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## Weekly News 02/22/2026 First Sunday in Lent

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**Today: "Tested—and Triumphant" • Matthew 4:1-11; Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19** • After His baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the evil one. Hungry, alone, and under assault, Jesus stood where all others had fallen. His was not merely a private struggle; it was a battle for us. By His faithful obedience, Jesus turns the tide. This wilderness victory is one battle in a greater war that leads to the cross and the empty tomb, where Jesus defeats the evil one and breaks the power of death. *Today, Jesus invites you to draw near, because He is our victorious savior. Where do you need His strength and power this week?*

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

[https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026\\_02\\_22-Trad-Lent-1.pdf](https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026_02_22-Trad-Lent-1.pdf)

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**Lenten Devotional Available: O' God our Help our Hope** • Our Lenten devotions are available for pick up before or after worship, and you can also download a copy at <https://bit.ly/pop-lent-devotion-2026>

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**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!

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**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am** • This week Jim Essig is back teaching and will guide a discussion integrating what we have learned about Joining Jesus on His Mission. Next week we will resume our study of the Gospel of John. Classes are in the Music Room during our 10:00 am Education Hour.

**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/>
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**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.

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**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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**Thank you from Pastor Ken & Peg** • Peg and I wish to thank the entire Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz family for all your love and support through Peg's dad's illness, and the comfort and sympathy expressed at "Opi's" passing. We are comforted in knowing that Joe is with the Lord where there is perfect peace and "no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" (Revelation 21:4). God's peace surround you all.

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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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**Thank You from PoP Preschool!** • The preschool would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent Preschool Celebration Sunday this past February 1. On that ice-cold day we raised \$517 for our preschool through basket raffles and selling hot chocolate. Congratulations to all our raffle winners: Cecile Estrill, Kay Richards, Sharon Dluhy, and Sonia Tellez. Thank you to everyone from your preschool ministry!

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**Cornerstone University Chorale Concert, Saturday, March 7, 7:00pm** • The Cornerstone University Chorale is coming back to Prince of Peace again, with a concert on Saturday evening, March 7, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The Chorale been here two previous times in recent years, and their artistry and spiritual depth were remarkable. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be collected. *A great opportunity to invite someone to attend with you!*

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**Volunteers Needed for Youth & Family Ministry** • We are seeking help in two Youth & Family Ministry roles: Nursery Attendants (care for ages 6 months–5 years during the 11:00 am service; about once a month, with hope to expand to 9:00 am) and Middle School Sunday School Teacher(s) (grades 6–8, Sundays 10:00–10:45 am; curriculum provided). A background check is required. If you're interested contact DCE Eric Gerken.

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**PoP Youth & 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.

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**First Communion Workshop for Children 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Older – Saturday, March 7, 9:30am – Please Register today** • First Communion Workshop will be held Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 am–noon, preparing students to receive the Lord's Supper through age-appropriate lessons on the Sacraments, the Institution and Nature of the Lord's Supper, how to receive it worthily, and a simple craft reminder. Students must be at least 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (ages may range through middle or high school), and those planning to receive First Communion in an English service will do so on Sunday, March 8. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f58dbc>

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**Vacation Bible Camp Is June 8-12** • RAINFOREST FALLS: For kids age 4- grade 5, this Amazon adventure will explore the Nature of God: What is God like? Who is God? Can we trust him? Kids will enjoy crafts, games, music, science projects, skits, snacks during the FREE camp that will meet daily from 9:00am-Noon that week.

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**Lunch & Zilch** • Save the Date: Thursday, March 19 at 11:30am • Another Lunch and Zilch! Bring along some friends to have some fun, win, and enjoy lunch. You can RSVP to Jim Essig no later than Monday, March 16. Remember there is a \$10 suggested donation to cover lunch and the prizes. [jim.essig@poporlando.com](mailto:jim.essig@poporlando.com) | (407)446-7147

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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, February 15**

**9:00 am Traditional: 129 | 11:00am Contemporary: 86 | 11:00am español: 71 | TOTAL: 277**

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**

**11:00 am Traditional: 76 | 6:00pm Intergenerational: 27 | 7:00pm español: 58 | TOTAL: 161**

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

January 25 offerings \$27,176 (includes special contributions)

February 1 offerings \$11,584

February 8 offerings \$12,089

February 15 offerings \$ 9,174

Needed each week: \$13,653

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**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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**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 to ask the Lord to comfort the family and friends of **Shirley Stockett**, A memorial service will be held at PoP on Saturday, February, 28 at 2:00pm. • We also pray for the family and friends of **Gene Fresk** who died Wednesday, February 11. A service will be held at Newcomer, East Orlando, on Goldenrod Saturday, April 25, 5:00pm. • *Jesus, 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 Kroepelin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law)

**Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Gwen Taliver, Karen Melick, Muriel Pedersen, 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 Tusawilla rehab), James Stanley, Maggie Steinke, Gene Terranova, Zaida Vargas, Gerry & 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, 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, 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 Jesus, faithful and triumphant Son, You stood where we have fallen and overcame the evil one for us. Draw us near in our weakness, strengthen us in temptation, and anchor us in Your victory over sin and death. • We pray for our nation, that the Lord would heal our divisions. Help us to live as those called to "love our neighbors" in word and deed. Lead us to honor Christ and model for others how to listen, discuss, disagree and yet do so respectfully and in love for our God and one another. • 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. Please keep include our Preschool in your personal prayers.

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**LENTEN THEME:**

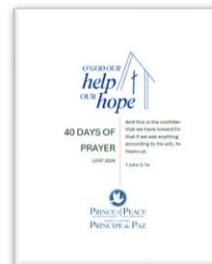
**O God our Help our Hope**

***"This is the confidence we have in approaching God:  
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*** 1 John 5:14

The Lenten season helps us focus our attention on our need for repentance and to turn toward the redemptive mercy and forgiveness that is ours through Jesus. Our observance of Lent prepares us to celebrate the victory and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

**Midweek Lenten Services at 11am • Midweek Lenten Worship dates: Wednesdays February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25** • Each Wednesday at 11:00 am we will gather for worship and prayer in the Sanctuary. As worship Jesus, the Lamb of God that was slain we focus our attention on our need for repentance and to turn toward the redemptive mercy and forgiveness that is ours through Jesus.

**Devotional** • Once again this year we are offering a devotion available for the Prince of Peace - Príncipe de Paz community to renew us in a renewable, sustainable vision. The purpose of our 40 days of prayer is to seek God's guidance to lead us to be faithful to His calling to be a Christ-centered, multicultural church inspired by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to engage the community with God's grace and love.



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## **February Anniversaries**

February 11 – Michael & Shara Osiro

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 4 – Shara Osiro

February 5 – Christopher Stork

February 6 – Silquia Velez

Jeffrey Dowling Sr

Annie Martinez

February 7 – Kinley Seyfert

Matthew Lopez

February 9 – Kristi Armstrong

February 10 – Curtis Harris

February 12 – Tom Ludwig

Sophia Ait Daoud

February 15 – Priscilla Brown

February 17 – Hilda Polkosky

Janet Ludwig

February 18 – Merle Kroeplin

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

February 28 – Charlotte Vargas Bonilla

*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*



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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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