



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 16, 2012 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and Bert Barber

Worship Service

† Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG Zechariah's *Benedictus*
Please greet those around you as you take your seats, and then join in the singing.

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free; he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom, and the release; God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.

He, from the house of David, a child of grace has given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On prisoners of darkness, the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes. He guides the feet of the pilgrims along the path of peace. O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

Words: Michael A. Perry (b. 1942), para. of *The Song of Zechariah*.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign the Friendship Register

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP..... based on Isaiah 35:1-2

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 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 We Have Heard on High..... Hymnal 214

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR 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,

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 MatlackMTW
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
6:00 p.m. Sounds of the Season Christmas Concert
Tuesday:
7:00 p.m. Pothoven Growth Group
Wednesday:
6:15 p.m. Dare to Declare Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Kids of the King Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:
7:00 p.m. Session and Diaconate Meetings
Saturday:
7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. PHOS Caroling Event

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

Membership	Maturity	Ministry	Magnification
CareNet	Class 201	Class 301	Worship Service
Class 101	Adult CE&F	Ministry Deployment	Music Ministry
Emptynesters	Children		Greeters
Hospitality	Growth Group	Missions	Ushers
Nursery	Men's Bible Study	Class 401	
Pacesetters	Women's Bible Study	Church Planting	
Prayer	Women's Ministry	Missions Committee	
	Youth	NTCA	
		Outreach	

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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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

PHOS YOUTH GROUP CAROLING, 6:00 P.M.
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).

MONDAY, 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

Petitions

Membership Ministry

For Membership Ministry: Class 101, Prayer, Emptynesters, Hospitality, CareNet, Nursery, and Pacesetters.

For continuing progress in planning and implementing ways to coordinate and cultivate caring covenantal relationships within the TBPC family.

Maturity

For Maturity Ministry Teams: Class 201, Adult C.E.& F., Youth, Children, Growth Groups, Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, and Women's Ministry.

For TPBC members to read their Bibles daily in 2013.

For TBPC members to memorize Scripture in 2013.

For effectiveness in evangelism and discipleship through the outreach of our ministries.

Health

Melissa Harding, daughter of **Bob and Dale Moore** (recovery from a stroke); **Becky Jordan** (recovery from head injury); **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).

Loss

Rick and Linda Hallstrand as they grieve the death of Rick's mother, Marge Hallstrand, on December 3.

Pregnancy

Trina Jeffries	(girl) January
Meredith Plunkett	January
Aislinn Meyer	June
Michelle Smith	July

Next Week's Volunteers

Welcome Table
Wes and Mary Mollard
Greeters
Roger Kaiser and Bob Mallary
Ushers
Bob McQueen, Jim Childers, Reid Donaldson, Rick Donaldson, and Vince Hladek
Children's Church
Linda Childers, Melissa Nichols, and Jessica Hunter
Nursery
Jennifer Isaac and Julissa Rhoden
Deacon on Duty
Bob McQueen

This Week's Volunteers

Welcome Table
Brian and Alisa Carrier
Greeters
Autar Kaw and Lilly Porter
Ushers
Javier Lugo, Martine Extermann, Luke Egbert, Colin Jensen, and Jonathan Massie
Children's Church
Linda Childers, Melissa Nichols, and Jessica Hunter
Nursery
Bill & Jo Campbell
Deacon on Duty
Jonathan Massie

our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESSbased on Isaiah 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..... What Child Is This?Hymnal 213

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH WSC 23-26 Hymnal page 871

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20..... Page 790

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† SONG..... Angels From the Realms of GloryHymnal 218

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-7 Page 982

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERINGGeneral Fund
Please place Friendship Registration form in Offering Plate.

OFFERTORY SONG Debi Hensley

PREPARATORY SONG..... Wonderful.....Worship Choir

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

SCRIPTURELuke 2:36-38 Page 974

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON..... The Testimony of Anna Rev. Freddy Fritz
Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes
(cont.)

† CLOSING SONG..... Go Tell It on the Mountain..... Hymnal 224

† 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			
Four Months Ended November 30, 2012			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund Giving	\$ 139,457	\$ 129,306	\$ (10,151)
Other Income (Interest, Rent, etc.)	\$ 3,533	\$ 3,869	\$ 336
General Fund Expenses	\$ 142,990	\$ 134,178	\$ (8,812)
Ahead (Behind)	\$ 0	\$ (1,002)	\$ (1,002)
Missions Fund			
Goal			\$ 43,000
Total pledged for 2012-2013			\$ 40,145
Funds received 3/1/2012-11/30/2012			\$ 29,982
By His Grace, For His Glory			
Goal			\$ 450,000
Total pledged			\$ 282,714
Funds received through 11/30/2012			\$ 67,983

(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

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 classroom 23 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.

cial music as we celebrate the Christmas season with an evening of music. Invitations are in today's bulletin and in the narthex.

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 to the building of six new rooms). Please note: the IRS rule is that checks have to be written/dated

TODAY , 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 spe-