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Weekly News 02/01/2026 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Today: "The Blessing People" • Matthew 5:1-12; Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • Jesus begins His sermon on the mount by reminding His disciples who they are—their identity as God's people: they are blessed. What do you think would happen if all those who follow Jesus saw themselves, first and foremost, as "the blessing people?" *God's blessing isn't found in what we achieve, earn, or hold—it's who we are in Christ. And because of this identity, we spread Jesus' blessings everywhere we go.*

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_02_01-Epiphany-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!

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/>

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> | **Today's flowers** were given by the Koenig family in memory of Craig Koenig who would have celebrated his 69th birthday this past week, and by Sharleen Jespersen in loving memory of Kent Jespersen who would have turned 76 today.

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>

Preschool Ministry Celebration Today! (February 1) • This morning we celebrate and give thanks to God for the blessings of our Preschool. Director Anne Dobbins share about our Preschool during Ministry Minutes this morning, and preschool students will be singing at the 11 AM service. Come to our open house immediately following the service where you will have the opportunity to see the beautiful new flooring in our classrooms and fresh paint! To raise funds for much needed playground equipment we'll be selling hot chocolate to take with you on your stroll in our classrooms. In each classroom you visit. We will also have four raffle baskets: \$25 gift card for High Tide Harry's, ad \$25 gift card for BP/Amoco, a \$15 gift card for McDonald's, and a 50/50 raffle. We hope to see you there. Thank you for your support of our church's preschool ministry!

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!

Souper Bowl of Caring - Donate Now! • The annual Souper Bowl of Caring unites us and communities across the nation by helping those in need. The Prince of Peace Food Pantry provides food to around 450 families every month (representing 17,000 people throughout the year). Please continue to pray for our Food Pantry and consider donating to its ministry by check, envelope, or online at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/souperbowl>

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 Register at the following link or signing up at church. <https://bit.ly/joining-jesus>

PoP Kids at Astro Skate on Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-8:30 • We will be joining with groups from all over Orlando to skate to Christian music at Astro. Skating and skate rental are \$7 a person, and parents who are not skating are able to enter for free to watch their kids. Concessions will be available for purchase but are not included in the admission price. Kids, please wear your PoP Kids t-shirts. Astro Skate is located at 866 S. Goldenrod.

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.



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/>

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, January 25

9:00 am Traditional: 120 | 11:00am Contemporary: 68 | 11:00am español: 81 | TOTAL: 269

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

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

January 18 offerings \$ 9,379

January 25 offerings \$27,176 (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>.

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 ask the Lord to comfort Jerry Lemcke and Nancy Plotnikopp at the death of their brother, Bob Lemcke. • We continue to pray that Jesus would comfort and all those who grieve—especially the several families of our congregation who have recently lost loved ones: *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, Joe Heinz, Merle Kroepelin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law)

Upcoming Surgery: Karen Melick | **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Muriel Pedersen, 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, Pete Spudich (now in Tuscawilla), James Stanley, Maggie Steinke, 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 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, 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 Shriebes (partner of Lynn Olglesby)

Special: Lord Jesus, remind us again and again who we are because of You—we are Your instruments of blessing in the lives of others, Your "blessing people." Ground us in this identity, and help us always to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. • We pray for our nation, that the Lord would heal our divisions. Help us to walk the non-violent ways of Jesus. 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.

February Anniversaries

February 29 – Ron & Nancy Spohn

In Remembrance: February 21 – Jeff & Pam Robertson would've made 39 years together



February Birthdays

February 1 – Julianne Wiegand
February 3 – Jazlyn Kalinoski
February 5 – Christopher Stork
February 6 – Silquia Velez
 Jeffrey Dowling Sr
 Annie Martinez
February 7 – Kinley Seyfert
 Mather Lopez
February 9 – Kristi Armstrong
February 10 – Curtis Harris
February 12 – Tom Ludwig
 Leandro Barbahcan
 Sophia Ait Daoud
February 15 – Priscilla Brown
February 17 – Hilda Polkosky
 Janet Ludwig
February 18 – Merle Kroepelin

February 19 – Daniel Evangelista
February 23 – Elvi Lord
February 24 – Linda Dicks
February 25 – Kay Ann Richards
 Joseph Koenig
February 26 – David Acuna
February 27 – Orion James

*In Remembrance: February 1 – Kent Jespersen would've turned 76 years old.
February 8 – Eleanor Eaton would've turned 100 years old.
February 26 – Dennis Glander would have turned 91*



WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!

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

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