



Weekly News 01/28/2024

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Today: "Embrace His Authority" • Mark 1:21-28; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 • There was something different about Jesus, and everyone who listened to or walked with Him knew it. Jesus spoke and taught as one who had authority. His message of the Good News of the Kingdom was clear and compelling—it took hold of those who embraced it. And with authority and power Jesus delivered those tormented and oppressed by the evil one. Jesus embraced them with the freedom brought by God's love. *Have you embraced the authoritative message of Jesus? Where in your life do you need Jesus' power and authority to set you free to live as a child of God?*

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:

http://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024_01_28-Epiphany-4.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.

Thank you! • Thank you to those who helped during NLSW here at PoP/PdeP, and to the congregation for keeping our preschool staff and students in prayer.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Donate Now! • The annual Souper Bowl of Caring unites us and communities across the nation by helping those in need. The Prince of Peace Food Pantry provides food to around 450 families every month (representing 17,000 people throughout the year). Please continue to pray for our Food Pantry and consider donating to its ministry on by check, envelope, or online at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/souperbowl>

Lunch & Zilch: RSVP by Monday, February 5! • Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 8 and come enjoy some fun. Lunch & Zilch will be held in the FLC at 11:30am. Please RSVP to Jim via text or email. 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

Bilingual First Communion Workshop – Saturday, March 16 at 9am-12pm • All children who wish to start taking Communion and are in at least 3rd Grade are invited to our annual First Communion Workshop. Both Spanish and English speakers will work with the children to help them understand what Communion is, where it came from and why it is important. Students will learn from discussion, crafts, games, and practicing taking communion. Advance registration is required. Please contact DCE Eric Gerken with any questions.

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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 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

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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.

<https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers>

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!

Memorial Gift to Prince of Peace Food Pantry • If you would like to make a donation towards our food pantry in memory of a loved one please follow the link below. Donations towards the ministry directly benefit families in our neighborhood, helping provide groceries for 450+ families each month.

<https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/FoodPantryMemorials>

Fruits of Faith

January 21

9:00 Traditional: 105 | 11:00 Contemporary: 53 | 11:00 Spanish: 59 | TOTAL: 217

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

January 7 offerings \$16,566

January 14 offerings \$6,609

January 21 offerings \$11,393 needed each week: \$12,403

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for the Lord to comfort the family and friends of Lois Stanhope, especially her daughter Kay. Lois fell asleep with the Lord this past Thursday. Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. Comfort all those from our congregation that are grieving.

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, Ethan Jones, 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 Krumpholc, Mary K.M, Jean LaPointe, Micki & Sal LoBue, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms; Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl

Special: Lord Jesus, as you speak with power, authority, and love, speak to our hearts as You embrace us with Your love. Set us free and help us to embrace Your call to us to be "The heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in the heart of Orlando."

• We thank You for those we were able to serve in our community through our food pantry this weekend. • 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

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Upcoming Monthly Events

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 (light lunch to follow) 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!

Midweek Lenten Services at 11am Begins Wednesday, February 21 • We invite you to join us each Wednesday, beginning February 21st, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary as we gather for midweek Lenten worship services. Following worship there will be a light meal held in the Family Life Center.

*Midweek Lenten Worship dates: 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.

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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

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February Birthdays

Feb. 1 – Julianne Wiegand
Noah Pokigo
Jade Hawkins
Feb. 2 – Maria Cuevas
Feb. 5 – Christopher Stork
Feb. 6 – Jeffrey Dowling Sr
Annie Martinez
Silquia Velez
Feb. 7 – Kinley Seyfert
Feb. 9 – Krisit Armstrong
Feb. 10 – Carol Brown
Curits Hariss
Feb. 11 – Kyle Reynolds
Feb. 12 – Tom Ludwig
Sophia Ait Daoud
Feb. 15 – Priscilla Brown
Feb. 16 – Kyle Holyz
Michelle Monroe
Feb. 17 – Janet Ludwig
Hilda Polkosky

Feb. 17 – Peyton Williams
Feb. 18 – Merle Kroeplin
Feb. 19 – Daniel Evangelista
Feb. 20 – Jenny Hudson
Feb. 23 – Elvi Lord
Feb. 24 – Linda Dicks
Susan Summers
Feb. 25 – Lisa Suggs
Joseph Koenig
Kay Ann Richards
Feb. 26 – Dennis Glander



February Anniversaries

Feb. 21 – Jeff & Pam Robertson
Feb. 29 – Ron & Nancy Spohn



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

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