



## Weekly News

January 11, 2026   The Baptism of our Lord

**Today: "True Identity" • Readings: Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 6:1-11; Isaiah 42:1-9** • Jesus came to identify with all humanity, taking on our flesh and stepping into our story—even entering a baptism of repentance He did not need. In the Jordan, He stands with sinners so that He might “fulfill all righteousness” for us, and the Father reveals Him as the beloved Son while the Spirit descends upon Him. Joined to Jesus in our own baptism, that identity becomes ours as well: beloved, claimed, and renewed. And as God’s children, we begin to live from that identity—secure in His love and attentive to the people around us whom God places in our path.

**To view or print Sunday's 9am Worship bulletin:**

[https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026\\_01\\_11-Baptism-of-our-Lord.pdf](https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_01_11-Baptism-of-our-Lord.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.odb.org/>
- Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/>

**Young Adult Group (ages 20 to 30)** • The Young Adult Bible Study meets Sundays 12:30pm till 2pm. Led by Jordan Zarecki and Abby Green, they spend time connecting and reading Bible-based discussions over lunch.

**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>

**Lunch and Zilch - Thursday, January 15 at 11:30am** • We invite you to come enjoy some fun. Please RSVP to Jim Essig via text or email by Monday, January 12. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person to cover the lunch and the prizes for the Zilch winners. [jim.essig@poporlando.com](mailto:jim.essig@poporlando.com) | 407.446.7147

**Do You Have Late Christmas Gifts To Get? 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://bitly/poporlando-sign-up>

**Joining Jesus on His Mission-Workshop • Saturday, February 7, 8:30-Noon.** Joining Jesus on His Mission is a simple, powerful approach that will move you from merely thinking about sharing God's love to becoming an everyday missionary by being yourself, being a friend, and being prayerfully intentional. Those who come to this workshop will feel both relief and hope and be equipped with insights into how to recognize where Jesus is already at work in their everyday world...and simply join Him. Speaker: Author Greg Finke

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**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!

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**Youth Spirit Nights at Broadway Pizzeria** • This Tuesday, January 13, marks the return of the monthly PoP Youth Ministry fundraising meals at Broadway. Every second Tuesday through the month of May you can support the youth by dining there. Mention Prince of Peace Youth, order between 5-8pm, eat in or take out and support the youth.

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**PoP Kids Family Board Game & Pizza Party – Friday, January 16 at 6:00pm** • We will have several stations set up with a variety of board games for families to enjoy. We will also have a pizza supper for everyone. After pizza is served you can continue with board games, but we will also have some active games for kids to play as well. It is a fun chance for families to talk, play, get to know one another and share Christian fellowship. We request that you RSVP to help us plan. | DCE Eric Gerken at 402-620-5877 or at [eric.gerken@poporlando.com](mailto:eric.gerken@poporlando.com)

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**PoP Youth will Attend "Rock the Universe Saturday, January 24** • We have a limited number of tickets available for this Christian Concert Event at Universal Studios The cost of the event is discounted to \$45 per student. Payment is due on the night of the event or in advance. Sign up with DCE Eric Gerken before noon on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

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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, January 4**

**9:00 am Traditional: 115 | 11:00am Contemporary: 67 | 11:00am español: 72 | TOTAL: 254**

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

December 21 offerings \$ 14,047

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

January 4 offerings: \$ 8,985

Needed each week: \$13,653

**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>.

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**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.

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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 for God to surround Peg Henderson and her family with His comfort at the death of her husband, Ron, who entered his eternal peace this past Tuesday.

We continue pray that Jesus would comfort these several families—and all those who grieve—with His resurrection promises:

- 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, 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 Rohen, 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, 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 Ogleby)

**Special:** Lord Jesus, thank You for standing with us and making us God's beloved children. Help us live from that identity. Help us to identify where You are at work and move us to stand with others and share Your gracious presence.

• 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** – We give thanks for our Preschool, the children and families that we serve, and our wonderful staff. We pray that the Lord will draw more families to enroll their children in our Preschool so we would be able to share His love with more and more people and see lives transformed.

## January Anniversaries

January 3 – Eric & Brenda Gerken  
January 5 – Luis & Cloris Vasquez  
January 23 – Jeff & Jayne Powell  
January 25 – Joel & Abby Green  
January 27 – Shawn & Anne Dobbins



## January Birthdays

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

January 18 – Natalya Ben  
DCE Eric Gerken  
Liam Leeper  
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](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)*

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