



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and James Nichols

Worship Service

† Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

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

MISSION STATEMENT MOMENT LAMP Certificate Presentation
Freddy Fritz

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIPbased 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 SONGHark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymnal 203

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN

CONFESSION OF SINbased on Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine: for your light has come. O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming. It's time that we prepare for your coming. Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break

Welcome

We are glad you are worshiping 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 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.

Staff

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

Jim Aldrich
Bert Barber
Freddy Fritz (Moderator)
Fred Gordon
Doug Hayman
Joe Kirkpatrick
Doug Knox (REIT)
James Nichols
Kevin Nobles (Clerk)

Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

Diaconate

John Ausmus (DIT)
Mike Bowman (Sabbatical)
Rick Donaldson
Garry Gawrych (DIT)
Bob Guest (Chairman)
Jonathan Massie

Bob McQueen (Emeritus)

Missionaries

Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu..... NHMI
Chaplain James Cochell PRCC
Esaie & Natacha Etienne..... MTW
Chaplain Ted Hamm..... PRCC
Jeff & Jenny Lee..... RUF
Pam Johnston..... WA
Ken & Tammy Matlack..... MTW
Kevin & Gertrude Nicholas..... Wycliffe
Rene & Lilli Palacio SIM
Carla Stevens MTW
Don & Judy Vander Ploeg..... Wycliffe

Ministry Teams

Membership
CareNet
Emptynesters
Hospitality
Nursery
Pacesetters
Prayer

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

Ministry
Ministry Deployment

Missions
Church Planting
Missions Committee
NTCA
Outreach

Magnification
Worship Service
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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 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 2013 income tax returns.

THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS FOR THE ÉTIENNE BOYS!
Esaie & Natacha Étienne, with MTW, and their children Ishtyler (15), Isaiah, Jr. (14), and Ishmaiah, (13) have become TBPC Children's Ministry "own" missionaries. There is a basket in the narthex with envelopes for TBPC kids to enclose money to be sent to the boys' parents for purchase of Christmas gifts.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, NOON

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
The office will be closed December 25, 26, and 27. All announcements for Sunday, December 29 must be into the office by noon on Monday, December 23.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Please use the invitation card in the Friendship Register, 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 Friendship Register form and the item you will bring. Please bring them 30 minutes before the start of the service.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, CE&F OR COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

SUMMER 2014 MISSIONS TRIPS
TBPC will be sending 2 missions trips this

Petitions

Health

Cile Mitchell, **Nora Jeffries'** sister-in-law (get a lung transplant); **John Andel** (recovery from kidney stone surgery); Tyler Jeffries, son of **Ted Jeffries** (recovery from war wounds); **Barbara Bentley** (continuing health issues); **Diane Collier** (limbic encephalitis).

Pregnancy

Jennifer Garcia December

This Week's Volunteers

Welcome Table

Alan Polasky

Greeters

Bert Barber and Martine Extermann

Ushers

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

Children's Church

Molly Knox, Melissa Nichols, and Pierce Atkinson

Nursery

Bill & Jo Campbell

Deacon on Duty

Jonathan Massie

Next Week's Volunteer

Welcome Table

Brian and Alisa Carrier

Greeters

Phil and Chis Lear

Ushers

Bob McQueen, Jim Childers, Reid Donaldson, Rick Donaldson, and Vince Hladek

Children's Church

Michelle Hunter, Gertrude Hunter, and Jessica Hunter

Nursery

Alisa Carrier, and Jennifer and Luana Isaac

Deacon on Duty

Garry Gawrych

coming summer; a medical missions trip to Monterrey, Mexico with MTW (June 28 - July5), and a Cherokee trip (July 19 - 26). If interested in either of these trips, see the Team Leader: Monterrey – Martine Extermann (adults only); Cherokee – Doug Knox.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:30-8:30 PM (EWBS)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 9:00-11:30 AM (MWBS)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – SPRING 2014

Our spring study, "Left of Matthew," will be led by Maggie Gordon (MWBS) and Melissa Bayley (EWBS), with several other women leading some of the study sessions. Childcare (by reservation): MWBS-for infants to preschoolers; EWBS-for children of any age. Cost of books and materials is \$10.00. Registration forms are in the narthex, or write "MWBS" or "EWBS" on your Friendship Register form. Please indicate your childcare needs.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 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 next Certificate Program offering for men will be Bible Doctrine II. For more information, see the brochure in the narthex, or contact Pastor Freddy (813-973-2484).

forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESSbased 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..... All Because of a Baby Boy
Kids of the King

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 33 & 34

Why is he called God's "only Son" when we also are God's children?

Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God; adopted by grace through Christ.

Why do you call him "our Lord"?

Because not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10 Page 595

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† SONG..... Away in a Manger Hymnal 205

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:1-11 Page 816

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERTORY SONG Instrumental
Debi Hensley

PREPARATORY SONG..... Born in Bethlehem
Worship Choir

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT John 3:16 Page 888

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON..... The Greatest Gift
Rev. Bill Welzien

Sermon Notes

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG O Come All Ye Faithful Hymnal 208

† 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

Our Memory Verse for the Month

Proclaim Christ

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:24

Assurance of Salvation

Announcements

December *Trumpet* available at the Welcome Table.

Treasurer's Corner			
General Fund Income & Expense			
One Month Ended October 31, 2013			
	Budget	Actual	Variance
General Fund Giving	\$ 110,910	\$ 91,781	\$ (19,129)
Other Income (Interest, Rent, etc.)	\$ 2,815	\$ 3,513	\$ 698
General Fund Expenses	\$ 113,725	\$ 100,003	\$ (13,722)
Ahead (Behind)	\$ -	\$ (4,710)	\$ (4,710)
Missions Fund			
Goal			\$ 45,000
Total pledged for 2013-2014			\$ 37,260
Funds received 3/1/2013-10/31/2013			\$ 31,323
By His Grace, For His Glory			
Goal			\$ 450,000
Total pledged			\$ 282,714
Funds received through 10/31/2013			\$ 164,752
(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)			

PIONEER CLUBS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a 2nd teacher for our Trailblazers (5th-8th graders) beginning January 8. If interested, contact Lindsay Montoney, (864-561-1721, lindsayjoanne90@hotmail.com).

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 the PCA Foundation's website at www.pcafoundation.com or call 1-800-700-3221.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

If you want to nominate someone for the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon, there are Nomination forms in the Friendship Register and in the narthex. Fill one out and turn it in to the church office or to a Deacon or Elder.

COMPASSION SUNDAY RESULTS

Two additional families signed up to sponsor children, and some others are still considering it. This is a wonderful way to share the love of Christ in such a deep and long lasting way! For more information or to sponsor a child contact Heather Tomasello (813-753-8567, heather.tomasello78@gmail.com).

RULING ELDER AND DEACON EMERITUS

Ruling Elder Jim Aldrich and Deacon Bob McQueen have requested and been granted emeritus status, effective now for Bob

McQueen, and January 1, 2014 for Jim Aldrich. The Session and the congregation thank Jim for 3 years and Bob for 17 years of faithful, diligent, and exemplary service to Jesus and his church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER 2014

Because of the west wing expansion, VBS on site is not an option. In January, there will be a meeting to pray and consider options for alternative ministries. Please feel free to start the conversation in advance by sending ideas to Eileen Fritz (EileenFritz@verizon.net).

ESL FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

We need families who are willing to host a student and his or her family for a dinner. This gives the students a chance to practice their English as well as to make new friends. If you could do this 2 or 3 times in the spring (January to May) it would be ideal. Please see either Pastor James or Heather Tomasello (813-753-8567, heather.tomasello@gmail.com) for questions. To sign up, write "ESL friend" on your Friendship Register form.

ESL MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We're growing! You don't need special training to volunteer, just a willingness to serve. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Pastor James (813-973-2484).

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

The Session is recommending that, if anyone