



# Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 2, 2012 10:30 a.m.  
First Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and Kevin Nobles

## Worship Service

† Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG .....Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ..... Hymnal 196  
(v.1)

Please greet those around you as you take your seats, and then join in the singing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Please sign the Friendship Register

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP.....based on Isaiah 2:4

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom:**

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

† OPENING SONG .....O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ..... Hymnal 194

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember our iniquity forever. Restore us, we pray, through the coming of our Lord Jesus, in whom we place our hope and trust. Amen.

## Welcome

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please let us know you are here by signing the Friendship Register located at the end of each row. Let us know how we can pray for you by filling out the prayer request section of the form and placing it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. 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.

### Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Freddy Fritz  
Pastoral Intern..... James Nichols  
Office Administrator.....Melissa Noel  
NTCA Director.....Cheryl Barber  
Custodian.....Chris Christopher  
Nursery (p/t) ..... Marianne Cali  
Bookkeeper (p/t) ..... Joanne Campbell  
Music (p/t) .....Debi Hensley  
Children (p/t) ..... Eileen Fritz  
Youth (p/t) ..... James Barber  
Pianist (p/t) .....Debi Hensley

### Missionaries (cont.)

Ken & Tammy Matlack .....MTW  
Ross & Aislinn Meyer..... Wycliffe  
Kevin & Gertrude Nicholas ..... Wycliffe  
Rene & Lilli Palacio.....SIM  
Carla Stevens .....MTW  
Don & Judy Vander Ploeg ..... Wycliffe

### Meeting Times

**Sunday:**  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Adult CE&F  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Children's Church  
5:00 p.m. PHOS youth, Nichols, and Nobles  
Growth Groups dinner meetings  
Knox Growth Group Meeting  
**Monday:**  
12:00 p.m. NTCA Lunch and Learn  
**Tuesday:**  
10:00 a.m. Memory Mornings!  
7:00 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting  
Pothoven Growth Group  
**Wednesday:**  
5:45 p.m. Family Night Dinner. Menu: Ham, beans, potato salad, bread, and dessert  
6:15 p.m. Dare to Declare Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
Kids of the King Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday:**  
10:30 a.m. ESL Bible Study  
**Friday:**  
6:00 p.m. Set-up for Ladies' Christmas Brunch  
**Saturday:**  
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Christmas Brunch

### Session

Jim Aldrich  
Bert Barber  
Freddy Fritz (Moderator)  
Fred Gordon (Sabbatical)  
Doug Hayman (Sabbatical)  
Joe Kirkpatrick  
Kevin Nobles  
Ken Pothoven (Clerk)

### Diaconate

Mike Bowman  
Rick Donaldson  
Bob Guest  
Jonathan Massie  
Bob McQueen (Chairman)

### Missionaries

Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu.....NHMI  
Esaie & Natacha Etienne..... MTW  
Jeff & Jenny Lee..... RUF  
Pam Johnston ..... CHA

### Ministry Teams

<b>Membership</b> CareNet Class 101 Emptynesters Hospitality Nursery Pacesetters Prayer	<b>Maturity</b> Class 201 Adult CE&F Children Growth Group Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Women's Ministry Youth	<b>Ministry</b> Class 301 Ministry Deployment <b>Missions</b> Class 401 Church Planting Missions Committee NTCA Outreach	<b>Magnification</b> Worship Service Music Ministry Greeters Ushers
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that checks have 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 2012 income tax.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 12:30 P.M.

PACESSETTERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
The Pacesetters will be meeting at the church at 12:30 p.m. for their annual Christmas Luncheon. Meat will be provided. Just bring a side dish or dessert. Come enjoy the games, prizes and Christmas carols. There will be NO gift exchange this year. Please RSVP to Randi Mallary (813-972-0504) by Monday, December 3.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9:00-11:15 A.M.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY'S 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH  
Ladies of our church, friends, and family members, please accept our invitation to focus on the Advent season with guest speaker Betty Combee. Come for fun, fellowship, and a message to prepare your heart and mind for the true meaning of Christmas. Our theme, "The Grace and Peace of Christmas," will lead us to contemplate the undeserved favor, the unspeakable joy, and the peace beyond understanding that we find in Jesus Christ. Tickets: \$10.00 ladies and girls ages 9 and over, \$8.00 girls ages 8 and under. They will be sold in the narthex before and after Worship Service from November 4 through December 2.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:00-11:00 P.M.

PHOS YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY  
All youth are invited to come to the bonfire, make s'mores, take a hayride and exchange gifts as we celebrate the birth of

our Savior. For more information contact Anna Barber (813-731-3469).

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6:00-11:00 P.M.

PHOS BABYSITTING SERVICE NIGHT  
Spend an evening out with your spouse, go shopping or just relax. We will provide pizza, games, activities, and chaperones. To participate, contact Lauren Fritz (813-731-7663, 813-907-2568, lauren-fritz@verizon.net) to ensure that we have enough chaperones and pizza. Merry Christmas!

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

"SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" CONCERT  
The Music Ministry of TBPC presents the gift of a Christmas Concert to our Church family and friends. Come, bring friends and family to enjoy all the choirs and other special music as we celebrate the Christmas season with an evening of music. Invitations are in the Narthex.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

PHOS YOUTH GROUP CAROLING  
Everyone is welcome to join our youth as they visit some of our members and shut-ins in the community to sing favorite Christmas carols. For more information contact Anna Barber (813-857-3469).

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 7:45-9:00 A.M.

LAMP DISCIPLESHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM  
LAMP Seminary has certified Tampa Bay Presbyterian as a site for its Discipleship Certificate Program. The initial Certificate Program will focus on training men to train others in the congregation via this course in Biblical discipleship. For more information, see the brochure in the narthex, or contact Pastor Freddy (813-973-2484).

## Petitions

### Health

Marge Hallstrand, mother of **Rick Hallstrand** (in hospice care at the home of Rick and Linda); **Jena Barber** (recovery from cardiac surgery revision); Tyler Jeffries, son of **Ted Jeffries** (recovery from wounds in the war in Afghanistan); **Barbara Bentley** (continuing health issues); **Diane Collier** (limbic encephalitis); **Mac Burchfield** (recovery from stroke).

### Pregnancy

**Trina Jeffries** (girl) January  
**Aislinn Meyer** June

## This Week's Volunteers

### Welcome Table

Garry and Kerri Gawrych

### Greeters

Bill and Nora Jeffries

### Ushers

Bill Campbell, Betty Pothoven, Todd Bayley, Garry Gawrych, and Phil Lear

### Children's Church

Heather Tomasello, Melissa Nichols and Ryan Coffey

### Nursery

Karol and Karen Rosochowicz

### Deacon on Duty

Rick Donaldson

## Next Week's Volunteers

### Welcome Table

Bill and Nora Jeffries

### Greeters

Rick and Deborah Donaldson

### Ushers

Earl Myers, Betty Pothoven, Alan Polasky, Jeff Chapman, and Roger Kaiser

### Children's Church

Linda Childers, Melissa Nichols, and Jessica Hunter

### Nursery

Eric and Luana Isaac, and Wicke Egbert

### Deacon on Duty

Bob Guest

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS.....based on Psalm 85:9-13

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 .....Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus .....Hymnal 196 (vv. 2-4)

### GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... WSC 21 ..... Hymnal page 870

### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16..... Page 662

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM.....Psalm 25 (vv. 1-7)..... Trinity Psalter

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13..... Page 987

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING .....General Fund  
Please place Friendship Registration form in Offering Plate.

OFFERTORY SONG ..... Debi Hensley

PREPARATORY SONG..... Talkin’ About Jesus .....Worship Choir

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

SCRIPTURE .....Luke 2:25-35 ..... Page 857

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON..... THE TESTIMONY OF SIMEON..... Rev. Freddy Fritz  
Sermon Notes

### GOD COMMUNES WITH US

† SONG.....Nunc Dimittis

**Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as promised in your word. My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord, prepared by you for all the world to see, to shine on nations trapped in darkest night, the glory of your people, and their light.**

### Sacrament of Communion

Bread..... Behold the Lamb (vv. 1, 2)

**Behold the Lamb, who bears our sins away, slain for us- and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you- eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

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Cup..... Behold the Lamb (vv. 3, 4)

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you- drink and remember he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond- and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again and, we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

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### GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG.....In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone, my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my all-in-all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. ‘Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For all my sin, on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live!**

**There in the ground, his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand. Till he returns, or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!**

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† BENEDICTION

† MEET AND GREET CAFÉ

†Ushers may assist latecomers to find their seats after the Call to Worship.

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 or Friendship Register), 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 for a free book and information about the church.

Have a taste of something special with a new friend at the Meet and Greet Table!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer's Corner			
General Fund Income & Expense			
Three Months Ended October 31, 2012			
	Budget	Actual	Variance
General Fund Giving	\$ 104,593	\$ 97,873	\$ (6,720)
Other Income (Interest, Rent, etc.)	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,936	\$ 286
General Fund Expenses	\$ 107,243	\$ 102,834	\$ (4,409)
Ahead (Behind)	\$ 0	\$ (2,024)	\$ (2,024)
Missions Fund			
Goal		\$ 43,000	
Total pledged for 2012-2013		\$ 40,145	
Funds received 3/1/2012-10/31/2012		\$ 26,589	
By His Grace, For His Glory			
Goal		\$ 450,000	
Total pledged		\$ 282,714	
Funds received through 10/31/2012		\$ 57,945	

(Unaudited figures -- for internal use only.)

### Our Memory Verse for the Month

**Live the New Life**

**Matthew 4:19**

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

**Matthew 4:19**

**Witnessing**

### December *Trumpet* available at the Welcome Table

#### THE LORD’S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during the Worship Service today in remembrance of Christ, 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 Benevolence Fund will follow the Communion Service.

#### THANKS TO DEACON BRAD COLLIER

Due to his recent job relocation, Deacon Brad Collier tendered his resignation to the Session. The Session has accepted his resignation and dissolved the official relationship which existed between Brad and this church. We thank Brad for his faithful service on the Diaconate.

#### COMPASSION SUNDAY REPORT

During our Compassion Sunday there were 8 TBPC families who opened their hearts by sponsoring 8 children in poverty. Praise God! Because of the one-on-one nature of these relationships, we look forward to hearing how the lives of these children are impacted. Heather Tomasello still has a few sponsorship packets remaining. For more info, contact Heather (753-8567).

#### END-OF-YEAR GIVING

The Session is recommending that if anyone in our church family has extra funds (perhaps from an end-of-year bonus) and would like to make an additional contribution to the church, that it go to our *By His Grace, For His Glory* Capital Stewardship Campaign (for the addition of six new rooms). Please note: The IRS rule is