

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Once in royal David’s City
Trinity Hymnal 225

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII-2
Trinity Hymnal 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11
Page 599

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM

Song of Simeon

Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as promised in your word. My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord, prepared by you for all the world to see, to shine on nations trapped in darkest night, the glory of your people, and their light.

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8
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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

Here With Us
Soloist: Kim Semeniuk

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Genesis 27:46-28:9
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Jacob Is Sent to Find a Wife
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Trinity Hymnal 216

† 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 11:45 a.m. (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 and the "Meet & Greet Café". 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 Center 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 | \$118,232.00 | \$137,626.00 | (\$19,394.00) |
| Giving General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31 | | | |
| Missions Fund | \$32,390.83 | \$34,615.38 | (\$2,224.55) |
| 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 | \$139,572.73 |
| Mortgage | <u>Original Mtg. Amt.</u> | <u>Prin. Pd. to Date</u> | <u>Mtg. Balance</u> |
| | \$290,205.50 | \$142,209.67 | \$147,995.83 |
| (Unaudited figures —for internal use only.) | | | |

December *Trumpet* is available in the Narthex

Our Current Memory Verse

Psalm 121:8

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Contact the Church Office for an invitation to TBPC’s online Scripture Typer

2017 DONATIONS:

All donations for 2017 must be dated no later than December 31, 2017.

SUNDAYS

8:45 A.M.: ADULT CE&F CLASSES AVAILABLE
Survey of the Reformation: Twelve 23-minute lectures by Dr. Robert Godfrey, followed by class discussion (led by RE Ed Jordan and John McNulty). This class will focus on several aspects of the Reformation and its impact on us today.

Reformation Profiles: This class will have five lessons, beginning on November 19. People new to Reformed theology may wonder just what it was about a five-hundred-year-old historical movement that affects our thinking so much today. So, join

Dr. Stephen Nichols for an inviting, approachable take on “Reformation 101,” as he explores the events of the Protestant Reformation from the perspective of important figures from each of four key countries in this new seven-part teaching series. More than a history lesson, Dr. Nichols helps believers understand why the Reformation mattered then and matters now. (Class discussion led by TE Freddy Fritz).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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 the Youth Room 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:15 P.M.: EMPTYNESTERS' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

You are invited to join us at the Pebble Creek Golf and Country Club (Mulligan's Irish Pub), 10550 Regents Park Drive, Tampa, just south of the church. Please RSVP to Sandy Neal at 813-973-7814 or sandybill1941@gmail.com by Friday, December 15. Looking forward to sharing a wonderful time together!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

CE&F & SUNDAY SCHOOL
No classes will be held.

6:00 PM: 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 platter of cheese, fruit, veggies, or sweets to share, please write "CE – food" on your Welcome Card or let Melissa Bayley (office@tbpca.org) know.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

CE&F & SUNDAY SCHOOL
No classes will be held.

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.



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Second 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 Based on Isaiah 11:6

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 wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

† OPENING SONG Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Trinity Hymnal 196

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

Staff

PastorRev. Freddy Fritz
Office AdministratorMelissa Bayley
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Nursery (p/t)..... Marianne Cali
Bookkeeper (p/t)Joanne Campbell
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Choir Director/Pianist (p/t) Aline Giampietro
Office Assistant (p/t)..... LeeAnn DeStefano
Youth Richard Hunter
Children's MinistryKristine Wyss

Session

Freddy Fritz (Moderator)
Ed Jordan (Clerk of Session)
Rich Thompson (REIT)

Bert Barber (Emeritus)
Joe Kirkpatrick (Emeritus)
Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

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Todd Bayley (Chairman)
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Ken & Tammy Matlack..... MTW
Rene & Lilli PalacioSIM
Carla Stevens MTW
Don Vander Ploeg..... Wycliffe

Meeting Times

Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
PHOS Youth Sunday School
Adult CE&F:

- Survey of the Reformation
- Reformation Profiles

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

12:00 p.m. WM 15 Meeting
12:30 p.m. Welcome Lunch

Tuesday:

7:00 p.m. NTCA Board Meeting

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. English as a Second Language (ESL) Christmas Party

7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday:

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
PHOS Youth Sunday School
Adult CE&F:

- Survey of the Reformation
- Reformation Profiles

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

12:15 p.m. EmptyNesters' Christmas Luncheon

Ministry Teams

Membership

CareNet
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Maturity

Adult CE&F
Children
Growth Group
Men's Bible Study
Men's Ministry
Women's Bible Study
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Answers For Life!

Today's Volunteers

Welcome Center

Wes and Mary Mollard

Ushers

Todd Bayley, Melissa Noel,
Roger Kaiser, and Todd Gartman

Children's Church

Patty, Javier, and Isabel Lugo

Nursery

Jason and Rebekah Skopp,
and Wicke Egbert

Deacon on Duty

Todd Bayley

Next Week's Volunteers

Welcome Center

Larry and Barb Hess

Ushers

Luke Egbert, Lenny Chew,
and Jon Massie

Children's Church

Patty, Javier, and Isabel Lugo

Nursery

Bill and Joann Campbell,
and Josiah Massie

Deacon on Duty

Jon Massie