



Weekly News 12/21/2025 Fourth Sunday in Advent

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Today: "What Will You GIVE this Christmas?" • Isaiah 7:1-10; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25 • Christmas is all about the greatest gift ever given: the gift of God's Son, Jesus, the Immanuel, God with us in the flesh. This is not just good news—it is the best news! How will you unpack this gift—along with the love and joy and peace that Jesus brings—and share it this Christmas? In the humble giving of this gift you have received, the power of Jesus' love and His holy presence will be made evident.

To view or print Sunday's Worship bulletin:

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025_12_21-Trad-Advent-4.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>

Christmas Poinsettias – Last Chance to Order! • 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, staff, and teachers. 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.

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>

Holiday Office Hours of Operation • The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and will resume regular office hours on Friday, 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.

Hispanic Christmas Luncheon & Celebration – TODAY, December 21 at 12:30pm • All are invited to join our Hispanic Christmas Luncheon sponsored by our brothers and sisters in Christ in our 11:00 Spanish service. Come and get a taste of Christmas and celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Youth Christmas Party – Sunday, December 21, 6:00-8:00pm • Join us in the FLC for a Christmas-themed Youth Night. Please bring a fav holiday snack. Dress festively or wear an ugly Christmas sweater if you would like. Featuring the “Big Ball of Christmas” where everyone wins a prize.

PoP Kids “Noon” Years Eve Party – Wednesday, December 31 at 10:00am – 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 the Noon Year. It’s a great way for kids to enjoy the celebration without staying up late. There will be activities that include games, crafts, a dance party, contests and more. This event is FREE and open to the public.

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.

Preschool Wish List- Please consider shopping our preschool’s Amazon Christmas Gift Wish List this Christmas season. Items purchased will be delivered directly to our school for the children to use in their classroom. Please use this link and thank you for supporting our church’s preschool ministry! Merry Christmas from your preschool staff and students! <https://amzn.to/4rNZtm5>

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.

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am Traditional: 109 | 11:00am Contemporary: 66 | 11:00am español: 80 | TOTAL: 255

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

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

December 7 offerings \$16,310

December 14 offerings \$18,435

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—our goal is 100 or more responses. We invite every family to share their prayerful, confidential response so we can celebrate what God is doing! *You count!*

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

Prayers of Comfort: We continue pray that Jesus would surround these several families—and all those who grieve—with His comfort and peace:

- Lindee Owens and the Owens and Katt families at the death of Lindee’s husband, **Jim Katt** (services Jan. 10 at 10am)
- Dennis Sibly at the sudden and unexpected death of his wife, **Cindy Sibly** (services Jan. 17 at 11:00am)
- Karen Adkins and family at the death of her husband, **Jeff Adkins** (services Jan. 24 at 3:00pm)
- 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 Your people that You are the resurrection and the life, and You will raise us up on the last day.

Receiving Care through Hospice: Ron Henderson (in Texas), Merle Kroepflin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché’s SIL)

Hospitalized: Pete Spudich • **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Maggie Steinke, Julio Aviles (hip replacement), Curtis Harris (hip replacement), Joe Heinz, Judy Holzscheiter, Jim Ingersoll, Susanne Johnson, 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: Jayson Gerken, Tim Smith (friend of the Pirinos), 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: Dan May (husband of Dana Youtz), 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, 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 Krumpholc, Mary K.M, Jean LaPointe, Micki LoBue, Connie Lerchen, Mario Muniz, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Michael, Noel, & Roger V; Jerry Warnock

Family & Friends: 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, Joanne (Jeanette Gabay's sister), Rick Perre Haley, Christina, Stephanie, Joanne, Ruth Johnson and Nancy Schloemer (sisters of Kathy McCartin), Vesta & Mark Sauter (aunt and uncle of Leah McCormack), Rex Seeds (friend of Barbara Hahn), 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: Heavenly Father, thank You for the greatest gift: Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. Help us joyfully unpack and share Your love, peace, and presence with others this Christmas. • 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 (3-year olds) – Ms. Glenda, A'Zarayah, Aidan, Alyssa, Caleb, Diago, Dylan, Georgette, Jed, Kevin, Sabrina, Saskya, Aaron, Ian, and Max. We ask the Lord to keep these little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessings upon their families.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Worship — Wednesday, December 24

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

Christmas Day Worship — Thursday, December 25

10:00am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 28 — normal worship schedule (9:00 & 11:00)

New Year's Eve Worship — Wednesday, December 31

6:00pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
7:30pm Vísperas de año nuevo

The church office will be on a modified schedule between Christmas and New Years.



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 43rd 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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