

## 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.**

### 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

The Westminster Confession of Faith 8:3-4  
Trinity Hymnal 853

### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4  
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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### † PSALM

Zechariah’s Song - Benedictus  
(Children Age 3 through Grade 2 dismissed to Children’s Church)

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free; he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom, and the release; God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.**

**He, from the house of David, a child of grace has given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On prisoners of darkness, the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes. He guides the feet of the pilgrims along the path of peace. O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.**

Words: Michael A. Perry (b. 1942), para. of *The Song of Zechariah*.

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6  
Page 858

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

Tell Me the Story of Jesus  
Trinity Hymnal 234

### † SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 1:18-25  
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### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

Joseph  
Rev. Scott Simmons

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

### † SONG

There Is No Name So Sweet on Earth  
Trinity Hymnal 178

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Gluten-free bread. Grape juice (in grape-colored cups) in outer ring of tray;  
wine (clear-colored cups) in inner rings of tray.

## GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

### † CLOSING SONG

El-Shaddai  
Trinity Hymnal 42

### † OFFERING

Benevolence Fund

### † BENEDICTION

### † DISMISSAL SONG

Threefold Amen  
Trinity Hymnal 740

Children, ages 3 to Fifth Grade, are dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 20.  
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 information about the church and a free booklet.**

### Announcements:

Treasurer’s Corner as of 11/27/22			
Fiscal YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>General Fund</b>	\$120,600.91	\$118,692.35	\$1,908.56
Giving General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31			
<b>Missions Fund</b>	\$37,372.59	\$37,016.25	\$356.34
Giving Missions Fund fiscal year is March 1 to February 28			
(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)			

December Trumpet is available in the narthex.

### WINTER GRADUATES

We want to recognize our graduates for their outstanding accomplishment. Please contact the Church Office as soon as possible (813-973-2484, office@tampabay-presbyterian.org) with the name, degree, and institution of our graduates.

### END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

Each year we offer an area for end-of-year gifts to be designated through TBPC. The Session and Diaconate are pleased to announce that all year-end gifts will benefit the Youth Pastor/Director position. Please make checks payable to TBPC (notate on the memo line “Year End Gift”) and be sure to date checks no later than December 31, 2022. Should you have any questions, please see an elder or deacon. Thank you for prayerfully considering giving to the Youth Pastor/Director position with your end-of-year donation. Thank you!

### NTCA MINISTRY - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for someone to join the NTCA ministry in a volunteer capacity to coordinate special events. Specifically, a fun event in the spring for both NTCA and TBPC families to enjoy, and to connect with one another. Other events include Easter Centers, Teacher Appreciation Day, and the end-of-the-year Graduation Ceremony. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, then please contact Ashleigh Kemp (director@ntcafamily.org, or 813-362-8530).

### TODAY

#### 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.

### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed for Children’s Church during the singing of the Psalm and then will return to their parents during the song following the sermon. All children in grades 3 – 5 will remain in the service.

### WES & MARY MOLLARD 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Please join us for some cake following the service today as we honor the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wes and Mary Mollard.

### 5:00 P.M.: YOUTH GROUP

All youth (6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to join us in the Youth Room. We will eat dinner, have fun, and study the Bible together and learn how it applies to our lives.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

#### 6:00 P.M.: EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for an evening Worship service the second Sunday of each month. The sermon title is “At Ease in Zion.” Childcare will be available.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

#### 8:00 P.M.: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

This is a churchwide event sponsored by the Men’s Ministry. Everyone is invited to Carrollwood Players Theater (4333 Gunn Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618) for “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. Please arrive at the theater at least 20-30 minutes early to purchase snacks and find seats. This is a popular event so RSVP quickly! The cost is \$21/person (for

a group of 10+). Please contact Brian Carrier (813-841-9146 or brian@bcflorida.com) with any questions. Please write "theater" on your Welcome Card if you would like to attend.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

5:00 P.M.: CHRISTMAS CAROLING!  
This wonderful TBPC tradition blesses the carolers and those they sing to. Kids of all ages and singing ability are very welcome! Join us at the church at 5:00 p.m. for caroling to TBPC friends. Afterwards, join us for finger foods. Please mark your Welcome Card with "Caroling" and the names of carolers coming with you and whether you can drive or play the most familiar carols on your guitar. For more details, call/text Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

HANDEL'S MESSIAH  
Join us to for this extraordinary worship opportunity as a group from TBPC will be going to listen to Handel's Messiah at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church in South Tampa at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19. Early arrival at 6:00 p.m. is advised. Carpooling in midafternoon to eat at a nearby restaurant will be organized for those interested. Watch for details or call/text Eileen Fritz at (813) 731-0457.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

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 by bringing a hospitality platter of cheese, fruit, veggies, or sweets to share, please write "CE" on your Welcome Card and the item you will bring or signup at the Welcome Center. Please bring them 30 minutes before the start of the service.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

10:45 A.M.: WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY  
Invite your friends and family to join us for a Worship Service on Christmas Day! Please note we will not hold Sunday School classes on Christmas Day.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)  
Join us Monday evenings for a Bible Study of an Old Testament scripture that Jesus and the Apostles taught from often. We will join Dr. W. Robert Godfrey in a study of Deuteronomy to discover how the book points to the Savior and helps prepare our hearts for Jesus. Weekly meetings begin January 9th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Study Guides will be available beginning December 11 for \$16.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (IN PERSON)  
Join us Tuesday mornings for a Bible Study of an Old Testament scripture that Jesus and the Apostles taught from often. We will join Dr. W. Robert Godfrey in a study of Deuteronomy to discover how the book points to the Savior and helps prepare our hearts for Jesus. Weekly meetings begin January 10th, 10:00 a.m. - Noon in person at the church, with free nursery care as needed. Study Guides will be available beginning December 11 for \$16.

**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.

**Staff**

Pastor ..... Rev. Freddy Fritz  
Assistant Pastor ..... Rev. Scott Simmons  
Office Administrator ..... Melissa Bayley  
NTCA Director ..... Ashleigh Kemp  
Custodian ..... Patricia Harshfield  
Nursery ..... Abigail Vincent  
Bookkeeper ..... Bob Morrison  
Music Director & Pianist ..... Yanet Ortiz  
Office Assistant ..... LeeAnn DeStefano  
Youth Leaders ..... Bert Barber  
Children's Ministry ..... Vacant  
Intern ..... Jason Knecht

**Session**

Todd Bayley  
Freddy Fritz (Moderator)  
Ed Jordan (Clerk of Session)  
Scott Simmons  
Rich Thompson

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

**Diaconate**

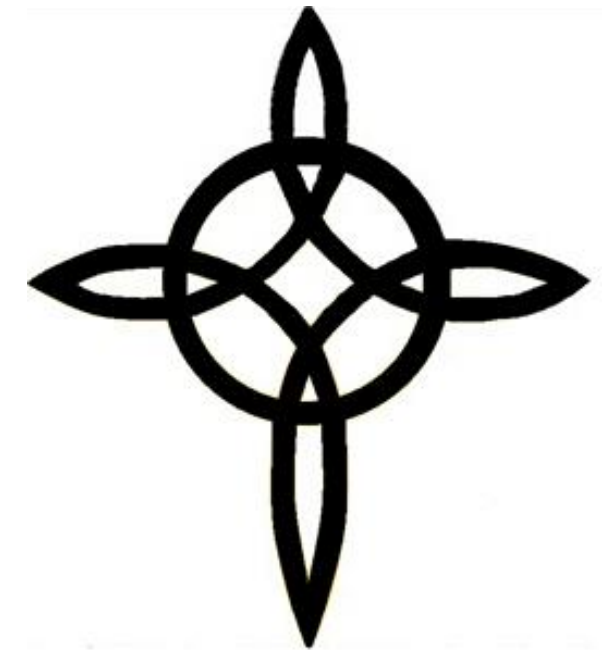
David Cross (Chairman, Secretary)  
Jonathan Massie (Treasurer)

**Missionaries**

Nathaniel & Cherita Adawonu ..... NHMI  
Chaplain Michael Bridges ..... Veterans' Hospital  
Peter & Lauren Dishman ..... RUF/MTW  
Esaie & Natacha Etienne ..... MTW  
Susan Newkirk ..... MTW  
Aldo & Abigail Mondin ..... RUF/USF  
Ken & Tammy Matlack ..... MTW  
Rene & Lilli Palacio ..... SIM  
Chaplain Jeff Skipper ..... PRCC  
Carla Stevens ..... MTW  
John & Karen Stodghill ..... MTW

**Meeting Times**

**Today:**  
8:30 a.m. Worship Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
Youth Sunday School  
Adult Bible Fellowships: Bayley (Room 4), Jordan (Room 20), and Thompson (Room 8)  
Leadership Class (Pastor's Study)  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. Welcome Lunch  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group  
**Tuesday:**  
7:00 p.m. ESL Beginner Class (Zoom)  
7:30 p.m. Missions Team Meeting  
**Wednesday:**  
10:00 a.m. ESL Intermediate Class  
5:30 p.m. ESL Intermediate Class (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal  
**Thursday:**  
10:00 a.m. ESL Beginner Class (Zoom)  
ESL Advanced Class  
10:30 a.m. ESL Beginner Class  
6:30 p.m. ESL Beginner Class (Zoom)  
**Friday:**  
10:00 a.m. ESL Intermediate Class  
**Saturday:**  
7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
Men's Discipleship  
**Sunday:**  
8:30 a.m. Worship Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
Youth Sunday School  
Adult Bible Fellowships: Bayley (Room 1), Jordan (Room 20), and Thompson (Room 4)  
Leadership Class (Pastor's Study)  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service



**Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 10:45 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and Ken Pothoven

**Morning 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 Revelation 15:3-4

Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in love, the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

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

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Ministry Teams**

<b>Membership</b> Brunch Bunch Hospitality Nursery The Workshop Ministry Prayer	<b>Maturity</b> Adult Bible Fellowship Children's Ministry Men's Bible Study Men's Ministry Women's Bible Study Women's Ministry Youth	<b>Ministry</b> Ministry Deployment	<b>Magnification</b> Worship Service Music Ministry Greeters Ushers
<b>Missions</b> Church Planting Missions Committee NTCA			

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**This Week's Volunteers**

**Welcome Center**  
Roger & Dee Kaiser  
**Ushers**  
Jennifer Schumm, Tom Moore,  
and David Lehmann  
**Children's Church**  
Rachel Contrata and Stephanie Smoot  
**Nursery**  
Ashley and Chris Powe  
**Sound Board**  
Anthony Contrata and  
LeeAnn DeStefano

**Next Week's Volunteers**

**Welcome Center**  
Brian & Alisa Carrier  
**Ushers**  
Martine Extermann, Richard Hunter,  
and Barb Hess  
**Children's Church**  
Ashleigh Kemp, Deborah Osibodu,  
Clydia Craig, and Daniel Kemp  
**Nursery**  
Josiah Massie and Abigail Vincent  
**Sound Board**  
Cathi and Jack Diaz