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## Weekly News 01/18/2026

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**Today: "Right Place, God's Timing" • John 1:19-51; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 •** God places us in the right place at the right time to take part in His mission. In John 1, John the Baptizer stands exactly where God wants him—pointing others to Jesus. Andrew does the same, immediately inviting his brother Simon to meet the Messiah. Wherever we are, we stand in that same place of purpose. God arranges the timing; God prepares the hearts; God does the transforming. Our role is simply to be present, attentive, and responsive—to listen for the Spirit's promptings and share the love of Jesus with the people already around us.

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

[https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026\\_01\\_18-Epiphany-2.pdf](https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_01_18-Epiphany-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!

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

**Sundays! 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.

**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> This week's Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Cindy from Cindy's mother Joan Burley; her brother Doug and sister-in-law Nancy Burley; and nieces and nephews.

**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!

**Celebrating our Preschool Ministry Sunday February 1** • A short video will be shown, and Ms. Anne will be presenting a Ministry Minute at each service. The preschool students will be singing at the 11 AM service, and we will have a preschool Open House immediately following. During the Open House, you will have the opportunity to see the classrooms—complete with beautiful new flooring and fresh paint! Please consider purchasing some lemonade from our lemonade stand to take with you on your stroll in our classrooms. In each classroom you visit, you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for some great prizes! The more classrooms you visit, the more opportunities you have to win! All funds raised from the lemonade stand and raffles will be used to purchase much needed playground equipment. We hope to see you there. Thank you for your support of our church's preschool ministry!

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**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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**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. Please check with DCE Eric about ticket availability.

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**Vacation Bible Camp Is June 8-12 • RAINFOREST FALLS:** Kids age 4- Grade 5 are invited to join us for this Amazon adventure as we explore the Nature of God! What is God like? Who is God? Can we trust him? These and other questions will be answered as kids enjoy crafts, games, music, science projects, skits, snacks and more during our annual Vacation Bible Camp. It is a FREE event, and we meet daily from 9:00am-Noon during Camp week.



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**ESOL Registration is now open! The 1st level class begins January 20 •** If you know of anyone who is a Spanish speaker interested in learning English, direct them to our website which provides detailed information. (There is a fee of \$250) | <https://poporlando.com/esol/>

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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 11**

**9:00 am Traditional: 122 | 11:00am Contemporary: 73 | 11:00am español: 81 | TOTAL: 276**

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

December 28 offerings \$14,114

January 4 offerings: \$ 8,985

January 11 offerings \$29,429 (includes contribution from an individual's IRA)

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>.

**Is the Stock Market Up? —Consider making a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund, or another asset.** The best assets to use for a gift are those that have appreciated significantly, such as publicly traded securities and real property. Assets you've owned for more than one year may qualify for a full range of tax benefits. Typical appreciated assets may include publicly traded securities, privately/closely held stock, mutual funds, and more. Learn more by clicking here <https://bit.ly/donate-appreciated-assets>.

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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 the family and friends of **Jean LaPointe**, who died this past Tuesday. • 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:

- 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), Bob Lemcke

**Hospitalized:** Joe Heinz, Pete Spudich • **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Maggie Steinke, Julio Aviles (hip replacement), Stephanie Carbonell, Paul Divan, 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, Everett Baker, 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, Ruth Tellez (relative of Sonia Tellez), 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 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, 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:** Lord, place us where You want us and make us attentive to Your Spirit. Help us share Jesus with those around us and trust You for the results. • We pray for all those who are suffering, in need, or anxious during these uncertain times. • We pray for our nation, that the Lord would heal our divisions. As we remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we pray that we would be drawn into the non-violence Jesus taught. We pray for our world, torn apart by wars, violence, and hatred: 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. Our Class of the Month for January and February is Ms. Debby's VPK - Bears! Please keep Ms. Debby and her class in your prayers.

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## **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 Krumpholtz  
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.*



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*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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