

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Based on Psalm 85:9-13

SERMON

Resources for Advancing God’s Kingdom

Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

**GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE**

† CLOSING SONG

So Send I You

Hymnal 450

† BENEDICTION

† MEET AND GREET CAFÉ

Surely God’s salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. In Christ, God’s salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come. Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE

You’ll Come

Dare to Declare

**GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 8:1

Trinity Hymnal page 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-3

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SONG

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 263

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 13:1-3

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

General Fund

Please place Welcome Card in the Offering Plate

OFFERTORY SONG

People Need the Lord

Brooke Stinnett

† PREPARATORY SONG

Let Your Heart Be Broken

**Let your heart be broken for a world in need. Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed. Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread. Be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.**

**Here on earth applying principles of love, visible expression, God still rules above. Living illustrations of the Living Word to the minds of all who’ve never seen or heard.**

**Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care, challenged by the need apparent everywhere. Where mankind is wanting, fill the vacant place; be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.**

**Let your heart be tender and your vision clear; see mankind as God sees, serve him far and near. Let your heart be broken by a brother’s pain; share your rich resources, give and give again.**

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DISMISSAL

Children (Age 3 through Grade 2) to Children’s Church

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Joshua 1:1-9

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Prayer for Rev. & Mrs. Peter and Lauren Dishman

Children, ages 3 to Second Grade, are dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 21. Nursery care is provided in Room 13, across from the Ladies’ Restroom, during the Worship Service. Parents: Please pick up your children at 11:55 a.m., after the Children’s Church Mini Café (except on Communion Sunday or when there is a lunch following Worship Service, when they will return to you during the closing song). Parents: For the safety of your children, please accompany them to the bathrooms. To participate in the Mini Café, parents must fill out a Medical Emergency form (in the narthex or Friendship Register) in reference to food allergies. If your child has food or other serious allergies, and is attending Children’s Church (CC) for the first time, please fill out the front and back of the CareNet Medical Emergency Information form (in the narthex), escort your child to CC, and hand them personally to a CC staff member. Please silence all communication devices. Please refrain from applause and flash photography during the Worship Service. Please refrain from eating or drinking during the Worship Service.

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**Visitors: Please visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a free book and information about the church.**

**Announcements**

**Treasurer’s Corner**

	Fiscal YTD		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$127,520.40	\$138,958.00	(\$11,437.60)
Giving	General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31		
Missions Fund	\$32,047.75	\$35,919.00	(\$3,871.25)
Giving	Missions Fund fiscal year is March 1 to February 28		
By His Grace, For His Glory II Fund			
	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received</u>
	\$350,000.00	\$146,476.00	\$29,782.00

(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)

**Our Memory Verse for the Month**

Be Christ’s Disciple

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Develop World Vision

November *Trumpet* available at the Welcome Table

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper next Sunday in remembrance of Christ, to proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes, and to be spiritually revived and strengthened in our faith. Children’s Church children will return to parents during the song prior to communion. A Deacons’ Offering for the Benevolence Fund will follow the Communion Service.

**2015 END-OF-YEAR GIFT**

Due to the income shortage in the General Fund so far this fiscal year, the Diaconate and Session are recommending that all end-of-year financial gifts go to the General Fund. Please note: the IRS rule requires

checks to be written/dated in December, before the end of the year. Checks received by mail must be postmarked in December to be claimed as a deduction for 2015 income tax returns.

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO MENTOR PRISONERS**

Minister to prisoners from your own home. The PCA’s Metanoia Prison Ministry has an urgent request for adult volunteers of all ages to do one-on-one discipling with an inmate by mail, leading him or her through a Bible study course. Everything you need is provided, even postage. Women are especially needed. Learn more about this and other op-

portunities to serve at [www.pcamna.org/second-career](http://www.pcamna.org/second-career) or contact Barbara Campbell at [bcampbell@pcanet.org](mailto:bcampbell@pcanet.org) (phone 804-339-5005). Applications available on the Welcome Table.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY BOOKLETS**

We have a small quantity of "On-the-Go" booklets with the pictures of those who participated in the Pictorial Directory project. We are offering them on a first-come basis at the Welcome Center.

**GROWTH GROUPS THIS SPRING:**

One of the key opportunities that we offer for maturity and discipleship is growth groups. Starting in the new year, we will have 4 growth groups meeting regularly. These growth groups are:

**BAYLEY:** Meeting at the Bayley household on Tuesday nights. This group meets weekly from 7-8 pm.

**NOBLES:** Meeting at the church on every other Sunday night starting January 10th. This group, along with the Hayman and Nichols group will meet from 5-7:30 and includes a potluck meal and childcare.

**HAYMAN:** Meeting at the same time as the Nobles Growth Group.

**NICHOLS:** Meeting at the same time as the Nobles Growth Group. This group will be doing a study on gospel centered parenting. Please see Pastor James for details.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of the groups on your welcome card.

**TODAY**

**SENDING SERVICE**

The Dishmans are going to go to Bogota, Colombia where they will serve with Reformed University Fellowship Global ministry (in cooperation with Mission to the World). Since Lauren Dishman is a communicant member of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, today's Worship Service is a "Sending Service." We will thank God for raising up a vocational missionary from our church, pray for Lauren and Peter, and send them off to do the ministry to which God has called them.

**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS ORDER DEADLINE**

There is an order form in the bulletin to order your poinsettia to honor a person or organization and brighten the church till you take them home Christmas Eve. The dedication list will appear in the bulletin for the Christmas Eve Service.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

9:00 – 11:15 A.M.: **WOMEN'S MINISTRY 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: MARY'S STORY**  
Ladies of our church, friends, and family members, please accept our invitation to focus on the Advent season with guest speaker Cheryl Barber. Tickets: \$10.00 ladies, \$8.00 girls ages 8 & under. They will be sold in the narthex after Worship Service through today.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

12:30 P.M.: **EMPTYNESTERS' AND PACESETTERS' COMBINED CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
Please join the Emptynesters and Pacesetters at the home of Bill and Sandy Neal, 18706 Forest Glen Court (Regents Park Dr. to Sweet Ivy to Forest Glen in Pebble Creek). Meat will be provided, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Please respond by Friday, 4 December, to Sandy, 813-973-7814, [sandybill1941@gmail.com](mailto:sandybill1941@gmail.com), or Randi, 813-513-4400, [randimallary@gmail.com](mailto:randimallary@gmail.com). Let's celebrate together!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

8:30 A.M.: **MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
The cost is \$8.00 (collected at the breakfast). For more information contact Brian Carrier (813-841-9146, [brian@bcaflorida.com](mailto:brian@bcaflorida.com)). RSVP by writing "**Men's Breakfast**" on your Welcome Card. We will be looking for volunteers to help us set up Night in Bethlehem after the breakfast.

**5:30 – 8:00 P.M.: NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM**

Come and invite neighbors and friends to take a journey with us through the town of Bethlehem and experience the story of the birth of a Savior! This kid-friendly, family event features live animals, a Christmas Craft Workshop and a Christmas Café. This journey will transport you back in time as you ponder the wonder of the first Christmas Gift! Additional invitation cards at the Welcome Table.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.**

7:00 P.M.: **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
Please use the invitation card in the bulletin, or in the narthex, to invite friends and family to participate in our *Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols*. If you can help by bringing a hospitality platter of cheese, fruit, veggies, or sweets to share, please write "**CE**" on your Welcome Card and the item you will bring. Please bring them 30 minutes before the start of the service.

**THURSDAY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 27**

**LIGONIER CONFERENCE**  
Plan on attending the annual Ligonier Conference in Orlando, FL. Details at <http://www.ligonier.org/events/2016-national-conference/>.

**Welcome**

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please let us know you are here by signing the Welcome Card located in the holder on the back of each chair. Also, please let us know how we can pray for you by filling out the prayer request section of the card, and placing it in the offering plate, or handing it to an usher. Check the box "Include in Intercessor" to have your prayer included in our prayer newsletter. The staff of the church will pray confidentially for these requests.

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Our Mission is to bring people to Jesus Christ and membership in his church family, develop them to Christlike maturity, equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, in order to magnify God's name.

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Music (p/t).....Debi Hensley  
Children (p/t)..... Wendy McLeod  
Pianist (p/t)..... Debi Hensley  
Office Assistant (p/t).....LeeAnn DeStefano  
Youth (p/t).....Ethan Hayman

**Session**

Bert Barber  
Freddy Fritz (Moderator)  
Fred Gordon  
Doug Hayman  
Ed Jordan  
Doug Knox  
James Nichols  
Kevin Nobles (Clerk)

Joe Kirkpatrick (Emeritus)  
Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

**Diaconate**

Todd Bayley (Chairman)  
Rick Donaldson  
Garry Gawrych  
Bill Jeffries  
Jonathan Massie

Bob Guest (Emeritus)  
Bob McQueen (Emeritus)

**Missionaries**

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Esaie & Natacha Etienne..... MTW  
Chaplain Ted Hamm .....PRCC  
Jeff & Jenny Lee .....RUF  
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Kevin & Gertrude Nicholas ..... Wycliffe  
Rene & Lilli Palacio .....SIM  
Carla Stevens ..... MTW  
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**Ministry Teams**

**Membership**

CareNet  
Emptynesters  
Hospitality  
Nursery  
Pacesetters  
Prayer

**Maturity**

Adult CE&F  
Children  
Growth Group  
Men's Bible Study  
Men's Ministry  
Women's Bible Study  
Women's Ministry  
Youth

**Ministry**

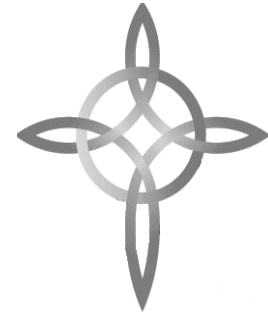
Ministry Deployment

**Missions**

Church Planting  
Missions Committee  
NTCA  
Outreach

**Magnification**

Worship Service  
Music Ministry  
Greeters  
Ushers



**Tampa Bay Presbyterian**

Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.  
First Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and Ed Jordan

**Worship Service**

† Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Grace Nobles

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign Welcome Card

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in hope, the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

† OPENING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Hymnal 194

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

**GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

**This Week's Volunteers**

**Welcome Table**

Bill and Nora Jeffries

**Greeters**

Alan Polasky

**Ushers**

Bob McQueen, Jim Childers, Alan Polasky, Rick Donaldson, and Jim Turpen

**Children's Church**

Averil Massie, Debbie Jordan, and Josiah Massie

**Nursery**

Deborah Donaldson and Avril Massie

**Deacon on Duty**

Rick Donaldson

**Next Week's Volunteer**

**Welcome Table**

Ted and Mia Jeffries

**Greeters**

Rick and Deborah Donaldson, and Melissa Nichols

**Ushers**

Bill Campbell, Todd Bayley, Phil Lear, and Alan Polasky

**Children's Church**

John and Amber Dixon, and Becky Jordan

**Nursery**

Drew and Ashley Jeffries

**Deacon on Duty**

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