



## From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

### Christ's Advent in the Psalms

By the time you receive this year's December Trumpet, we will have already started the Season of Advent. The word "advent" means "coming" in Latin. In Christian theology, it refers to the Coming of Christ. Christ has already come once; that was his First Advent almost 2,000 years ago. And he will come again for his Second Advent in the not-too-distant future.

This year, I am planning a series of sermons during Advent that I am calling "Christ's Advent in the Psalms." Since Christ is the hero of the entire Bible story, we know that every portion of God's word somehow points to him. Moreover, the Psalms are the ancient songbook of God's people and they have something to teach us during Advent.

First, the Psalms instruct us to remember. They help us to remember that God is at work to save his people. In all the joyful or difficult circumstances of life, God's people remember that God has a plan to save them. God's timing is hardly ever our timing. But God is in sovereign control working all things for our good and his glory.

And second, the Psalms instruct us to wait. God's ancient people waited centuries for the First Advent of Christ. But he came in God's perfect time. We who are living on this side of Christ's First Advent know that he is coming again. And so we wait with patience and anticipation for the Second Advent of Christ. At that time, he will wrap up history and present the kingdom to his Father. And we will experience the fulfillment of all God's promises to his people.

So, let us learn about Christ's advent in the Psalms.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Freddy".

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# *Festival of Lessons and Carols*

Friday, December 24, 2021

6:00 PM

All ages welcome! Childcare will be available.

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

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# Christmas Caroling!

Come bless some folks in our congregation  
by singing to them at their homes their beloved Christmas carols!  
All joyful noises and happy faces are welcome,  
including your little ones.

We'll meet at church  
at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 19  
for printed instructions and caroling sheets.  
(A bite to eat in advance at home is a good idea.)

## Canapés

Carolers are invited to meet after caroling for hot chocolate,  
Christmas goodies, and other canapés, (finger food).

## Confirm

On the Welcome Card at church,  
Or contact Eileen Fritz with a call/text at (813) 731-0457  
or at [EileenMFritz@icloud.com](mailto:EileenMFritz@icloud.com)

Let us know...

- If you plan to go caroling. (Names).
- If you can drive and how many EXTRA seats.
- If you can give the first note to lead the carols.
- If you can play the most familiar carols on your guitar.
- If you can provide Christmas sweets or savories, even if you can't go.

★ Caroling ★ Caroling ★ Caroling ★ Caroling ★





## Yes! The Messiah!

Handel composed *Messiah* in just 24 days without getting much sleep and or eating much food. While writing the 'Hallelujah' chorus, Handel's servant discovered him with tears in his eyes and he exclaimed, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself seated on His throne, with His company of Angels."<sup>1</sup>

Listening together to *The Messiah*, the beloved, worshipful oratorio of George Frederick Handel is a delightful and meaningful way to celebrate the Incarnation of Christ our Messiah this Christmas season.

The Tampa Oratorio Singers and members of the Chancel Choir will present the Christmas portion of Handel's *The Messiah* with orchestra and professional soloists at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 13, at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church in Tampa.

Would you like to join a group to ride together, or to meet at the concert venue? Then, let us know your name and the name(s) of those coming with you, whether you can drive, and whether you would like to have a creative, delicious bite to eat with us before at the Datz restaurant just blocks away from the concert venue. Youth are welcome! Children are also welcome at the discretion of their parents, considering the complete silence expected. You may RSVP either on your Welcome Card at church, or by calling/texting Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457. She will keep you posted on organizing details.

You just might love going on a video tour with Charles Morris, Radio Host of Haven Today! You'll tour Handel's House in London where he lived, composed, and died. You'll also join Mr. Morris just down the street from Handel's home at Foundling Hospital in the Hospital Museum where Handel first performed *The Messiah*. He performed it there annually, reflecting his concern for poor children for whom the hospital was founded.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TD9NV8q3Xuk&t=370s>

Foot note

1. <https://www.udiscovermusic.com/classical-features/handel-messiah/>

# Men's Ministry

## Men's Fishing Trip

November 20, 2021

On November 20, the Men's Ministry held its sixth inshore fishing event located at the Gandy Bridge docks. It was again a great time as we had a lot of new fishermen this year. Nine men participated in the fishing trip this year. We originally scheduled the event for November 6 but the weather was not good, so we had to postpone it until November 20. Seventeen men were scheduled for the November 6 date which would have been more than any previous year.

We chartered two boats this time and the fishing was really much less than last year, but better for Boat # 1 since they had all new fishermen. There were many species caught this year including Snook, Sheepshead, Ladyfish, Trout, Pinfish, Catfish, Jack Crevalle, and a Mangrove Snapper caught by Blake Chapman which was the only fish that could be kept to eat. There were probably more ladyfish caught of all the species, but we had a good variety of fish this year.

The fishing event participants are from left to right in the picture below: Scott Harshfield, Brian Carrier, Blake Chapman, Caleb Massie, David Cunningham, Peter Rotolo, Ben Palmer, Derk Shultz, and Jose Negron.





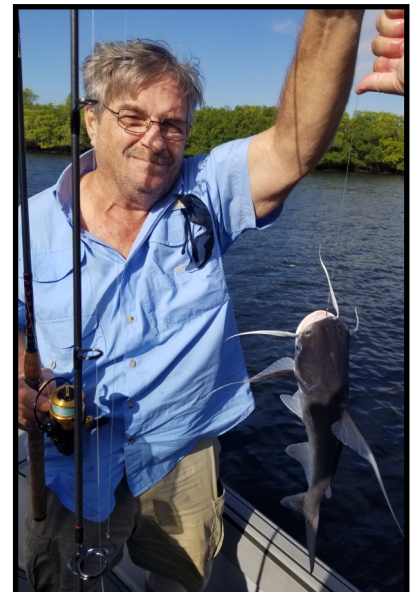
It was an overcast day as the beginning of another cold front had moved in. And it was cool: between 55 and 70 degrees. We had two boats. There were four men in one boat and five men in the other. The Lord provided yet another perfect day to catch fish and although they weren't biting as much as in the past, we were still catching a lot more fish than before because of the cold weather. We caught forty-four fish in all.

The captains who guided our day were Captain Charlie, who had Scott Harshfield, Blake Chapman, David Cunningham and Jose Negrón on Boat 1 and Captain Mark who had Brian Carrier, Peter Rotolo, Ben Palmer, Caleb Massie, and Derk Shultz on Boat 2.

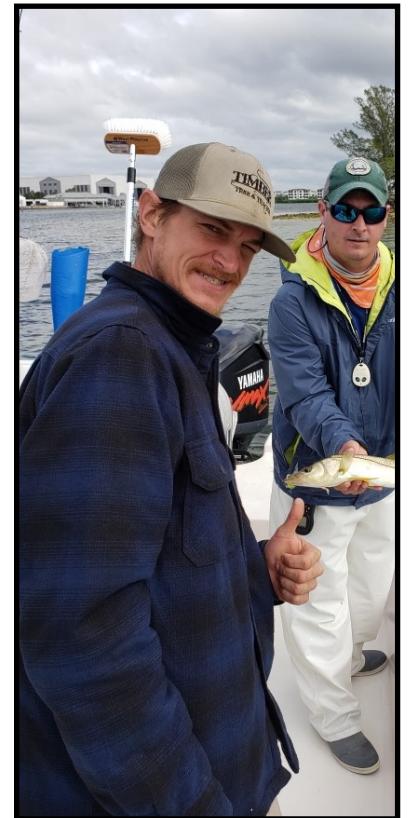
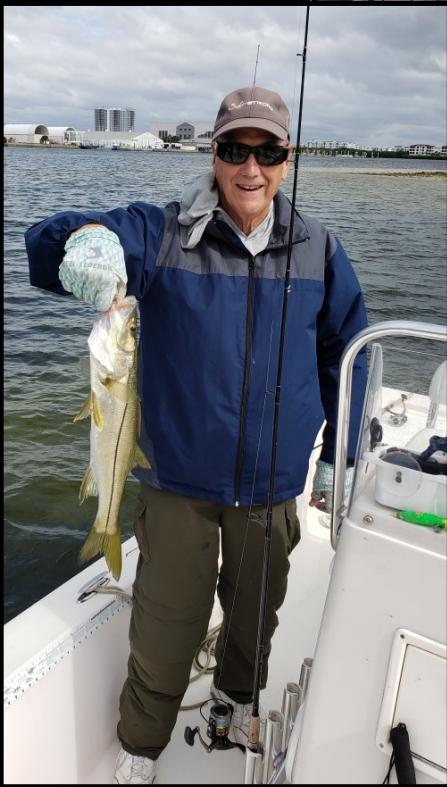


This trip was very exciting as the captains recommended that we fish close to shore, as the seas were a little rougher, so we stayed inland near the flats. There was a steady wind but the flats broke up some of that wind.

We started in one area and the biting was sporadic for Boat 2 with Peter Rotolo catching five fish. Caleb Massie was on his first TBPC fishing trip and he caught three fish and several more that got loose from the pole. Caleb had a great day and enjoyed his first time fishing in salt water. Derk Shultz caught four fish along with Ben Palmer catching the same. Brian Carrier caught two fish which was a far cry from the twenty-four he caught last year. On Boat 1 David Cunningham was our Grand Champion catching fourteen fish, the most fish caught for the day followed by eleven fish caught by Scott Harshfield. Blake Chapman was also on his first trip catching three fish followed by Jose Negrón catching two fish. Jose provided many pictures for us on this trip and we appreciate his taking so many pictures. It was a very fun fishing day for all the men with again, a lot of activity like we had in 2020.









We finished about 1:00 p.m. and proceeded to lunch. The final finish to the day was to go to the local restaurant where all the men enjoyed a nice lunch together at the same location as last year—The Salt Shack on the Bay. The food was excellent and the view was even more amazing. There were a variety of items chosen including burgers and sandwiches with some seafood ordered, which was appropriate for the day.



The Men's Ministry would like to thank all the people who participated in the fishing trip and we hope we can hire four boats next year. If next year is anything like the past three years, we are anticipating a lot of men, and young men, attending next year.

We will be having our next Men's Ministry event on Friday, December 11, for the annual Christmas Men's Breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the church. This event is for men, and young men, to enjoy a hot breakfast together. The cost is only \$8.00 and you will definitely be filled with both great food and fellowship. The speaker to be announced at a later date.

We would like to thank the men who attended the sixth annual inshore fishing event and look to doing this again next year at around the same time.

We also hope that all the men can make it to the Men's Bible Study every Saturday morning at 7:45 a.m., led by our own Dr. Jeff Beams. We are studying "The Book of Acts" by Dr. Jack B. Scott.

Thank you again for the support of the Men's Ministry and Men's Bible Study.

With Praise,  
Brian S. Carrier  
Men's Ministry Leader





# CHRISTMAS CAROLING & CANAPES

Sunday,  
December 19  
5 - 8PM

MEET AT THE CHURCH TO ENJOY  
SOME CANAPES (BRING A PLATE  
OF CANAPES TO SHARE), AND  
THEN WE WILL SPLIT INTO  
GROUPS TO DRIVE TO THE HOMES  
OF THOSE WE WILL BE SINGING  
TO. THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME  
TO BRING JOY TO THOSE LESS  
MOBILE AND A GREAT TIME FOR  
FELLOWSHIP.

RSVP to Ashleigh:  
813-362-8530 or  
[kempash@gmail.com](mailto:kempash@gmail.com)



Your Nursery Needs

**YOU!**

Please Join the Team by Contacting  
**Abigail Vincent**

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• At 425-757-2774 •

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Dear TBPC family

This past month we celebrated Thanksgiving at NTCA. We have so much to be thankful for! We have been blessed with a wonderful, loving and caring group of ladies who serve on the staff of this ministry, (Suly, Laura, Amanda, Jennifer, Lissi, Lucita, Azeb, Rebekah, and Sarah). We are thankful for full enrollment in our 2-year-old and 3-year-old classes, and only one vacancy in our 4-year-old class. We are thankful that all our classes have settled down and are all well engaged in learning. This month we also reduced some of our COVID mitigation measures and started Chapel. It has been wonderful to have the children together for the Bible story and time of praise. And we are also very thankful for our NTCA Board who meet regularly to lead this ministry.

Please pray that God will continue to guide us in everything we do so that we may bring him glory and point our students and their families to Christ!

Yours sincerely,  
Ashleigh Kemp  
Director





# Ways You Can Help

Join the nursery team and care for our covenant children one Sunday per month.

Pray that we would have a full roster of volunteers.

Encourage your friends to join the nursery team with you.

Ask to be put on the substitute list.

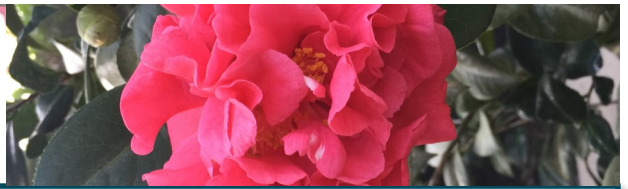
# Why It Matters

We are caring for God's covenant children.

We are relieving tired parents and giving them the opportunity to sit through the church service.

The nursery needs the support of the church and volunteers to continue functioning.

# TBPRES WOMEN



*Suzanne Swenson*



## Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Brunch on December 4 with Carla Stevens as our speaker. As I write this, we have over seventy reservations.

My thanks to all of the men and women who are joining in to make this happen; last count, we have thirty-seven volunteers.

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years to all.

May God bless you and your families.



## Sister-to-Sister

Are you looking for mentorship in any area of your life? Do you wish to mentor a younger sister in Christ?

Sister-to-Sister, a subset ministry of TBPC's Women's Ministry, is organizing a new Spiritual Mothering Mentorship Program in which women of all ages will have an opportunity to put Titus 2 into action in the areas of family, the workforce, marriage, and more!

If you are between the ages of 13 to 100, we need you!

For more information, reach out to Andrea Proctor at 727-453-1510 or [andreaproctor@tcforce.com](mailto:andreaproctor@tcforce.com), or Ashley Powe at (813) 410-7053 or [acpowe@gmail.com](mailto:acpowe@gmail.com).

Also, another electronic survey will be emailed to all women of the church in the next couple of weeks. Please respond if you're interested in participating.

Ashley C. Powe

Last month, many of us enjoyed the Temple Terrace Arts Festival where Nancy Kirkpatrick was a featured artist and many of us took the opportunity to purchase one of her wonderful paintings! She is a truly gifted artist!



## Sister-to-Sister Schedule of Events

**Dec. 4, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Women's Ministry  
Christmas Brunch  
TBPC Sanctuary**

**Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**Spiritual Mothering/Mentoring  
Bring your favorite soup, side,  
Appetizer, or dessert.  
TBPC Sanctuary**

**Feb. 26, 12:30 p.m.**

**Lunch at The Sparkman House Luxury  
Bed & Breakfast in the Historic District  
of Plant City**



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# SAVE THE DATE

Church Retreat  
25 - 27 February 2022



## A BRIEF UPDATE ON 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PREPARATIONS

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee held its first meeting on October 31, following the Congregational meeting. The participation was excellent. The enthusiasm was great. Many suggestions for consideration were made. We look forward to meeting after the worship service on December 5. Lunch will be provided.

Relying on information from the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the various activities as well responsibilities for next year's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration were discussed. Initial assignments were made as committee members volunteered. Each will form a sub-committee. **If you are asked to take part on a sub-committee do say yes. We need your help.** The various responsibilities and sub-committees to date are:

Invitation mailing list	Barbara Hess and Bert Barber
Marketing and Communication	Clydia Craig
Food/Saturday Dinner	Brian Carrier
Music and More	Suzanne Swensen
Theme and Minutes	Jennifer Schumm
Timeline/Schedule	Ron Whitley

In addition, Chris and Ashley Powe have agreed to be on the committee offering their help memorializing the celebration with videography and pictures and perhaps other creative means as well. As we get closer to the date, there will be additional ways in which you may take part to make it a truly memorable celebration of 40 years of ministry and service to our Lord.

Scott Simmons  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chairman



# ESL

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Update Karen Cross, Coordinator

The ESL Program has had a wonderful fall semester so far!

We have forty-two students enrolled and participating in classes. This semester we have the following classes each week:

- Three Beginner Classes. Two of the classes are on Zoom, and one class is at the Church in person.
- Two Intermediate Classes. Both of the classes are on Zoom.
- One Advanced Class at the Church in person.
- We are currently offering an in person U.S. Citizenship Exam Class that will last for six weeks.

We have four new volunteers this fall and are so grateful for their enthusiasm and support.

Many of our students continue to take multiple classes at multiple levels.

We continue to have close to 100% attendance in our Devotion Time each class which includes Scripture, Vocabulary Review, Devotion Reading, and Auditory Worship Praise music.

We would like to offer a Beginner Level 2 Class and a Conversation Based Class in the future.

Please continue to pray for the ESL Program, and consider joining us!

## Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church needs your help!

### Membership Vow #4:

"Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?"

### In practice, this means:

"I promise to be a faithful member of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, supporting it through prayer, Bible study, regular attendance upon worship, **unselfish Christian service**, and stewardship of my life and possessions"

*God has provided us all with a spiritual gift, let us help you find yours.*

## Some ministries that need help now:

### Work from Home!

– AV team needs someone familiar with PowerPoint to learn how to create our weekly slides. We use a program called Proclaim which is similar to PowerPoint. Since we have been using Proclaim for a few years, songs and other slides will already exist, so it is just a matter of pulling them in.

No experience is necessary, but you do need a Window 10 computer or Mac with latest OS.

This position would require approx. 20 minutes per week. Training will be provided.

– Assistant Webmaster needed for new TBPC website going live in January. We have simplified our website, making it easier to update and manage. The website is complete, but we are looking for someone to help maintain it. This would involve weekly/monthly document uploads and new or updated pages as needed. No experience necessary.

The position would require approx. 20 minutes per week. Training will be provided.

### Help Needed on Sundays!

– **AV TEAM** needs soundboard operators and someone to run the Worship Service slides one Sunday per Month. No experience needed we will train you. If you can run PowerPoint slides, you can run the Sunday Service slides!

– **Nursery attendants** needed one Sunday per month. Childcare training will be provided if not already completed.



– **Hospitality Coordinator** needed. This is a leadership position. The coordinator has general oversight of all hospitality events and oversees kitchen management: supplies, organization, equipment, laundry, frozen food storage, and writing kitchen procedures as needed. The coordinator also recruits and schedules the refreshment team for after-church fellowship.

– **Hospitality Refreshment Team Members** needed one Sunday per month. Several areas of need are involved in this position: 1. Responsibility for preparing coffee at 10:00 a.m. for after church fellowship. 2. Serving coffee during the after church fellowship and clean up afterwards. Both positions would involve only one Sunday per month.

– **For Inquiries and Additional Information: contact Leeann Destefano (813)991-8385 or [desleea@tampabaypresbyterian.org](mailto:desleea@tampabaypresbyterian.org)**

## *December Birthdays*

Jennifer Isaac	December 05
Pete Rotolo	December 08
Abigail Vincent	December 08
Rachel Contrata	December 11
Marika Taverne	December 12
John Hutton	December 13
Betty Pothoven	December 14
Scott Simmons	December 15
Melissa Bayley	December 20
Emalin Henry	December 24
Zainab Karibi-Whyte	December 27
Stevie Riley	December 27
John Schmidt	December 27
Sandy Carruth	December 28

## *December Anniversaries*

Roque, Rock & Jennie	December 05, 1964	57 Years
Fritz, Freddy & Eileen	December 14, 1985	36 Years
Carruth, Kevin & Sandy	December 17, 1988	33 Years
Rotolo, Pete & Laura	December 22, 1997	24 Years
Dishman, Peter & Lauren	December 28, 2013	08 Years
Jeffries, Drew & Ashley	December 28, 2011	10 Years



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