



## Weekly News - Christmas/New Years edition

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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!

**Christmas Worship Schedule • Join us as we Celebrate the birth of Jesus!**

### Christmas Eve Worship — Wednesday, December 24

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

### Christmas Day Worship — Thursday, December 25

10:00am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion   Sanctuary
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Sunday, December 28 — normal worship schedule (9:00am & 11:00am)

### New Year's Eve Worship — Wednesday, December 31

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

**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.

**Christmas Eve Nursery • available at 5:00pm and 7:30pm**

**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: resumes January 4

**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 • resumes January 7** • 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/>

**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>

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**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.

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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://bitly/poporlando-sign-up>

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**Pastors and Staff Appreciation Gift** • Our Personnel Committee and Board—and staff—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. 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 gift you can give.

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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 or download the free app on your phone.

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**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>

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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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## Fruits of Faith

**Sunday, December 21**

**9:00 am Traditional: 110 | 11:00am Contemporary: 65 | 11:00am español: 95 | TOTAL: 267**

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

December 7 offerings \$16,310

December 14 offerings \$18,435

December 21 offerings \$ 7,770

Needed each week: \$11,032

**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://bitly/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://bitly/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!*

## **POINSETTIAS CHRISTMAS 2025**

*Thank you to all those who helped beautify our worship of the Newborn King.  
May He bring comfort, peace, and life to all!*

**Henry Alvarez – In Celebration of Christmas**

**Paul & Marlene Browne – In thanksgiving to God**

**Barbara Conyers – In Loving Memory of Peter Conyers**

**Bev Courtney – In Loving Memory of Our Parents**

**Frank & Shar Dluhy – In Loving Memory of Ralph and Arlene Murray,  
Theodore Dluhy and Ted Dluhy**

**Debbie Dowling – In Loving Memory of Vicenta, Hector, Dennis, Bill, Rick,  
Sue & Harold**

**Cecile Estrill – Beautify the Sanctuary & Family Life Center and in  
Celebration of Christmas**

**Pastor Green & Peg – In Loving Memory of Joann Green & Elke Heinz**

**Joanne Hahn – In Loving Memory of Bob Hahn and Joni Steidley**

**Joe Heinz – In Loving Memory of my wife Elke Heinz**

**Ken & Judy Holzscheiter – In Celebration of the Birth of Jesus**

**David & Linda House – In Loving Memory of Loved Ones**

**Kathy & Steve Hudson – In Loving Memory of our parents, our son Brad and  
Kathy's sister Pam**

**Linda & John I'Anson – In thanksgiving to God**

**Bob & Jackie Judkins – In Loving Memory of Donna Johnson-Rattray**

**Jesse Koenig – In Loving Memory of Craig Koenig**

**Jerry & Donna Lemcke – In Celebration of The Christ Child's Birthday  
(God on Earth)**

**Susan & Richard Lief – In Loving Memory of Dan & Kathryn Lamos**

**Elvi Lord – In Loving Memory of my husband Jim and son Greg**

## **POINSETTIAS CHRISTMAS 2025**

**Kathryn McCartin – In Loving Memory of my parents Ray & Ethel Schloemer and my husband Ron McCartin**

**Jim & Cherie Nocks – In Celebration of Family**

**Gerry & Debbie Noss – In Celebration of Jesus Birth and in Loving Memory of loved Ones.**

**Michael & Shara Osiro – In Loving Memory of Horace Cunningham**

**Gwen Taliver – In Loving Memory of Loved Ones**

**Sonia Téllez – In Loving Memory of my brother David Tellez**

**Zaida Torres – In Loving Memory of Bud & Celeste Youtz**

**Rev. Tom Zehnder – In Loving Memory of Jackie & Kristi, wife, mother, daughter, sister.**



**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 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 Kroeplin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law)

**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, Nizza 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 DeFretas, 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, Carolyn 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 Ogleby)

**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.

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## **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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