

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Hymnal 201

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII:3

The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator and surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father, who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Page 620

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The First Noel
Dare to Declare

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
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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

Instrumental

PREPARATORY SONG

He Made a Way in a Manger
Worship Choir

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Luke 13:1-9
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Jesus Gives a Warning
Rev. Freddy Fritz

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song; the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy, I could not live here; for sin would reduce me to utter despair. But through thy free goodness my spirits revive and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart. Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of Mercies, thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of thy crucified Son. All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine, seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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† BENEDICTION

† MEET AND GREET CAFÉ

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			
General Fund Income & Expense			
One Month Ended October 31, 2014			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund Giving	\$ 107,931	\$ 104,819	\$ 3,112
Other Income (Interest, Rent, etc.)	\$ 3,567	\$ 2,806	\$ 761
General Fund Expenses	\$ 106,684	\$ 107,625	\$ 941
Ahead (Behind)	\$ 4,814	\$ (0)	\$ 4,814
Missions Fund			
Goal			\$ 45,000
Total pledged for 2014-2015			\$ 38,414
Funds received 3/1/2014-10/31/2014			\$ 29,962
By His Grace, For His Glory			
Goal			\$ 450,000
Total pledged			\$ 282,714
Funds received through 10/31/2014			\$ 263,614
(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)			

Our Memory Verse of the Month

Be Christ's Disciple
Matthew 6:33
But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

Put Christ First

December *Trumpet* available at the Welcome Table

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR DUST
We apologize for the dusty conditions we will continue to experience while our construction project progresses.

CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES
The Minutes of the 61st Called Congregation Meeting are available in the narthex for review. Please send corrections to the Session Clerk, RE Kevin Nobles (knobles1@verizon.net).

THE PCA FOUNDATION
Provides help for year-end tax planning and charitable giving. Accomplish your gifting desires and, at the same time, reduce your income tax liability. Flyers in narthex. Visit www.PCAFoundation.com or call 1-800-700-3221.

End-Of-Year Giving
The Session is recommending that, if anyone in our church family would like to make an additional contribution to the church, it go to our *By His Grace, For His Glory* Capital Stewardship Campaign for the building addition. 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 2014 income tax returns.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, NOON
ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
The office will be closed December 25 and 26. All announcements for Sunday, December 28 must be into the office by noon on Monday, December 22.

Petitions

Health

Lucy DeStefano, mother-in-law of **LeeAnn DeStefano** (congestive heart failure); **Mike Smith**, son of **Gary and Pat Smith** (spinocerebellar ataxia; for wisdom, provision, peace); **LeeAnn DeStefano** (shoulder replacement surgery recovery); **Roy Riley** (hip recovery after fall); **Betty McQueen** (severe back pain and recovery from stroke); **Mia Jeffries** (treatment for acute leukemia); **Joelle Nobles** (healing for digestive problems); **Jena Barber** (improved kidney health).

This Week's Volunteers

Welcome Table
Alan Polasky
Greeters
Fred and Maggie Gordon
Ushers
Garry Gawrych, Earl Myers, Melissa Noel, Alan Polasky, and Roger Kaiser
Children's Church
Averil Massey, Wendy McLeod, and Josiah Massey
Nursery
Eric and Luana Isaac, and Wicke Egbert
Deacon on Duty
Garry Gawrych

Next Week's Volunteer

Welcome Table
Melissa Nichols
Greeters
Martine Extermann and Bert Barber
Ushers
Lenny Chew, Martine Extermann, Luke Egbert, and Jonathan Massie
Children's Church
Averil Massey, Wendy McLeod, and Josiah Massey
Nursery
Bill and Jo Campbell
Deacon on Duty
Jonathan Massie

TUESDAY, 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*. 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CE&F CLASSES

MONDAYS, JANUARY 5 - APRIL 27, 6:30-8:30 P.M. (EWBS) AND WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 7 - APRIL 29, 9:00-11:30 A.M. (MWBS)
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-SPRING 2015
We will be studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Both classes meet in the church sanctuary. Childcare is available with an advance reservation. Please indicate on the Welcome Card (either WBS-E or WBS-M) if you will be attending and place it in the offering plate. You may contact Melissa Bailey (813-528-2830, melbay4@gmail.com) or Maggie Gordon (813-610-1969, maggordon2@gmail.com), if you have questions.

Staff
Senior Pastor.....Rev. Freddy Fritz
Associate Pastor.....Rev. 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
Pianist (p/t).....Debi Hensley
Office Assistant (p/t).....LeeAnn DeStefano
Youth (p/t).....Garry Gawrych

Session
Bert Barber
Freddy Fritz (Moderator)
Fred Gordon
Doug Hayman
Ed Jordan (REIT)
Doug Knox
James Nichols
Kevin Nobles (Clerk)
Jim Aldrich (Emeritus)
Joe Kirkpatrick (Emeritus)
Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

Diaconate
Todd Bayley (DIT)
Rick Donaldson
Garry Gawrych
Bob Guest (Chairman)
Bill Jeffries (DIT)
Jonathan Massie
Bob McQueen (Emeritus)

Missionaries
Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu.....NHMI
Chaplain James Cochell.....PRCC
Peter and Lauren Dishman.....MTW
Esaie & Natacha Etienne.....MTW
Chaplain Ted Hamm.....PRCC
Jeff & Jenny Lee.....RUF
Pam Johnston.....WA
Ken & Tammy Matlack.....MTW
Kevin & Gertrude Nicholas.....Wycliffe

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
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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. 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 handing it to an usher. The staff of the church will pray confidentially for these requests.

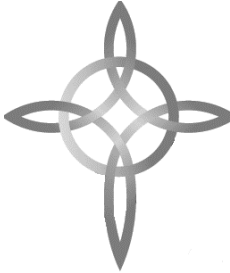
Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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.

Missionaries (cont.)
Rene & Lilli Palacio.....SIM
Carla Stevens.....MTW
Don & Judy Vander Ploeg.....Wycliffe

Meeting Times

Today:
8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
Adult CE&F
LAMP Certificate Program
PHOS Youth Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Children's Church
12:30 p.m. Welcome Lunch
5:00 p.m. PHOS Youth Dinner and Meeting
Tuesday:
6:00 p.m. Gordon Growth Group
7:00 p.m. ESL Evening Bible Study
Wednesday:
6:30 p.m. LAMP Degree Program
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:
7:00 p.m. A Cappella Chorale Rehearsal
Session and Diaconate Meetings
Saturday:
7:45 a.m. LAMP Certificate Program
Men's Bible Study
Sunday:
8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
Adult CE&F
Lamp Certificate Program
PHOS Youth Sunday School
10:05 a.m. Children's SS Mini Meeting
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Children's Church
5:00 p.m. PHOS Youth Dinner and Meeting
Nobles Dinner and Growth Group
5:30 p.m. Knox Dinner and Growth Group



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leader: Freddy Fritz

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

Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in joy, the joy that we have in Jesus, our Savior.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

† OPENING SONG Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hymnal 203

† 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.