

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith VIII-2
Trinity Hymnal 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Nunc Dimmitus

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.

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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 Light! Out of the Darkness
Worship Choir

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

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON The Righteous Reign of the Branch
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

† SONG Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Trinity Hymnal 216

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
Grape juice (in grape-colored cups) in outer ring of tray; wine (clear-colored cups) in inner rings of tray.

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.

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 Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Hymnal 224

† OFFERING Benevolence Fund

† BENEDICTION

† MEET AND GREET CAFÉ

Children, ages 3 to Second Grade, are dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 4. 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 Welcome Card) 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	\$140,120.77	\$135,000.00	\$5,120.77
Giving General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31			
Missions Fund	\$37,707.66	\$41,250.00	(\$3,542.34)
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	\$95,737.23
Mortgage	<u>Original Mtg. Amt.</u>	<u>Prin. Pd. to Date</u>	<u>Mtg. Balance</u>
	\$290,205.50	\$90,616.71	199,588.79
(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)			

December *Trumpet* is available in the Narthex

Our Current Memory Verse

Exodus 20:11

For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Contact the Church Office for an invitation to TBPC’s online Scripture Typer Bible Memory System group.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper today 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.

2016 END-OF-YEAR GIFT

The Diaconate and Session are recommending that all end-of-year financial gifts go to the Barber Missions 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 2016 income tax returns.

TODAY

HAPPY 64TH ANNIVERSARY TO LOU AND BARBARA BENTLEY!

Please join us after church to celebrate this wonderful occasion with a cake and fellowship!

12:30 P.M.: EMPTYNESTERS AND PACESETTERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please join us to celebrate the Christmas season together. We will eat at Red Lobster (17021 Palm Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33647). Please see Sandy Neal or Randi Mallary if you would like to attend.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

12:00 P.M.: LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

Come relax over lunch with the other TBPC ladies at the home of Ginny Bremer on December 7, at 12:00 noon. The hostess will provide the soup. Feel free to bring a salad, a sweet, or a beverage. You are welcome to bring a friend or family member! An RSVP would be helpful by writing "Lunch Bunch" on your Welcome Card today or call/text Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457, or by emailing her at EileenFritz@verizon.net by Monday evening, December 5.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 A.M.: MEN'S BREAKFAST

The cost is \$8.00 (collected at the breakfast. and will be followed with a short devotional time. For more information contact Brian Carrier (813-841-9146, brian@bcaflorida.com). RSVP by writing "Men's Breakfast" on your Welcome Card.

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. Please see insert in today's bulletin for opportunities to serve.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

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*. Refreshments will be available following the service.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 A.M.: CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Invite your friends and family to join us for a Christmas Day service! Please note we will not hold Sunday School classes on Christmas Day.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:30 A.M.: NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Invite your friends and family to join us for a New Year's Day service! Please note we will not hold Sunday School classes on Christmas Day. De. Stephen Clark will be preaching.

Welcome

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please sign the Welcome Card located in the holder on the back of each chair. Also, 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, which will be available at the Welcome Center and online.

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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PastorRev. Freddy Fritz
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Youth Richard Hunter
Children's Ministry Vacant

Session

Freddy Fritz (Moderator)
Ed Jordan

Bert Barber (Emeritus)
Joe Kirkpatrick (Emeritus)
Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

Diaconate

Todd Bayley (Chairman)
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Chaplain Ted HammPRCC
Andrew & Meghan Newman RUF/USF
Ken & Tammy Matlack MTW
Rene & Lilli PalacioSIM
Carla Stevens MTW
Don & Judy Vander Ploeg Wycliffe

Meeting Times

Today:

8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
Adult CE&F
PHOS Youth Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Children's Church

12:30 p.m. Emptynesters and Pacesetters' Lunch
5:00 p.m. Sunday Dinner and Growth Groups
5:30 p.m. PHOS Youth Meeting

Tuesday:

9:30 a.m. ESL

Wednesday:

6:15 p.m. Dare 2 Declare
6:30 p.m. Kids of the King
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs
7:13 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

6:30 p.m. Leadership and Staff Christmas Party

Saturday:

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
5:30 p.m. Night In Bethlehem

Sunday:

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Ministry Teams

Membership

CareNet
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Children
Growth Group
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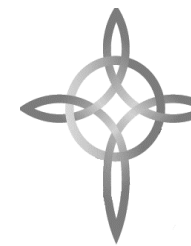
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Answers For Life!



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz & Ed Jordan

Worship Service

† Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Instrumental

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign Welcome Card

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom:

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

† OPENING SONG

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Trinity Hymnal 196

† 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Once in Royal David's City
Trinity Hymnal 225

This Week's Volunteers

Welcome Center

Jeanne Higby and Barbara Hess

Ushers

Bill Campbell, Phil Lear, Lenny Chew,
and Alan Polasky

Children's Church

Barb Hess and John Hutton

Nursery

Holly & Jeremiah Hawkes, and Yisha Tan

Deacon on Duty

Jonathan Massie

Next Week's Volunteers

Welcome Center

TBD

Ushers

Todd Bayley, Melissa Noel,
Roger Kaiser, and Todd Gartman

Children's Church

Barb Hess and John Hutton

Nursery

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Deacon on Duty

Todd Bayley