



## Weekly News 12/07/2025 Second Sunday in Advent <https://www.poporlando.com/connect/>

**Today: “What Do You NEED for Christmas?” • Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12** • 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, we are filled with joy and hope—a confident expectation that we will see God act. And we will find as we unwrap these gifts that not only are we changed, but all creation is transformed by the power of Jesus’ love.

### To view or print Sunday’s Worship bulletin:

[https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025\\_12\\_07-Trad-Advent-2.pdf](https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025_12_07-Trad-Advent-2.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>

**Correction from Nov. 30 Altar Flowers:** Last Sunday’s weekly news failed to acknowledge that flowers were also given by Kathy McCartin in memory of her husband, Ron, who passed November 29, 1982. Our sincere apologies.

**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>

**Pastors and Staff Appreciation Gift** • Our Personnel Committee and Board invite you to thoughtfully consider giving a special donation for an end-of-year gift to pastors and staff. As God has blessed PoP/PdeP with dedicated brothers and sisters in Christ who have a heart for His mission, this is one of many ways to show appreciation as a church to our staff. Please note “Staff Gift” on envelope or in your online gift.

**LWML Holiday Sale – to Benefit Missions! Orders Due by December 7** • You still have time to place your order for Christmas cookies and Doggie treats. Orders can be placed in-person between services or by filling out the form at the link here. <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!

**Congregation Meeting Today at 12:30pm / Potluck before at 12:15pm** • We gather to celebrate God's work and to approve the budget for 2026. **A Potluck Lunch** will follow our 11:00 services – 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

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**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>

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**Angel Tree Gifts – Please Bring Your Gifts in Today** • Gifts are being wrapped this Wednesday and distributed on Friday, so please bring you angel tree gifts back ASAP. Angel Tree gifts go to families in need at one of the 10 schools surrounding our community, PoP Preschool, and children of ESOL students. You can still support this ministry by donating online or by envelope, marking your donation as “Angel Tree Ministry.” [www.poporlando.com/give/](http://www.poporlando.com/give/)

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**Angel Tree Gift Wrapping on Wednesday, December 10, beginning at 4:00pm** • Many hands (and scissors and tape) are needed this Wednesday for our Gift-Wrapping party. Come as you can and stay as long as you are able.

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**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](http://RaiseRight.com) or download the free app on your phone.

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**Thrivent Choice Dollars** • Support Prince of Peace by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars® today. Simply go to [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

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**Mid-Week Advent Worship + Lunch** • This Wednesday December 10, 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](mailto:kathymccartin@gmail.com).

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**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.

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**Stars and Promises Christmas Concert Tour: “Harmony” on Monday, December 8 at 7pm at PoP** • Peter Mayer, former lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer band, in concert at Prince of Peace. *Tickets available online:* <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-stars-promises-christmas-tour-orlando-fl-tickets-1579312810129?aff=erelexpmlt>

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**Preschool Fundraiser at Wendy's this Wednesday December 10, 2025** • Join us Wednesday at the Wendy's at the corner of Pershing and Semoran (4510 S. Semoran) to help raise funds for our Preschool. Celebrate with family and friends, games, food and more! 20% of all proceeds will go toward Prince of Peace Lutheran Preschool. Kid's Meals will only be \$1.99!

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## **Fruits of Faith**

**Sunday, November 30**

**9:00 am Traditional: 118 | 11:00am Contemporary: 56 | 11:00am español: 81 | TOTAL: 255**

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

November 16 offerings \$ 9,905

November 23 offerings \$14,696

November 30 offerings \$17,332 (includes an individual's RMD)

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) that can benefit Prince of Peace without those dollars being included in your taxable income. Learn more by clicking here <https://bit.ly/ira-charity-gifts>.

**Is the Stock Market Up? —Consider making a special year-end 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, mutual funds, or real property. Assets you've owned for more than one year may qualify for a full range of tax benefits. 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 responded to our stewardship campaign. *There is still time!* 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, and the number of responses keeps growing—and yet we want every family to share their prayerful, confidential response so we can celebrate what God is doing!

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**PRAYERS** – To add someone to this list or update us on their status, please email [prayers@poporlando.com](mailto:prayers@poporlando.com).

**Prayers of Comfort:** We pray that Jesus would surround these several families with His comfort and peace at this time:

- Dennis Sibly at the sudden and unexpected death of his wife, **Cindy Sibly** this past Tuesday
- Tristin and James Fuller and family at the death of Tristan's **Aunt Jean**
- Lynn McQuiston and her family at the death of her **niece Alicia**
- Lindee Owens and the Owens and Katt families at the death of Lindee's husband, **Jim Katt** (services Jan. 10 at 10am)
- **A celebration of life will be held for Jannette Velez this Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30pm, at PoP**
- Ellen Boogher and her family at the death of Ellen's husband, **Chuck Boogher** (services Jan. 31 at 11am)

*Lord Jesus, you are the one who has victory over death and you have given us a life that will never end. Comfort those who grieve, and remind all that You are the resurrection and the life who will raise us up on the last day.*

**Receiving Care through Hospice:** Jeff Adkins, Ron Henderson (in Texas), Merle Kroepflin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law)

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

**Receiving Treatments:** 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, Bob & 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:** Vesta & Mark Sauter (aunt and uncle of Leah McCormack), Rex Seeds (friend of Barbara Hahn), Michelle S. Chapman's mother (cancer), 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, Eric Shrieves (partner of Lynn Olglesby)

**Special:** Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive the gifts you bring: fill us with Your Spirit; make us people of justice and peace; supply us with endurance, faith, and hope. We humbly acknowledge our need and wish to share these gifts. • 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.

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**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**

## **December Anniversaries**

December 2 – Bob & Marcy Weisel  
James & Judy Finnie  
December 21 – Philip & Ena Chang  
December 23 – Inocencio Reynoso & Amancia Jimenez  
December 31 – Aurelio & Annie Martinez



*In Remembrance: December 19 – Bob & Joanne Hahn would have been married 61 years, and Bob would have turned 86 on December 4. • On December 25, Chuck & Ellen Boogher would have celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*

## **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 – Amancia Jimenez  
Kelli Kalinowski  
December 7 – Ligia Raquel Borges  
December 8 – Rick Armstrong  
December 11 – Madelyn Nichols  
Emily McClure  
Noah Reynolds  
December 12 – Kristen Jensen-Ivanic  
December 14 – Cleo Morillo  
Evelyn Wasser  
December 16 – Alyssa Wessel  
Bill Jordan

December 17 – Georgina Santos  
December 18 – Emma Del Rio  
December 21 – Teresa Jordan  
December 22 – Numeena Otto  
December 23 – Chad Swanson  
December 24 – Tori Earle  
Chris Ivanic  
December 25 – Marlene Browne  
Betty Wienrich  
December 26 – Matthew Wiegand  
December 27 – Ron Spohn  
December 28 – Sarah Boogher  
Karen Williams  
December 29 – Kendall Holysz  
Bill Mews  
Muriel Pedersen

*In Remembrance: December 19 – Sal Lobue would have turned 95 years old*



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