

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Based on Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness. In Christ, we are made right with God. Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE

Away in a Manger
Trinity Hymnal 304

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII-3
Trinity Hymnal 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM

Magnificat

My soul will magnify the Lord; I rejoice in God my Savior, in the wonder of his favor. For he has done great things for me; he was mindful of his servant. Every age shall call me blessed. The Hope of Abraham come in the giving of a Son; for he who promised is mighty in remembering his mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord for his grace to those who fear him through every generation. The proud he scatters to the wind as the ruler's strength is broken, and the rich are left with nothing. The humble lifted high, and the hungry satisfied; our Portion and our Treasure, our Hope and Help forever.

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 11:2-11
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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

Mary Did You Know?
A Cappella Choir

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Ransomed Shall Return
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High
Trinity Hymnal 214

† 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	\$154,876.77	\$142,940.00	\$11,936.77
Giving General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31			
Missions Fund	\$40,485.99	\$42,307.69	(\$1,821.70)
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	\$99,663.23
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 Typing Bible Memory System group.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THANK YOU, NIB VOLUNTEERS!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed in resources and time to make Night In Bethlehem a success this year!

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 post-marked and dated December 31, 2016 to be claimed as a deduction for 2016 income tax returns.

CHRISTMAS EVE REFRESHMENTS

Our Christmas Eve service promises to be a time of blessed worship and fellowship. As we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we ask that you consider providing a small food item to share after the Christmas Eve worship service. We hope to offer small snacks and pastries that you wish to make/bring. If you are interested, please email Joan Kosanovich (jmkosanovich@gmail.com), reach out to one of the other Hospitality Team members, or write "Christmas Eve Snack" on the Welcome Card. Thank you so much for your love for Christ and our church family!

TODAY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY 15 MEETING

There will be a WM 15 meeting after Worship today. Take a few minutes to greet friends, then meet in the Youth Room at 12:00 p.m. to get the latest information on women's events. Think about any concerns or new ideas you may want to share.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

2:00 P.M.: CHRISTMAS CAROLING @ WESTBROOKE MANOR

No reservation needed, just show up. Lyric sheets will be available there for you. You will be blessed!! Join us at: 6701 Dairy Road, Zephyrhills 33542.

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. Dr. Stephen Clark will be preaching.

Welcome

We are glad you are worshiping 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.

Staff

PastorRev. Freddy Fritz
Office AdministratorMelissa Bayley
NTCA Director Heather Olsen
CustodianChris Christopher
Nursery (p/t) Marianne Cali
Bookkeeper (p/t) Joanne Campbell
Music (p/t) Debi Hensley
Pianist (p/t) Debi Hensley
Office Assistant (p/t) LeeAnn DeStefano
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)
Rick Donaldson
Garry Gawrych
Jonathan Massie

Bob Guest (Emeritus)
Bob McQueen (Emeritus)

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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. Welcome Lunch
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
7:13 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

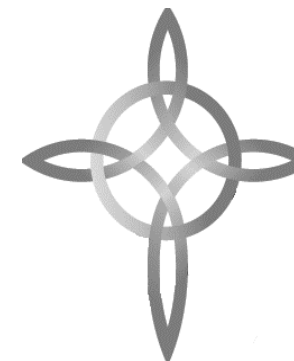
7:00 p.m. Session and Diaconate Meetings

Sunday:

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

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

2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
5:30 p.m. PHOS Youth Meeting



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz & Ken Pothoven

Worship Service

† Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

More Than Conquerors
Dare to Declare

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign Welcome Card

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Isaiah 35:1-2

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 wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

† OPENING SONG

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Trinity Hymnal 218

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

This 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

Wicke Egbert, Rebekah and Jason Skopp

Deacon on Duty

Todd Bayley

Next Week's Volunteers

Welcome Center

Rick and Deborah Donaldson

Ushers

Luke Egbert, Martine Extermann,
Lenny Chew, and Jonathan Massie

Children's Church

Barb Hess and John Hutton

Nursery

Bill & Jo Campbell

Deacon on Duty

Jonathan Massie

Ministry Teams

Membership

CareNet
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Maturity

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Children
Growth Group
Men's Bible Study
Men's Ministry
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