



Weekly News 12/22/2024 – 12/29/2024

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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year! • We wish all a merry and blessed celebration of Jesus’ birth. May the joy of His coming fill you with joy, love, and peace throughout this upcoming year. We want to thank all those who are making our worship at Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz so special this Christmas and NYE: musicians, choir, worship planners and worship servants, those up front and those behind the scenes. Thank you and God bless you all!

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024_12_22-Trad-Advent-4.pdf

Pastors and Staff Appreciation Gift • Our Personnel Committee and Board are grateful for all those who have responded to the invitation to consider giving a special donation for an end-of-year gift to pastors & staff. Thank you for your generosity. You still have time to join others who have done so by noting “Staff Gift” on your envelope or online gift. We are grateful for our gifted and dedicated staff, and above all we invite you to continually hold them up in prayer—that is the greatest give you can give.

Christmas Worship Schedule • Join us for another year as we Celebrate Jesus Christ!

***Christmas Eve Worship — Tuesday, December 24**

- 5:00pm Family Worship | Glow Sticks | FLC
- 5:30pm Noche Buena | Templo
- 7:30pm Traditional Worship | Candlelight (holy communion)
- 10:00pm Traditional Worship | Candlelight (holy communion)

***Christmas Day Worship — Wednesday, December 25**

- 10:00am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary (holy communion)

Bible Classes

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am • The class is led by Jim Essig. We are studying the book of 1 Corinthians. 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: Kingdom Quest • Kingdom Quest is a Bible overview curriculum that teaches children the core stories of the Bible and helps them see why they matter today. We help children experience God’s love through Bible stories, crafts, games and more., as we learn to follow Jesus. The children will have a lot of fun and learn important faith lessons at the same time. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

Youth Bible Class – 10:00am • This youth bible class will be held at McDonald’s (next to the church) for breakfast and bible study. They will be looking at what the bible says about serving him as a teen and having bible-based discussions. *Be sure to have the bible app downloaded on to your phone!*

The Mid-week Bible Class for Adults • Midweek Bible Class will resume January 8, 2025. *Happy New Year!*

Are you looking for meaningful daily devotions that connect with everyday life?

- Our Daily Bread. “Helping you connect with God. Every day. Every way.” | <https://www.odp.org/>
- Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/>.

Hispanic Christmas Luncheon – TODAY at 12:30pm • All are invited to join our Hispanic Christmas Luncheon on TODAY at 12:30pm, sponsored by our brothers and sisters in Christ in our 11:00 Spanish service. Come and get a taste of Christmas!

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>

PoP Kids “Noon” Years Eve Party – Tuesday, December 31 at 10:30am – 12:00pm • PoP Kids (Ages 4-Grade 5) and their families are invited to a NOON Years Eve Party, celebrating the New Year with a countdown to Noon. It’s a great way for kids to enjoy the celebration without staying up late. There will be activities that include games, crafts, music, and a photo booth. This event is FREE and open to the public.

New Year's Eve Worship – Tuesday, December 31 at 6pm Traditional NYE worship AND 7:30pm Adoracion en Espanol • We invite you to join us for special evening worship services on New Year's Eve as we give thanks and praise for the year gone by and pray for God's continued guidance, grace, and provision in the year ahead.

Holiday Office Hours of Operation • The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and will resume regular office hours on Thursday, January 2. Church staff members are available to serve you by appointment. As staff will be in and out of the office during this time. Please call ahead if you are planning to stop by or have a need. For pastoral emergencies, please feel free to contact Pastor Ken (703) 338-4387, or Pastor Borges (407) 777-5119, directly.

Youth Christmas Party – Sunday, December 29 at 6:00pm • Join us in the FLC for a Christmas-themed Youth Night featuring treats, games, and devotions, including a "Big Ball of Christmas" where everyone wins a prize (possibly a lump of coal!). The event ends by 7:30 PM. Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater or festive attire!

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.

Lutheran Haven Christmas Seal Outreach • Lutheran Haven's Benevolent Care Ministry assists Lutheran Haven residents when a critical need arises. This campaign raises funds that are crucial to funding various needs for residents of the Haven, such as providing home care services. See the envelopes located at our entrances.

Artificial Christmas Trees Make Great Early VBC Donations • If you're replacing an artificial Christmas tree this year, please don't throw it away! We need many trees for our "True North" Vacation Bible Camp next summer to create an Alaskan forest for the kids. *To donate a tree, contact DCE Eric Gerken at the church office for drop-off instructions; do not leave it at the church.*

Thrivent Choice Dollars • Support Prince of Peace by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars® today. Simply go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Nursery Available During All Sunday Services, and at 5:00, 5:30, and 7:30 Christmas Eve. For babies 6 months to age 4, located in Room 100 (*across from the church & school office*), with sign-in (required) and drop-off up to 15 minutes prior to the service and pick-up shortly after the service ends. The kids can play while they watch/listen to the worship live-stream. All our volunteers have completed background checks and are ready and willing to care for your child. Contact DCE Eric for more information!

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

2025 Offering Envelopes Still Available for Pick Up • If you have not picked up your box of offering envelopes please check the narthex and FLC for your assigned box. If you are interested in offering envelopes, please contact the church office so we can provide you with a set and assign you a number. | (407)277-3945 or staff@poporlando.com

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, December 15

9:00am Traditional: 121 | 11:00am Contemporary: 75 | 11:00am Espanol: 73 | TOTAL: 269

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

December 1 Offerings \$13,506

December 8 offerings \$8,376

December 15 offerings \$11,029

needed each week: \$12,403 | As of 12/15/2024, our Year-to-Date offerings are \$42,000 less than budgeted. Thank you to all those who have helped us gain ground against our deficit. Would you consider a special gift for the end of 2024?

Make an IRA gift to Prince of Peace! Are you over 70½? Each year the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds owners of traditional IRAs who are over 70½ that they may make a charitable gift from a traditional IRA. Learn more how you can make a difference by clicking here <https://bit.ly/ira-charity-gifts>.



Christmas Poinsettias 2024 • Thank you to all those who helped beautify our worship of the Newborn King. May He bring comfort, peace, and life to all.

Paul & Marlene Brown – In Thanksgiving to God

Donna Brown – In Memory of Charles and Eleanor Eaton, Martin and Agnes Hansen, and James and Bessie Eaton

Ken & Peg Green – In Memory of their mothers, Elke Heinz and Joanne Green

Joanne Hahn – In Memory of Bob Hahn and Joni Steidly

Ken & Judy Holzscheiter – In Memory of loved ones

Linda l'Anson – In Celebration of our Lord's Birth

Jerry Lemcke - In Memory of loved ones

Kathy McCartin – In Memory of loves ones

Jim & Cherie Nocks – In Celebration of Gods many blessings

Gerry & Debbie Noss – Celebration of Jesus' birth

Chris & Vicky Stork – In Memory of Joyce & John White, Gloria White, and Lucille Dorman

Sonia Tellez – In Memory of loved ones

Youtz Family – In Memory of Bud & Celeste Youtz

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for the family and friends of **former D.C.E Lori Bachmann** who grieve her death. Last week in Texas a memorial service for Lori was held. We will be sharing a date in the new year for a memorial service at Prince of Peace.

Hospitalized: Chuck Boogher, Rick Burns

Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Ellen Boogher, Sheila Dean, Shar Dluhy, Gail Eaton, Daryl Flynn, Joe Heinz, Susanne Johnson, Connie Lerchen, Dan Meier (son of Peter Meier), Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Debbie Noss (released), Jeff Powell, Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Mario Rodriguez, Sheila Roberts, Cindy Sibly, Pete Spudich, James Stanley, Tony Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Pat Williams

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Kurt Bickel, Rebecca Brooks, Sarah Dierking, Judy & Jim Finnie, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepflin, Henry Leon, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Lewis Mendez, Kay Minick, Mario Muniz, Rick Perre, Raya Pokigo, Miriam Rivera, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Jerry Warnock, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Sarah vonBraun, Joshula Flowers, Brenda Green, Debbie Holley (Pam Fuller's sister), Cameron LaPointe, Larry Jones, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Barbara Smith (mother of Brooke McKinnon), Tina T, Janet V, Amber Vittone, Debbie W, Brenda Williams, Michelle Zicarelli

Continued Care: 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, Ray Pirino, Betty Schnell, Michael, Noel, & Roger V

Family & Friends: Delores B, Michael B, Evelyn Brucks (Marlene Browne's mother), Donna C, Danny Conlin, Elizabeth Dawson, Jameson Doud (young relative of Lu Burchfield), Steven Dorsagano, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Ralph Holt, Helen Laurie (sister of Stephanie Carbonell, hospitalized), Christina, Stephanie, Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Fran Federman, Leonard G, Ruth Johnson (sister of Kathy McCartin), Meghan Miller, Vincent Ward (treatments), Jim Obenour, Carlyn and Sarah (fighting cancer), Haley, David Rodgers

Special: Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending Son into the world. Jesus has, in his very presence, brought us peace and hope and joy. Thank You, Jesus, for being our joy-giver, taking all sin and sadness upon yourself. • We ask for the Lord's travel mercies upon all those who are traveling this time of year. • For all who worship this Christmas and New Years: Lord Jesus, as we celebrate Your birth, be with all who kneel before Your manger to acclaim You as their Lord and their King. Bless us in this upcoming new year that we would be guided by Your grace and always walk in Your paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. • Be with President Biden, President-elect Trump, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • Watch over and keep all 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, Sam Beasley, Zachary Carbonell, Billy Embach, Kyle Holysz, Matthew Rojas, Meghan Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey, Anthony Witcher.

December Anniversaries

December 2 – Bob & Marcy Weisel
James & Judy Finnie
December 21 – Philip & Ena Chang
December 25 – Chuck & Ellen Boogher
December 31 – Aurelio & Annie Martinez



In Remembrance: December 18 – Bob & Joanne Hahn would have been married 60 years.

December Birthdays

December 1 – Debbie Dowling
December 3 – Zaida Vargas
Douglas Polkosky
Patricia Cunningham
December 4 – Vicky Stork
December 5 – Hayden Tyler
Marco Sinning
December 6 – Kelli Kalinowski
December 7 – Ligia Borges
December 8 – Rick Armstrong
December 11 – Madelyn Nichols
Noah Reynolds
December 12 – Kristen Jensen-Ivanic
December 14 – Evelyn Wasser
December 16 – Alyssa Wessel

Bill Jordan
December 18 – Emma Del Rio
December 21 – Teresa Jordan
December 22 – Numeena Otto
December 24 – Chris Ivanic
December 25 – Marlene Browne
Betty Wienrich
December 27 – Ron Spohn
December 29 – Muriel Pedersen

*In Remembrance:
December 4 – Bob Hahn would've turned 85 years old.*



Missing a birthday or anniversary and wishing to add to the list? Please email staff@poporlando.com

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