

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Based 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

Away in a Manger
Trinity Hymnal 204

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII-3
Trinity Hymnal 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Page 620

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM

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

John 1:6-8, 19-28
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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

Glorious Christmas Refrains
Worship Choir

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Genesis 28:10-22
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Jacob's Dream at Bethel
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High
Trinity Hymnal 214

† 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 table with columns: Fiscal YTD, Actual, Budget, Variance. Rows include General Fund, Giving General fund, Missions Fund, Giving Missions Fund, By His Grace, For His Glory II Fund, Goal, Pledged, Received, Mortgage, Original Mtg. Amt., Prin. Pd. to Date, Mtg. Balance.

December Trumpet is available in the Narthex

Our Current Memory Verse

Psalm 121:9

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 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 Typing Bible Memory System group.

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: 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 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 see Sandy Neal today if you would like to attend. Looking forward to sharing a wonderful time together!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

6:00 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 with set-up or clean-up, please write "CE-help" on your Welcome Card or let Melissa Bayley (office@tbpc.org) know.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 A.M.: TAKING DOWN THE GREENS

Help is needed with taking the tree and garlands down. We would appreciate help, especially from the "ladder climbers".

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:45 A.M.: ADULT CE&F CLASSES AVAILABLE

- **Leadership Class:** Using the Scriptures, the Westminster Confession of Faith and the PCA Book of Church Order, this class will help all those interested in further developing their skills for ministry leadership. For more information see Pastor Freddy. Facilitator: Pastor Freddy Fritz.
- **Life Is Best.** This class will be a DVD lecture series that will thoroughly equip and inspire you to join the fight for lives and souls. There are three goals in mind: 1) Souls will be saved as they hear that Jesus is willing to heal and forgive women and men who have had abortions. 2) Christians will value life and not want to see God's image-bearers thrown into a dumpster. 3) Christians will be prepared to engage and demolish every pro-choice argument. Facilitators: John McNulty and RE Ed Jordan.
- **Ephesians Bible Study:** Paul's letter to the Ephesians has been called "the crown and climax of Pauline theology." Goals for this class include: 1) Understanding our union in Christ; 2) Knowing what the fullness of the Spirit means for holy living; 3) Learning about God-given roles in the home and workplace; 4) Gaining victory in spiritual warfare. Teachers: Rich Thompson and Ken Pot-hoven.

Welcome

We are glad you are worshiping 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.

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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

12:15 p.m. EmptyNesters' Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

7:00 p.m. Session and Diaconate Meetings

Sunday:

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



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz & Ed Jordan

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 35:1-2

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. 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, from the Realms of Glory
Trinity Hymnal 218

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Today'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

Next Week's Volunteers

Welcome Center

Craig & Jane Tyler

Ushers

Brett Thomas, Richard Hunter,
And Martine Extermann

Children's Church

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Nursery

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Deacon on Duty

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Ministry Teams

Membership

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Nursery
Pacesetters
Prayer

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