



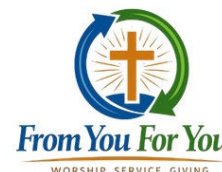
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Weekly News 09/20/2026 17th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY: "Worship: It's A Presence Thing" • Psalm 122; Romans 15:1-6, 13; John 16:19-24, 33 •

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1

I must admit, on some Sunday mornings when someone says, "Let's go to church," my first thought is, "I'd rather not." Yet every time I return home, my heart is rejoicing. I find myself humming the hymns, carrying the music with me, and smiling from the inside out. When my spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak, I pray that the Holy Spirit will draw me once again into the house of the Lord.



Our Fall Theme: "From You, For You"

Our theme draws upon a prayer by King David in the Old Testament: **"Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."** (1 Chronicles 29:14) We join together on a journey of Worship, Service, and Giving to discover how God can work to bless others through what He has given us. We all have a part! Together, let's celebrate how God can use what He has given each of us to make a difference in our church, our community, and the lives of others. ✨ **WORSHIP** — Grow closer to Christ • 💛 **SERVE** — Use your gifts to bless others • ❤️ **GIVE** — Respond with joyful generosity

To view or print Sunday's 9:00am Worship bulletin:

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/2026_09_20-Trad-Pentecost-17.pdf

Sunday Nursery • 9:00am – While our 9:00am nursery is not staffed, 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 Book of Matthew. 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 Classes – 10:00am • The Middle School Youth Bible class meets in the Board Room (church office)

• High School Youth class meets over at McDonald's. Both classes offer age-appropriate looks at Scripture and how to apply it today. *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.

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/>

Altar Flowers • If you wish to sponsor Sunday Altar Flowers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 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 altar flowers were given by Donna Browne in celebration of the birth of Lucas David Browne born to Andrew and Abbey on 08/30/2026.

Register for PoP Kids or Sunday School? • We would love to have your child at Sunday School each Sunday and at our monthly family events. Your registration helps us stay in communication with you and keep the kids safe. We use the same registration form for both Sunday School and PoP Kids. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

Lunch & Zilch – Thursday, September 24 at 11:00am – Please RSVP • Invite a friend and join us for another fun afternoon of Lunch & Zilch. Enjoy good food, fellowship, and a friendly game of zilch. RSVP by Monday, September 21 by text or email. A suggested \$10 donation helps cover lunch and prizes. jim.essig@poporlando.com | (407)446-7147

Pipes & Voices Concert – Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. • Join Prince of Peace Lutheran and other area church choirs for Pipes & Voices, presented by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music featuring organists and choirs from throughout Central Florida!

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Godspeed for Pastor Borges – Sunday, October 4 • Please join us on October 4 at 12:30pm as we join together as “One Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz,” celebrating Pastor Borge’s 25 years of ministry at PoP/PdeP. The event will also serve as our Hispanic Heritage month celebration with music, food, and joy!

LWML Greater Orlando Fall Rally – October 10 at 8:00 am • The women of Prince of Peace warmly invite all ladies from the Greater Orlando Zone and guests to the LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, October 10, themed “**He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands**” (Job 12:10). Join us at Prince of Peace for a day of fellowship, Bible study, worship, song, and service. Registration is \$10, with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m.; please RSVP by **October 5** to Kathy McCartin at kathymccartin@gmail.com or 407-286-7288.

New to Prince of Peace – Or Newish? Come to Our Pastor’s Reception on Sunday, October 11 at 12:30pm in the Family Life Center • If you are new to Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz and would like to know more about our unique ministries, come to our Pastors’ Reception on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm in the FLC to learn more. Also at the Pastors’ Reception, you can learn more about next steps to getting connected, becoming more engaged, or becoming a member. Email staff@poporlando.com to RSVP.

Lutheran Counseling Services We Care 5K Walk & Run – Saturday, October 10 at 8:30am • Join Lutheran Counseling Services for the We Care 5K & Fun Run and help make mental health care more accessible in our community. Whether you run, walk, or cheer from the sidelines, every step supports individuals and families seeking hope and healing through professional counseling. Gather your family, invite your friends, and be part of something that will make a lasting impact. Register today and help take steps toward stronger minds and healthier communities! <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/FL/Longwood/LCSWeCare5k>

Trunk or Treat: Save the Date – Sunday, October 25 at 4:00pm • Mark your calendars, share and invite your family and friends to come have some fun trunk or treating at Prince of Peace for our Annual Trunk or Treat! There will be lots of fun, decorated trunks, candy and more! If you’re interested in serving in any way for our event keep your eyes peeled and ears open for more information in the next coming weeks.

Peter Mayer Stars & Promises 2026 Christmas Concert – Get Your Tickets in Advance! • It may seem way too early, but December is only three months away! Join us at Prince of Peace on Saturday, December 5 for Peter Mayer’s *A Stars and Promises Christmas – “This Town”*, a beautiful Christmas concert filled with music, joy, and holiday spirit. Get your tickets in advance and don’t miss this special Christmas tradition! <https://bit.ly/peter-mayer-at-PoP-2026>

Serve in Our Nursery Ministry • We’re always looking for caring individuals to serve during Sunday worship in our Nursery Ministry at Prince of Peace. If you’re interested in serving, follow the link below. After a background check, DCE Eric Gerken will meet with you to review procedures and get familiar with the nursery. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAAC2CABFC1-51748455-popnursery#/>

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, September 13

9:00am Traditional: 117 | 11:00am Contemporary: 63 | 11:00am Español: 80 | TOTAL: 260

August 23 offerings \$ 21,287

August 30 offerings \$ 14,840

September 6 offerings \$ 9,014

September 13 offerings \$ 16,768

Needed each week: \$13,654

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>.

PRAYERS – To add someone to this list or update us on their status, please email prayers@poporlando.com.

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for Karen Adkins and family at the loss of her mother-in-law, JoAnne Adkins.

Receiving Care through Hospice: Betty Schnell, Betty Chambers (mother of Pam Ingersoll), Ted Wessel

Upcoming Surgery: Chris Bayne, Jeff Powell, Debbie Noss, Lorraine Barton | **Released from Hospital:** Paul Browne, Lance Ingersoll | **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Susan Lief, Kurt Wilson (7 y-o grandson of Kurt & Carol Bickel), Lu Burchfield, Sabina Lakhan, Cathy Graf, Pete Spudich, Dale Fennel, Jim Ingersoll, Fran Primics, Tina Hamilton, Judy Holzscheiter, Gerry Noss, Marcie Weisel, Bill Weaver, Ellen Ponsford, Joshula Flowers, Joanne Adkins, Nancy Schloemer, Kay Minick, Nitza Rohena, Stephanie Carbonell, Daryl Flynn, Susanne Johnson, Ava Lindsey (12 y-o granddaughter of Chris & Vicki Stork), Karen Melick, Paul Mohabir (brother of Sanita Bhairo), Stephen Monroe (friend of Carrie Tedford), James Stanley, Gene Terranova

Receiving Treatments: Jayson Gerken, Zaida Vargas, Jeff Dowling, Everett Baker, Tim Smith (friend of the Pirinos), Tracy Shively, Sarah Von Braun, Bob Denton, 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), Debbie W, Brenda Williams

Healing and Strength: Jan Vokovich, Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Ron Bledsoe, Rebecca Brooks, Linda Dicks, Sarah Dierking, Judy & Jim Finnie, Louanne Fussell, Abby G., Michael Halstead, Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Jerry Jordan, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Serenity Nichols, Caesar Vazquez, Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Raya Pokigo, Raven, Miriam Rivera, Sheila Roberts, Rex Serio, Angie Shroyer, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Betty Wienrich, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Continued Care: Pat C., Al Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Bill Jordan, Mary K.M, Micki LoBue, Connie Lerchen, Mario Muniz, Todd O; Michael, Noel, & Roger Vokovich; Jerry Warnock, Karen Waahl

Family & Friends: Elias Salvator (thanksgiving! nephew of Jessica Long), Brandy & Rudy (friends of Don & Karen Melick), Lisa Antonio and Niki Conti (friends of Zaida Torres), Kwin Paul (14 y-o who experienced sudden blindness in one eye), Mary Lynn Bond (friend of Lynn McQuiston), Harry Fleming, Candie Parks, Teresa Fernandez (SIL of Daryl Flynn and Sheila Roberts), Alfredo (relative of Gloria Imhoff), baby Marco, Michelle S. Chapman's mother (cancer), Rob and Lori Angus, Rachael Browne (DIL of Donna Browne), Delores B, Michael B, Evelyn Brucks, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Rennie Conyers, Elizabeth Dawson, Sylvia & Maurice Bourgeois (Judy Finnie's sister and BIL), Mark Cotton (Judy Finnie's nephew), Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Jean Rogers (Jim Finnie's aunt), Steven Dorsagano, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Joanne Gabay, Rick Perre Haley, Christina, Stephanie, Ruth Johnson (sister of Kathy McCartin), Vesta & Mark Sauter (aunt and uncle of Leah McCormack), Rex Seeds (friend of Barbara Hahn), Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Carlyn and Sarah (fighting cancer), Cindy Rock, David Rodgers, Karla Schloemer, Vern (friend of Shar and Frank Dluhy), Pat Williams, Fred Thomas, Eric Shrieves (partner of Lynn Olglesby), Jennifer Stewart (Sonia Tellez' niece),

Special: Lord Jesus, draw us into Your presence and gather us with Your people. Through Your Word and Sacrament, fill us with hope, peace, and joy to carry into the world. • We continue to pray for all those affected by natural disasters (fires, floods, earthquakes), as well as those who experience war or violence in our world. • We pray for our nation, that all would learn of Your ways, O Lord: to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. • Lord, 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, Meghan Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey, Antonio Watt, Anthony Witcher, Isaak Allan

Jayson Gerken updates can be found on the "Team JayDawg" Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/TeamJayDawg>



Sunday, September 27 – special emphasis as we focus on worship: “Each One Reach One: Friendship Sunday” • Ask

yourself, “Who do I know who needs to be filled with more joy, more hope, more peace?” It could be a friend, family member, someone from the gym, a neighbor, or a coworker. (It could even be an Uber

driver!) Jot down their name and pray for that person daily. As we get ready for September 27, what might happen if God gave each of us the courage to invite one person to worship with us that day? Ask God to prepare you to invite—and to prepare that person to respond. Everyone needs the love God gives, along with the peace and joy He desires to pour into our lives.

September Anniversaries

September 2 – Philip & Donna Wessel
September 3 – Jose & Nina Rojas
September 4 – Doug & Hilda Polkosky
September 13 – Jack Riegle & Tina Hamilton



In Remembrance: September 5 – Otto & Joan
Krumpholtz would've made 62 years
September 14 – Merle & Julie Kroeplin would've made
64 years.
September 29 – Rick & Linda would've made 53 years

September Birthdays

September 1 – Jen Hoge
Connie Lerchen
September 2 – Andrew Wu
September 5 – Nancy Plotnikoff
September 6 – Anthony Ramirez
September 7 – Della Tyler
Lucas Tyler
September 9 – Philip Chang
September 11 – Madilyn Swanson
Julie Kroeplin
Tina Hamilton
September 12 – Jack Riegle
September 13 – Dalton Browning
September 14 – Gloria Groome
September 15 – Rachel Jespersen
September 17 – Pam Fuller
September 18 – Bill Weaver
Joe Bak
September 19 – Benigno Santos
John Buchbach Jr
September 20 – Diego Mejias
Mia Valentina Romero
September 21 – Don Mathews

September 22 – Charles Kumkoski
Francelys Ramirez
Milena Crane
September 23 – Shirley Stockett
September 25 – Brooks Ingersoll
John Holysz
Rebecca Roberts
September 26 – Elizabeth Green
September 28 – Raylan Long
Paul Browne
September 30 – Cherie Nocks

In Remembrance:
September 11 – Cindy Sibly would've turned 69 years old
September 12 – Gail Eaton would've turned 78 years old



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

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