, music and more each day from 9:00-12:15. Information about registration, volunteering and donations will be available soon.

Food Pantry – Spread the Word! January 27 at 8:30am-10:30am • If you are interested in volunteering with the Food Pantry, there are several ways to do so! You can help pre-package the food during the weeks prior to the distribution day, help on the actual day of distribution—either as a runner or handing out the groceries. You can donate food items such as chunky soups, pasta, cans of tuna, jars of peanut butter, or donate money to help support this wonderful outreach ministry!

Compassion Project • Works with the Samaritan Resource Center and the Healthcare Center for the Homeless and the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. There is a collection site in the church office hallway to donate items such as a clean pair of jeans, a change of underwear, men's shoes (athletic/tennis), a blanket, a backpack, some shampoo, etc. *Thank you for being the Heart, Hands and Feet of Jesus in the Heart of Orlando!*

Fruits of Faith

January 14

9:00 Traditional: 102 | 11:00 Contemporary: 47 | 11:00 Spanish: 68 | TOTAL: 217

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

December 31 offerings \$18,263

January 7 offerings \$16,566

January 14 offerings \$6,609

needed each week: \$12,403

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for the family and friends Marleen Schmidt, especially for her husband Ron, their children and grandchildren. Remind us always of Your mercy and give us confidence in Your promise that because You live, we also shall live. (Marleen passed into the arms of her Savior this past Tuesday, January 16. A memorial service was held yesterday at Prince of Peace.) | We continue to pray for the many who grieve in our congregation, that they would be filled with peace and hope through the promises of Jesus, the One who is the resurrection and the life.

Recovering: Rick Burns, Barbara Conyers, Mike Fleming, Joshula Flowers, Camille Neville, Norma Poutre, Jeff Powell, Sheila Roberts, Cindy Sibly, Pete Spudich, Joni Steidly, Pat Williams

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Deaconess Ligia Borges, 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, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroeplin, Henry Leon, Jim Lord, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Royanne Martin, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, Christopher Miller, Mario Muniz, Dave Schloemer (upcoming surgery), Skylar Newport, Debbie Noss, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky | **Family & Friends:** Stephanie, Matthew, Samantha, Jason

Receiving Treatments: Ellen Boogher, Sarah vonBraun, Cameron LaPointe, Pastor Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Tina T, Janet V, Vincent Ward, Debbie W, Staci Welburn, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams, Michelle Zicarelli

Continued Care: Chuck Boogher, Pat C., Kelly DeFrietas, Al & Linda Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Linda Jackson, Otto Krumpholtz, Mary K.M, Jean LaPointe, Micki & Sal LoBue, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms; Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl

Special: Lord Jesus, You have brought us under God's reign, for You are the bringer of the kingdom. Help us to embrace the good news of Your love in such a way that we live it and share it. • 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

Preschool Prayers—Class of the Month: This month we pray for our friends in the Giraffe class - Ms. Amaya Andres, Arianna, Isabella, Ira, Ayesha, Evrick, Marlene, Gianni, Oliver. We ask the Lord to keep these little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessing upon their families.

Upcoming Monthly Events



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We want YOU to be involved too! We are asking you, the congregation, to pray daily for our preschool, staff, director, and students:

- *that God would help our preschool staff and students be like Jesus.*
- *that all our staff would model Jesus in our relationships with Preschool families*
- *that our kids will understand that through baptism, they are on God's Team and that those families with unbaptized members would seek out baptism.*
- *that our children would take the Gospel home with them and share with their families and friends*
- *that our children and staff will live a lifetime of serving God by serving others*

We appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement this week and always for our Preschool!

Thursday, February 8 – Lunch & Zilch • Come and enjoy some fun and fellowship. RSVP to Jim Essig by Monday, February 5. There is a \$10 fee per person to cover lunch and prizes for the winners.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – 11am Traditional Service and 7pm Combined bilingual service • Save the date on your calendars for our Ash Wednesday services. 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. More information will be provided soon!

Wednesday Lenten Services at 11am Begins Wednesday, February 21 • More information will be provided soon. *Feb 28, Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20*

Saturday, March 2 – Choir Concert – Cornerstone University Chorale • Dr. Kent Walters, Conductor. More detailed information will be provided soon as the time gets closer.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 24 – Regular Worship Time Schedule

9am – Traditional | Sanctuary

11am – Contemporary | FLC

11am – Adoración del Domingo de Ramos | Templo

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – 6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

7:30pm Culto Español | Templo

Good Friday, March 29 – 11am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

7:30pm Culto Español | Templo

January Birthdays

Jan. 5 - Kathy Hudson
Dennis O'Neil
David Strauss

Jan. 7 - Kaydan Clarke
Jan. 8 - Krista Brathwaite-Clarke
Jan. 9 - Maddie McKinnon
Jan. 10 - Ellen Ponsford
Jan. 16 - Otto Krumpholtz
Jan. 17 - Pastor Ken Green
Jan. 18 - DCE Eric Gerken
Jan. 20 - Julie Fleming
Jan. 24 - Jose Rojas
Jan. 27 - Linda Burns
Jan. 28 - Jacqueline Cuevas-Cabrera
Jan. 29 - Craig Koenig



January Anniversaries

Jan. 23 - Jeff & Jayne Powell
Jan. 26 - Shawn & Anne Dobbins



Missing a birthday or anniversary and wish to add to the list, please email staff@poporlando.com

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