

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

BASED ON MALACHI 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. The messenger of the Lord has come in Christ. In Christ, we present offerings to the Lord in righteousness! Thanks be to God for his lavish grace!

SONG OF RESPONSE

Silent Night! Holy Night!
Trinity Hymnal 210

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII-4
Trinity Hymnal 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-16
Page 572

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Trinity Hymnal 201

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25
Page 807

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

Ancient Wonder in the Night
A Cappella Choir

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Isaiah 7:10-16
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Sign of Immanuel
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my all-in-all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. ‘Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For all my sin, on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground, his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand. Till he returns, or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

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† 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		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
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			
	Goal	Pledged	Received
	\$350,000.00	\$146,476.00	\$99,663.23
Mortgage	Original Mtg. Amt.	Prin. Pd. to Date	Mtg. Balance
	\$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.

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.

To-date we have received a total of \$5,295.00. Thank you for your support.

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!

TO ALL THE TBPC FAMILY

I wish to thank everyone for your prayers and get well wishes and cards. As Christians we all know the power of prayer. There is always an answer to prayer whether it is “No,” “Yes,” or “Not Now” as decided by the enormous wisdom of our Lord God and Savior Jesus the Christ. I am not certain as to the next process of medical treatment at this time, as I await biopsy/pathology reports but fully trust in my Lord. Again, thanks to all of the TBPC Congregation and Staff for your prayers.

God Bless You,
Chris Christopher

TODAY

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 New Year’s Day. Dr. Stephen Clark will be preaching.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:45 – 10:00 A.M.: ADULT CE&F CLASSES

Beginning on Sunday, January 8, we shall have two new classes:

- **1, 2, 3 John:** Mr. Richard Thompson will lead a verse-by-verse study of these three letters. This study will focus on Christian assurance and how to live our lives in light of today’s challenges.
- **Resolving Everyday Conflict:** Pastor Freddy Fritz will facilitate this DVD study that unpacks the amazing things the Bible has to say about conflict and relationships. Throughout this study, you will find the powerful and practical answers you are looking for as you dig into topics such as: when to overlook an offense, the root cause of conflict, what makes a good apology, what forgiveness really means, how to deal with difficult people, and much more.

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.

Staff

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Office AdministratorMelissa Bayley
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Youth Richard Hunter
Children’s Ministry Vacant

Session

Freddy Fritz (Moderator)
Ed Jordan (Clerk of Session)

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Joe Kirkpatrick (Emeritus)
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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

2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling at Westbrooke Manor

5:00 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

Saturday:

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday:

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



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today’s Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz & Bert Barber

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 Based on Isaiah 7:14

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 Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (“God is with us”).

† OPENING SONG Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Trinity Hymnal 203

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

Ministry Teams

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This Week’s Volunteers

Welcome Center

Rick and Deborah Donaldson

Ushers

Jonathan Massie, Luke Egbert,
Martine Extermann, Richard
Hunter

Children’s Church

TBD

Nursery

Bill & Jo Campbell

Deacon on Duty

Jonathan Massie

Next Week’s Volunteers

Welcome Center

TBD

Ushers

TBD

Children’s Church

TBD

Nursery

TBD

Deacon on Duty

TBD