



## Weekly News 03/03/2024

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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**Today: “Religion or Relationship” • Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22** • Is Christianity more of a religion, or a relationship? As we look at the Ten Commandments we consider that question: religion, or relationship? The Lord tees it up this way: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, the land of slavery.” The Lord begins with who He is, and everything that follows gives expression to who we are in relationship to Him. Jesus: relationship or religion? Jesus came to be faithful in keeping all the requirements of God for us so that He would establish a personal relationship with us that will last an eternity.

**This Series: “Promises, Promises”** – “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God” (2 Corinthians 1:20). During these Sundays during the season of Lent, we have the opportunity to ponder the faithfulness of our God. He is the keeper of promises. Lent is a 40-day preparation for Easter. Easter is the pinnacle of the kept promises of God—Jesus had not only stated that He would go to the cross, but He promised that He would rise again in victory.

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

[http://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024\\_03\\_03-Lent-3.pdf](http://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024_03_03-Lent-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>

**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.

**Offering Envelopes Ready for Pick Up** • This year we changed our quarterly offering envelopes to a yearly boxed set. If you have requested envelopes, before, in between or after services please stop by the lobby or the FLC to pick up your boxed set. There are unassigned boxed envelopes for those who are new members and wish to have offering envelopes. If you are interested in offering envelopes, please contact the church office so we can provide you a set and assign you a number. | (407)277-3945 or [staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)

**Midweek Lenten Services, Wednesdays at 11am – Light lunch to follow** • We invite you to join us each Wednesday in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am as we gather for midweek Lenten worship services. Following worship there will be a light meal held in the FLC.

**Lenten Devotional resources:** <https://www.lhm.org/lent/> and devotions produced by leaders in the Florida Georgia District can be found at <https://flgadistrict.org/lentendevotions/>

**The University Chorale recap • Special thanks** to all those who hosted students for the Cornerstone University Choral. Thank you to all those who came out to enjoy a wonderful evening of music.

**“Baby Bottle” Campaign for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry** • Please pick up and fill a baby bottle with checks, cash, or spare change to support Redeeming Life. Redeeming Life’s ministry serves pregnant women in crisis, resulting in healthy babies and transformed lives. The support of congregations like PoP/PdeP is vital! <https://www.rlom.org/>

**Shake, Rattle, & Stroll – To Benefit Redeeming Life Maternity Homes – Saturday, March 9 at 9am** • Redeeming Life is hosting a walk around Lake Eola to help support single, pregnant women meet their Savior and face life’s challenges with Hope. You can sign up to walk, register a team and donate to support this ministry. You don’t have to walk to donate, just click & give! | <https://www.rlom.org/events>

**Easter Lilies:** Order your Easter lilies to beautify our worship spaces on Easter Day. Requested donation of \$25 per flower. (We need more than 20 donations to cover the costs of making Easter beautiful.) Please fill out the online form with payment or contact the church office. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/lilies>

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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 the form online or contact our church office.

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

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**Bilingual First Communion Workshop – Saturday, March 16 at 9am-12pm** • Children 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up are invited to our annual First Communion Workshop. Both Spanish and English speakers will work with the children to help them treasure the gifts God gives in Holy Communion. Students will learn from discussion, crafts, games, and practicing taking communion. Advance registration is required. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/04ff50>

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**Community Easter Egg Hunt- Sunday, March 24th- 4pm-6pm** • Families are invited to come hear the Easter story, search for eggs, play carnival games for prizes, make Easter crafts, visit Orlando Police officers and vehicles, and even enjoy a sno-cone from the Kona Ice Truck. (No cost, except for the Kona Ice Truck.) Volunteers and donations (candy or financial) to this outreach are essential! Online form at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f1ee74>

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**Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline** • The March 31 deadline is quickly approaching for Thrivent members to direct their Choice Dollars®. In 2023, Prince of Peace received just over \$5,000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars®, short of our goal for the year. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. Together, we can do even more to be “the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus—in the heart of Orlando.”

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**Sports Card Donations** • If you have any old sports cards or Pokémon, magic and yu-gi-oh cards and not sure what to do with them, do not throw them away! You can donate them 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 for any questions. (407)538-5206 | [4sportconsultation@gmail.com](mailto:4sportconsultation@gmail.com)

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## PRAYERS

**Prayers of Comfort:** Family of Roy Anne Martin; celebration of life next Sunday, March 10 at 2pm | Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. Comfort, we pray, all those from our congregation that are grieving.

**New Life:** We give thanks and rejoice with PoP/PdeP’s Administrative Assistant, Adriana Alas, and her husband, Max, as they welcomed their newborn son Noah this past Tuesday (8lbs, 2oz, 20½ inches). We pray for the Lord’s continued blessings upon Noah and their family! | Continued thanks for the birth of Mason Powell, grandson of Jeff & Jayne Powell.

**Recovering:** Deaconess Ligia Borges, Rick Burns, Barbara Conyers, Sloan Davis, Mike Fleming, 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, Kurt Bickel, 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 Kroepflin, Henry Leon, Jim Lord, Larry Martinez, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, 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, Daniel Baudry, Debbie Holly, Deborah Wise (upcoming procedure)

**Receiving Treatments:** Ellen Boogher, Sarah vonBraun, Joshula Flowers, 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, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl

**Special:** Lord Jesus, You are our rescuer and our redeemer, our savior. You came to establish a relationship with us, restoring our relationship with the Father. Help us to live out that relationship every day: we are Your people, You are our God. • We pray for our troubled world, longing for the day that wars and violence will cease over all the earth, the day when all wrongs will be righted, and the Lord’s justice will prevail. Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy. • 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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## Fruits of Faith

February 25

9:00 Traditional: 133 | 11:00 Contemporary: 59 | 11:00 Spanish: 80 | TOTAL: 272

Mid-week Lenten worship 11:00 February 28: 52

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

February 4 offerings \$12,983

February 11 offerings \$8,674

February 18 offerings \$9,187

February 25 offerings \$9,330                      needed each week: \$12,403.

Giving statements for 2023 were emailed at the end of January. If you did not receive your statement, or if you require a printed statement, please contact the church office. We thank all that have participated in the Lord's ministry here with their gifts and offerings.

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## Upcoming Monthly Events

**Midweek Lenten Services Wednesdays at 11am** • Following worship there will be a light meal held in the FLC.

Throughout the season of Lent, our midweek worship experiences help 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. Especially these worship opportunities prepare us to celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day.

*\*Midweek Lenten Worship dates: Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20\**

### Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday, March 24 – Regular Worship Time Schedule**

9am – Traditional | Sanctuary

11am – Contemporary | FLC

11am – Domingo de Ramos | Templo

**Community Easter Egg Hunt – March 24, 4:00-6:00pm**

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

7:30pm Jueves Santo | Templo

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

6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

7:30pm Viernes Santo | Templo

**Easter Sunday, March 31 – Celebrate Jesus' Resurrection**

9am – Traditional | Sanctuary

11am – Contemporary | FLC

11am – Pascua de Resurrección | Templo

**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. 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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### March Anniversaries

**March 19** – Lisa & Joe Suggs

**March 21** – Jim & Tamara Reynolds

**March 22** – Bob & Julie Gilbert

**March 23** – Bill & Teresa Jordan

**March 24** – Danielle & Michael Frostrom

**March 28** – Ron & Peg Henderson



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## **March Birthdays**

**March 2** – Pirosca Berroa  
Karin Hart-Wilson

**March 3** – Janet Velez  
Lourdes Duprey  
Carla Warnock

**March 6** – Michael Vokovich

**March 7** – Catherine Oeltjen

**March 6** – Gavin Browning  
Sarah Del Rio  
Lance Ingersoll

**March 10** – Kurt Bickel

**March 13** – Joshua Boogher  
Peg Green

**March 16** – Becky Fry

**March 17** – David Ault  
Shawn Dobbins  
Kathy McCartin  
Rosalie O'Neil  
Karen Seyfert  
Sonia Tellez

**March 20** – Joshula Flowers  
Carol Steinbronn

**March 21** – David Acuña  
Hipatia Paz  
Michael Veal

**March 22** – Roberta Weaver

**March 24** – Bryan Burns  
Billy Embach

**March 25** – Ligia Borges  
Linda House  
Connor Wells  
John Young

**March 26** – Carol Bickel  
Katelyn Sanchez

**March 27** – Pam Armitage  
Moises Borges  
Edwin Molina, Jr.  
Rosalba Torres

**March 28** – Carlos Montanez

**March 29** – Kalei Claudio-Cabral  
John Moore

**March 30** – Jeff Powell

**March 31** – John I'Anson  
Gloria Godoy  
Feliz Santos



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*Missing a birthday or anniversary and wish to add to the list? Please email [staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)*

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*– Sonia Tellez is helping in our office while Adriana is out on maternity leave. Sonia, we are grateful for you!*



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