

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.

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

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 17
Page 259

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Trinity Hymnal 201

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38
Page 855

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

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Trinity Hymnal 203

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Genesis 29:1-35
Page 23

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Jacob’s Marriage to Leah and Rachel
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Sermon Notes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

As with Gladness Men of Old
Trinity Hymnal 226

† 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	\$101,288.39	\$121,746.00	(\$20,457.61)
Giving General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31			
Missions Fund	\$30,840.83	\$32,884.62	(\$2,043.79)
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	\$137,000.73
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 121:1-8

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 Typer Bible Memory System group.

2017 DONATIONS:

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

SUNDAYS RESUMING JANUARY 7

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 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 24, 2017 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

MISSION STATEMENT MOMENT Missionary Update
Bert & Cheryl Barber

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. 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

Staff

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

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Joe Kirkpatrick (Emeritus)
Ken Pothoven (Emeritus)

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Carla Stevens MTW
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Meeting Times

Sunday:

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

Monday: Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed for Christmas

Tuesday:

Church Office Closed for Christmas

Sunday:

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

Ministry Teams

Membership

CareNet
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Nursery
Pacesetters
Prayer

Maturity

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Children
Growth Group
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Men's Ministry
Women's Bible Study
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Today's Volunteers

Welcome Center
Craig and Jane Tyler
Ushers

Brett Thomas, Richard Hunter,
And Martine Extermann

Children's Church

Holly and Jeremiah Hawkes,
and Rachel Bailey

Nursery

Jennifer Isaac and Alisa Carrier

Deacon on Duty

TBD

Next Week's Volunteers

Welcome Center
Brian and Alisa Carrier
Ushers

Brett Thomas, Richard Hunter,
And Martine Extermann

Children's Church

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Nursery

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