

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Based on 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE

What Child Is This?

Trinity Hymnal 213

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Based on Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A's 21-23

Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became human, and so was, and continues to be, God and human in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

How did Christ, being the Son of God, become human?

Christ, the Son of God, became human by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

What offices does Christ execute as our redeemer?

Christ, as our redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Trinity Hymnal 207

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

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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

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Men's Quartet

DISMISSAL

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

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Joshua 3:1-17

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Entering the Unknown

Dr. Stephen Clark

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

The Gospel Changes Everything

The gospel changes everything; the turning point in history and even now it's changing me from who I was.

The story of my Savior calls me to the wonder of the cross. The gospel changes everything and it is changing me.

Chorus

You saved my soul by your blood and I'm undone by your great love. You made a way so I could come just as I am to you, my God.

Jesus changes everything. There is no greater mystery that God would come to rescue me from who I was.

The kindness of my Savior calls me to the wonder of his love. Jesus changes everything and he is changing me.

Chorus x2

Tag

You made a way so I could come just as I am to you, my God. Just as I am to you, my God.

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† BLESSING

† 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	\$128,478.00	\$153,506.00	(\$25,028.00)
Giving General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31			
Missions Fund	\$33,320.83	\$36,346.15	(\$3,025.32)
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	\$151,592.73
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.)			

January 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 Typar Bible Memory System group.

2017 DONATIONS:

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (WBS), SPRING

TERM

Women from TBPC and the community are invited to join our study of Lessons from the Upper Room beginning January 8 and 9, 2018. Jesus spent His final hours with His closest friends serving them, teaching them, and praying for them. In these video presentations, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson paints a vivid picture of the disciples' final moments with their Savior. Carefully walking through John 13-17, Dr. Ferguson reminds us of the centrality of Christ in all of life. Our

class sessions will include the video presentation and working through the study guide together as well as discussion of the "homework," which will focus on application and reflection.

Choose Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning January 8th ("WBS-E" on your Welcome Card) or Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 beginning January 9th ("WBS-M" on your Welcome Card). The fee is \$10 (fee waived if needed). Free childcare is available with reservation to Barb Hess (bhess105@gmail.com). Questions may be addressed to Debbie Jordan (debbiejordan1@gmail.com) or Eileen Fritz (eileenfritz@verizon.net).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
 CE&F & SUNDAY SCHOOL
 No classes will be held.

Today's preacher is the Rev. Dr. Stephen Clark. He was born in Jamaica, and studied in England and the United States. He is married to Olivia, and they have three children and five grandchildren (all girls!). He is a pastor-scholar, and most recently served as the Senior Pastor at Old Cutler PCA in Miami, FL. He currently resides in Safety Harbor, FL, and is engaged in a ministry of writing, teaching, and preaching.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
 The Church Office is closed in observance of New Years' Day.

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
 THE LORD'S SUPPER
 We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday in remembrance of Christ, to proclaim the Lord's death until he comes, and to be spiritually revived and strengthened in our faith. Children's Church children will return to parents during the song prior to communion. A Deacons' Offering for the Benevolence Fund will follow the Communion Service.

- 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 Pothoven.
 Please write "Lead, LIB, or Eph." on your Welcome Card to enroll in one of these classes.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8
 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.: WBS EVENING SESSION BEGINS
 Please see the description of the study in the general announcements. Even if you cannot attend one or more sessions, your participation is welcome as your availability allows.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
 9:00 – 11:30 A.M.: WBS MORNING SESSION BEGINS
 Please see the description of the study in the general announcements. Even if you cannot attend one or more sessions, your participation is welcome as your availability allows.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
 11:00 A.M.: SOUP'S ON
 All the women of the church are invited to "Soups-On" at the church from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m. Three amazing women are making homemade soups and the rest of us bring a side dish (salad, sandwiches, veggies, or desserts). We will learn how to fold linen napkins in various designs. If you want to participate in the demonstrations, bring a couple of napkins to practice with. It is a time filled with fellowship, fun and food. Come, join us.

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.

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Meeting Times

Sunday:
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Children's Church
Monday: Happy New Year!
 Church Office Closed
Wednesday:
 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal
Saturday:
 7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Taking Down the Greens
Sunday:
 8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 PHOS Youth Sunday School
 Adult CE&F:
 • Leadership Class
 • Life Is Best
 • Ephesians Bible Study.
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Children's Church



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
 First Sunday After Christmas

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz & Ken Pothoven

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 9:2
 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
 Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

OPENING SONG Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
 Trinity Hymnal 195

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN
 God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you come in weakness. All season long we covet great material gifts, when you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of this Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, and remake our lives, that we may witness to your transforming love. Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Ministry Teams

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 and Rachel Bailey
Nursery
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Next Week's Volunteers

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