

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!  
Hymnal 210

**GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 8:4  
Trinity Hymnal page 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2-5a  
Page 779

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

†SONG

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

Hebrews 10:5-10  
Page 1006

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

Born That We May Have Life  
Worship Choir

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Luke 20:41-44  
Page 880

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Whose Son Is the Christ?  
Rev. Freddy Fritz

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE**

† CLOSING SONG

What Child Is This?  
Hymnal 213

† 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			
	Fiscal YTD		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$157,088.45	\$163,480.00	(\$6,391.55)
Giving	General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31		
Missions Fund	\$35,937.75	\$38,748.00	(\$2,810.25)
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	\$41,248.00
(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)			

Our Memory Verse for the Month

Be Christ’s Disciple  
Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

Develop World Vision

**December *Trumpet* available at the Welcome Table**

2015 END-OF-YEAR GIFT

Due to the income shortage in the General Fund so far this fiscal year, the Diaconate and Session are recommending that all end-of-year financial gifts go to the General 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 postmarked in December to be claimed as a deduction for 2015 income tax returns.

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. Insert in the bulletin. Visit [www.PCAFoundation.com](http://www.PCAFoundation.com) or call 1-800-700-3221.

VOLUNTEER SOUGHT TO HELP CHURCH PLANTER WITH SOCIAL NETWORKING

Can you lend a hand in church planting? MNA Second Career Ministry may be for you. For example, a church in Syracuse, NY needs a volunteer to create and maintain a social networking strategy suitable for a new church incorporating Facebook, Twitter and the church website over the internet from your home. Learn more about this and other opportunities to serve at [www.pcamna.org/second-career](http://www.pcamna.org/second-career) or contact Barbara Campbell at [bcampbell@pcanet.org](mailto:bcampbell@pcanet.org) (phone 804-339-5005).

GROWTH GROUPS THIS SPRING:

One of the key opportunities that we offer for maturity and discipleship is Growth Groups. Starting in the new year, we will have 4 Growth Groups meeting

regularly. These growth groups are:  
**BAYLEY:** Meeting at the Bayley household on Tuesday nights. This group meets weekly from 7-8 pm.  
**NOBLES:** Meeting at the church on every other Sunday night starting January 10. This group, along with the Hayman and Nichols group will meet from 5-7:30 and includes a potluck meal and childcare. The Nobles Growth Group will study selected Psalms to help enrich our quiet time with God.  
**HAYMAN:** Meeting at the same time as the Nobles Growth Group.  
**NICHOLS:** Meeting at the same time as the Nobles Growth Group. This group will be doing a study on gospel centered parenting.  
 Please let us know if you are interested in any of the Growth Groups on your Welcome Card.

**CHEROKEE MISSIONS TRIP**  
 Now is the time to start looking forward to our Cherokee Missions Trip this coming summer. We will be getting dates soon, but in the meantime, please pray about participation and let the office know if you are interested. This trip is a great opportunity for families to go together and serve alongside each other.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.**

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 27**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CE&F CLASSES

**3:00-7:30 P.M.: TAMPA MUSLIM OUTREACH TRAINING**

This training will take place here at the church and will be presented by the Tampa Muslim Outreach. It focuses on how to reach Muslims with the Gospel. Rev. Matt Walter will help us understand the history, tripwires, and strategies in evangelizing our Muslim neighbors. A pizza dinner will be provided as well as childcare for those who RSVP. Please write "Muslim Outreach" on your Welcome Card if you are interested.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4 (6:30-8:30 P.M.) & WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 (9:00-11:30 A.M.)**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (WBS) SPRING TERM**  
 We will study the rich lessons from the book of Romans to guide our walk with the Lord! We look forward to seeing all who attended the fall semester again as we welcome those of you who have not yet signed up. Please plan to attend either the Monday night or Wednesday morning study time. To register write "WBS-E" (Monday evening) "WBS-M" (Wednesday morning) on your Welcome Card. Free childcare is available with a reservation. Contact Melissa Bayley (melbay4@gmail.com), Debbie Jordan (debbiejordan1@gmail.com), or Barb Hess (bhess105@gmail.com).

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**2016 MISSIONS CONFERENCE DINNER**  
 This year, for our Saturday night Missions Conference Dinner, we will be having a barbeque cook-off. If you are interested in cooking for the competition, please contact Ted Jeffries (813-469-6469, tedjeffries55@gmail.com) or Luke Egbert (813-541-3518, legbert35@yahoo.com) know. The judges will be our speaker and visiting missionaries. Everyone should plan to come out and enjoy the variety. The conference will run from February 19-21.

**THURSDAY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 27**

**LIGONIER CONFERENCE**  
 Plan on attending the annual Ligonier Conference in Orlando, FL. Details at <http://www.ligonier.org/events/2016-national-conference/>.

**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. Also, please 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 on line.

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**

Senior Pastor .....Rev. Freddy Fritz  
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 Children (p/t)..... Wendy McLeod  
 Pianist (p/t)..... Debi Hensley  
 Office Assistant (p/t).....LeeAnn DeStefano  
 Youth (p/t).....Ethan Hayman

**Session**

Bert Barber  
 Freddy Fritz (Moderator)  
 Fred Gordon  
 Doug Hayman  
 Ed Jordan  
 Doug Knox  
 James Nichols  
 Kevin Nobles (Clerk)

Joe Kirkpatrick (Emeritus)  
 Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

**Diaconate**

Todd Bayley (Chairman)  
 Rick Donaldson  
 Garry Gawrych  
 Bill Jeffries  
 Jonathan Massie

Bob Guest (Emeritus)  
 Bob McQueen (Emeritus)

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Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu .....NHMI  
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**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  
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**Magnification**

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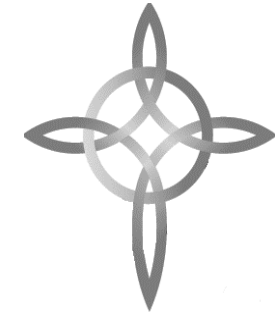
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**Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and 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

Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in peace, the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

† OPENING SONG

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks  
 Hymnal 223

† 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.

**This Week's Volunteers**

**Welcome Table**

Martine Extermann and Bert Barber

**Greeters**

Garry and Keri Gawrych

**Ushers**

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

**Children's Church**

John and Amber Dixon, and Becky Jordan

**Nursery**

Bill and Jo Campbell

**Deacon on Duty**

Jonathan Massie

**Next Week's Volunteer**

**Welcome Table**

Fred and Maggie Gordon

**Greeters**

Brian and Alisa Carrier

**Ushers**

Bob McQueen, Richard Hunter, Alan Polasky, Rick Donaldson, and Jim Turpen

**Children's Church**

Shawn Noble, John Hutton, and Colby Tomasello

**Nursery**

Alisa Carrier, and Jennifer and Luana Isaac

**Deacon on Duty**

Rick Donaldson