



Weekly News 11/30/2025 First Sunday in Advent

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Today: "What Do You Want for Christmas?" • Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-11 • There is something in the air. We are drawn to Jesus' birth with great expectation. There are great gifts that Jesus brings—not just for us, but for all people. As we embrace Jesus' gifts of love and life and peace and are clothed by His light, not only are we changed, but all creation is transformed by His light and the power of His love.

To view or print Sunday's Worship bulletin:

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025_11_30-Trad-Advent-1.pdf

Sunday Nursery • 9:00am – While our 9:00am nursery is not staffed, but parents are welcome to use this space with their children, providing their own supervision, and watching the livestream.

11:00am – Our trained, background-checked volunteer will continue caring for children ages 6 months to 5 years during the 11:00am services. See DCE Eric for more information!

Bible Classes

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am • The class is led by Jim Essig. We are studying the Gospel of John. 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 • The youth bible class meets in the board room (church office) for 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 onto your phone!*

The Mid-week Bible Class for Adults • Wednesday Mornings 9:30am – 10:30am in the Board Room. Led by Pastor Ken, we look ahead to the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

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.odb.org/>
- Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/>
- Advent Devotions from the FLGA District – sign up here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/gOzX378/ADVENT>

Altar Flowers • Sponsor Sunday Altar Flowers 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>

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Joanne Hahn in memory of her husband, Bob, who went to his heavenly home two-years-ago today.

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>

LWML Holiday Sale – to Benefit Missions! Orders Due by December 7 • The LWML ladies have begun taking preorders for Christmas cookies and Doggie treats. Orders can be placed in-person between services or by filling out the form at the link below. If you have any questions, contact Kathy McCartin. | <https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-Cookieorderform.pdf>

Pint Jars Needed for LWML Holiday Sale • LWML ladies are asking for donations of wide mouth pint jars 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!

Stay Connected by Getting the E-blasts from Prince of Peace! • News and Updates on Wednesdays, Weekly News on Saturdays, and special features. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/poporlando-sign-up>

Congregation Meeting, Sunday, Dec. 7, 12:30pm • We gather to celebrate God's work and to approve the budget for 2026. **Meal/Potluck** – bring your specialty or follow these suggestions: last names beginning with A-L, please bring a main dish to share; M-Q, a dessert; and R-Z, a side dish or salad

Angel Tree Gifts – Please Take an Angle; Gifts to Be Returned Sunday, Dec. 7 • The Angel Trees are for families in need at one of the 10 schools surrounding our community, PoP Preschool, and children of ESOL students, helping Christmas be a little brighter for these children. 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/

Angel Tree Gift Wrapping on Wednesday, December 10, beginning at 4:00pm • Save the Date for our Angel Tree Gift Wrapping. ALL are welcome to come!

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 to benefit from your order. Please go to RaiseRight.com or download the free app on your phone.

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.

Mid-Week Advent Worship + Lunch • This Wednesday December 3, 11:00am worship followed by a light lunch (soup, bread and dessert). If you would like to help with setup, cleanup, providing soup, bread or dessert, please contact Kathy McCartin at her home number of 407-286-7288 or email of kathymccartin@gmail.com.

Christmas Concert: Coral Clave del Sol – Saturday, December 6 at 7pm • A Holiday tradition that is done every year by the Hispanic community choir. You are invited to enjoy some beautiful tunes! Tickets are available for purchase: \$15 per person – Children 10 years old and under are free. | Director Andres Soler at 407-406-2468

Holiday Festival at PoP/PdeP – (Christmas in Gateway) – Saturday, December 13 at 10am • There will be arts & crafts, live music, vendors, food & drinks, and a kid zone. The Gateway Orlando Mainstreet District and Prince of Peace are coming together for this Christmas celebration, held at Prince of Peace from 10am – 2pm on Dec. 13.

Stars and Promises Christmas Concert Tour: “Harmony” on Monday, December 8 at 7pm at PoP – Peter Mayer 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://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-stars-promises-christmas-tour-orlando-fl-tickets-1579312810129?aff=erelexpmlt>

Youth Ministry Today – Laser Tag on Campus at Prince of Peace! – 3:30-5:30 pm! Two hours of laser tag in our Family Life Center and, weather permitting, outdoors as well. Please check with Eric to confirm there are still spots available. You can fill out the required release form online at: <https://form.jotform.com/241364941196158>.

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, November 23

9:00 am Traditional: 97 | 11:00am Contemporary: 63 | 11:00am Español: 74 | TOTAL: 234

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

November 2 offerings \$13,645

November 9 offerings \$15,027

November 16 offerings \$ 9,905

November 23 offerings \$14,696 Needed each week: \$11,032

Time to Take your RMD. Would you be in a more favorable tax position if you make an IRA gift to Prince of Peace? More members over 70½ have chosen to make a donation to Prince of Peace through their traditional IRA. Directing all or part of your RMD to the church is a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD). You can directly transfer funds from your IRA to benefit Prince of Peace without those dollars being included in your taxable income. Learn more about how you can make a difference by clicking here <https://bit.ly/ira-charity-gifts>.

Is the Stock Market Up? —Consider making a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund, or another asset. The best assets to use for a gift are those that have been appreciated significantly, such as publicly traded securities and real property. Assets you’ve owned for more than one year may qualify for a full range of tax benefits. Typical appreciated assets may include publicly traded securities, privately/closely held stock, mutual funds, and more. Learn more by clicking here <https://bit.ly/donate-appreciated-assets>.

Stewardship Update (Worthy Is the Lamb): Thank you to all those who to this point have submitted your response to our stewardship campaign. We have continued to receive responses through the past week, and if you have not sent or brought yours in, there is still time for yours to be added. We have exceeded the number of responses from 2024 and 2023—but we want everyone to give their prayerful response so we can celebrate what God is doing!

PRAYERS – To add someone to this list or update us on their status, please email prayers@poporlando.com.

Prayers of Comfort: We ask the Lord to comfort Lindee Owens at the death of her husband, Jim Katt. • We continue to pray for the family of Janet Velez after a valiant battle with cancer, and for Ellen Boogher and her family as they grieve the death of Ellen's husband, Chuck Boogher. • Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. Comfort all who grieve.

Receiving Care through Hospice: Ron Henderson (in Texas), Merle Kroeplin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law), Alicia (niece of Lynn McQuiston)

Thanksgiving for New Life: We give thanks with our Administrative Assistant, Adriana Alas, and her husband, Max, as they welcomed little Eli to their family this past Monday. We ask the Lord to continue to watch over mom and baby and to fill their family with joy and thanksgiving.

Hospitalized: Pete Spudich • **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Julio Aviles (hip replacement), Dale Fennell, Curtis Harris (hip replacement), Judy Holzscheiter (now home), Jim Ingersoll, Susanne Johnson, Connie Lerchen, Ava Lindsey (12 y-o granddaughter of Chris & Vicki Stork), Stephen Monroe (friend of Carrie Tedford), Jeff Powell, Cindy Sibly, James Stanley, Shirley Stockett, Gene Terrenova, Zaida Vargas, Carla Warnock

Receiving Treatments: Jeff Adkins, Erica Aviles (DIL of Julio Aviles), Sarah Von Braun, Sylvia & Maurice Bourgeois (Judy Finnie's sister and BIL), Mark Cotton (Judy Finnie's nephew), Bob Denton, Jim Flynn, Joanne Hahn, Michelle Hollingsworth, Becky Rouse Jones, Cameron LaPointe, Bill Maneri (friend of Ken & Judy Holzscheiter), Lisa Repalo, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Barbara Smith (mother of Brooke McKinnon), Tina T, Amber Vittone, Debbie W, Brenda Williams

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, , Ron Bledsoe, Deaconess Ligia Borges, Rebecca Brooks, Linda Dicks, Sarah Dierking, Virderie Eldredge, Judy & Jim Finnie, Daryl Flynn, Louanne Fussell, Joe Heinz, Michael Halstead, Ron Howard (Gwen Taliver's son-in-law), Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Jerry Jordan, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Karen Melick, Maddie, Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Raya Pokigo, Raven, Miriam Rivera, Sheila Roberts, Pam Robertson, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Angie Shroyer, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Betty Wienrich, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Continued Care: Pat C., Kelly DeFrietas, Al Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Linda Jackson, Bill Jordan, Otto Krumpholtz, Mary K.M, Jean LaPointe, Micki LoBue, Mario Muniz, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Michael, Noel, & Roger V; Jerry Warnock

Family & Friends: Rob and Lori Angus, Everette B., Delores B, Michael B, Sean Brownstein (Rita Santana's friend) Evelyn Brucks, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Rennie Conyers, Elizabeth Dawson, Howard Dion (uncle of Judy Finnie), Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Steven Dorsagano, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Mark Fennell, Joanne (Jeanette Gabay's sister), Rick Perre Haley, Christina, Stephanie, Joanne, Ruth Johnson and Nancy Schloemer (sisters of Kathy McCartin), Mark Sauter, Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Fran Federman, Jim Obenour, Carlyn and Sarah (fighting cancer), Cindy Rock, Jean Rogers (Jim Finnie's aunt), David Rodgers, Karla Schloemer, Brandy (Karen Melick's friend), Vern (friend of Shar and Frank Dluhy), Pat Williams, Karen Wahl, Fred Thomas (Neighborhood friend of Pastor Ken), Eric Shrieves (of Lamos family)

Special: Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, we look with expectation to the gifts you wish to share with us and all the world. Stir our hearts up with hope and love and move us shine our light as we await the day of Your return. • We pray for all those who are suffering, in need, or anxious during these uncertain times. • We pray for our nation and our world: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord Have mercy. • Watch over our first responders and keep them safe.

Prayers for those in the military or 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, Antonio Watt, Anthony Witcher, Isaak Allan

Preschool Prayers – Class of the Month: This month we pray for our friends in the Tiger Cubs Class (2-year olds) - Ms. Yonel, Brighton, Dael, Harley-Quinn, Kaleth, Madalynn, Maia, Scarlett, Vassel. We ask the Lord to keep these little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessings upon their families.

Christmas Eve Worship — Wednesday, December 24

5:00pm Family Worship | Glow Sticks | Family Life Center
7:30pm Traditional Candlelight with Holy Communion
10:00pm Traditional Candlelight with Holy Communion

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25 – 10:00am with Holy Communion

November Anniversaries

November 3 – Chad & Meridith Swanson
November 4 – James & Joy Pirino
November 6 – Jim & Daryl Flynn
November 9 – Gerry and Debbie Noss
Don & Nancy Mathews
November 14 – Austin & Alyssa Wessel
November 22 – Bernardino & Gladys Vales
In Remembrance: Jim & Elvi Lord would've made 65 years. Harry & Karen Wahl would've made 23 years.



November Birthdays

November 3 – Jayne Powell
Molly Swanson
Joanne Hahn
November 4 – Tyler McKinnon
Gerry Noss
November 5 – Nydia Santos
November 7 – Shannon Kemmerer
Ron Schmidt
November 8 – Jim Reynolds
November 11 – Tabitha Lookofsky
Kristen Buchbach
November 12 – Aiden Armitage
Aurelio Martinez
November 13 – Lisa Mews
November 16 – David Rosario
November 18 – Brenda Gerken
November 19 – Meridith Swanson

November 20 – Zaida Torres
Sheila Roberts
November 21 – Gergory Vales
November 22 – Wilson Lima
Lisa Francis
November 23 – Lindee Owens
November 24 – Bob Gilbert
Susan Fortini
November 25 – Micki LoBue
Judy Holzscheiter
November 28 – Lily McGinley
Jim Ingersoll
November 29 – Paul Browder
Donna Wessel
November 30 – Pat Bak

In Remembrance: Joan Krumpholtz would've turned 83 years old.



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