



Weekly News 01/04/2026

Epiphany Sunday

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Happy New Year! • The Lord bless you richly throughout this new year with His peace and His power.

Today: “Seeking the King” • Readings: Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12 • On Epiphany we celebrate the visit of the Magi, outsiders drawn by God’s light to seek the child born “King of the Jews.” Led by a star, they encounter Jesus—the King who reveals God’s kingdom and invites the world into it. Their journey raises an Epiphany question for us: Where is God at work around us, and how are we being invited to seek the kingdom by joining Jesus in His mission to make Him known?

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_01_04-Epiphany-Sunday.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!

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. Start the new year with us this Wednesday!

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.odv.org/>
- Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/>

Pick Up Poinsettias Today! • Thank you to all those who made contributions to the Poinsettias that made our worship at Christmas so beautiful. If you have not already done so, you may pick up your poinsettia today. **Thank you** again to all who helped to beautify our worship spaces through your gifts. *(Missed the list? You can see it in last week’s news at <https://poporlando.com/weeklynews/week-of-december-28-2025/>)*

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>

Staff Appreciation Gifts • The pastors, ministry and support staff, and teachers of Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz offer their heartfelt thanks for the staff appreciation gifts received this Christmas season. We are humbled by the generosity of God’s people and thankful to God to be a part of such a vibrant community of faith. Thank you!

Late Christmas Gifts – Give 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.

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>

PoP Preschool • Do you know someone looking for an amazing preschool for their child? We have openings in select classes at Prince of Peace. Invite them to contact Prince of Peace (407) 275-6703 to find out more!

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

Worship Attendance:

December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00pm Contemporary: 82 | 7:30pm Traditional Candlelight: 235 | 10:00pm Traditional Candlelight: 94 | TOTAL: 411

December 25, Christmas Day

10:00am Traditional: 41

Sunday, December 28

9:00am Traditional: 119 | 11:00am Contemporary: 73 | 11:00am español: 62 | TOTAL: 254

December 31, New Years Eve

6:00pm Traditional: 45 | 7:30pm Espanol: 42 | TOTAL: 87

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

December 14 offerings \$18,435

December 21 offerings \$ 14,047

December 28 offerings \$14,114 (includes Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Needed each week: \$11,032

For 2026, 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>.

2026 Offerings Envelopes are Available for Pick up • The company that prints our offering envelopes had production issues that delayed the delivery of envelopes at the end of last year. This week we received what may be a partial shipment, and these envelopes are ready for pick up from the Narthex or Family Life Center. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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: Jim Flynn, 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), Stephanie Carbonell, 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, 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 DeFietas, Al Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Linda Jackson, Bill Jordan, Otto Krumpholtz, 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.

January Anniversaries

January 5 – Luis & Cloris Vasquez
January 23 – Jeff & Jayne Powell
January 27 – Shawn & Anne Dobbins



January Birthdays

January 5 – Denny O'Neil
Julie Lushetsky
Kathy Hudson
David Strauss
January 7 – Richard Lief
January 8 – Krista Brathwaite-Clarke
January 9 – Ava Churchill
Maddie McKinnon
Daniel Romero
January 10 – Ellen Ponsford
Maryjane Long
January 16 – Otto Krumpholtz
January 17 – Pastor Ken Green

January 18 – DCE Eric Gerken
January 20 – Julie Fleming
January 26 – Paul Divan
Frank Dluhy
January 27 – Linda Burns
January 28 – Jacqueline Cuevas-Cabrera

In Remembrance: January 29 - Craig Koenig would've turned 69 years old.



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

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