

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ’s glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ’s way of hope and peace.

Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

SONG OF RESPONSE

As with Gladness Men of Old
Trinity Hymnal 226

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith 8:7
Trinity Hymnal 853

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2-5a
Page 778

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† PSALM

Simeon’s Song – Nunc Dimittus
(Children Age 3 through Grade 5 dismissed to Children’s Church)

Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as promised in your word. My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord, prepared by you for all the world to see, to shine on nations trapped in darkest night, the glory of your people, and their light.

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-45
Page 856

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Worship Choir

† SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 2:1-12
Page 801

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Magi
Rev. Freddy Fritz

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO SERVICE

† CLOSING SONG

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

† 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 12/11/22			
Fiscal YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund	\$134,674.82	\$131,880.38	\$2,794.44
Giving General fund fiscal year is August 1 to July 31			
Missions Fund	\$38,901.59	\$38,916.25	(\$14.66)
Giving Missions Fund fiscal year is March 1 to February 28			
(Unaudited figures —for internal use only.)			

December Trumpet is available in the narthex.

NURSERY COORDINATOR

We appreciate the time and energy Abigail Vincent has poured into our nursery program, but as her family is growing, she needs to refocus her attention. Therefore, we are seeking someone to fill the position of Nursery Coordinator beginning January 1, 2023. Please talk with Abigail or Pastor Freddy for more information about this paid part-time position.

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!

TODAY

12:30 P.M.: BRUNCH BUNCH

Please join the Brunch Bunch for lunch at Olive Garden (17011 Palm Pointe Dr.). Please see if you would like to attend.

5:00 P.M.: CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

For last minute sign-ups for caroling tonight, please see Eileen Fritz after the Worship Service or call/text (813-731-0457) her today by 2:00 p.m. We can never have too many voices!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

HANDEL’S MESSIAH

For last minute sign-ups to join the group going to the oratorio at 7:00 p.m. at Palma Ceia Presbyterian

Church, please see Eileen Fritz after the Worship Service today or call/text ((813) 731 0457) her today. Please let her know if you want to be included in the RSVP for Datz restaurant at 4:30 p.m.

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

No Sunday school, ABF, or Leadership class. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

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, DECEMBER 26

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The Church Offices will be closed in observance of Christmas.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

No Sunday school, ABF, or Leadership class. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The Church Offices will be closed in observance of New Year’s Day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 A.M.: TAKING DOWN THE GREENS
Please come and help as we will take the tree and garlands down. We would appreciate help especially from the "ladder climbers."

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.

SERMON NOTES:

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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Pastor Rev. Freddy Fritz
Assistant Pastor Rev. Scott Simmons
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Children's Ministry Vacant
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Session

Todd Bayley
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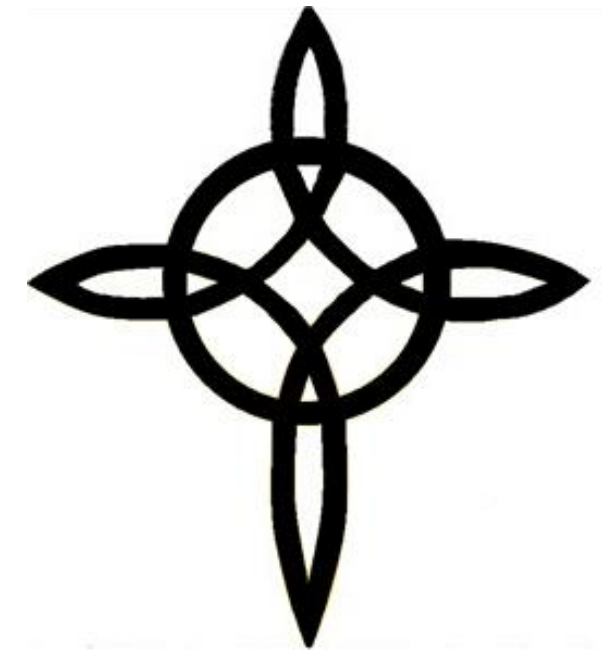
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Ken & Tammy Matlack MTW
Rene & Lilli Palacio SIM
Chaplain Jeff Skipper PRCC
Carla Stevens MTW
John & Karen Stodghill MTW

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 1), Jordan (Room 20), and Thompson (Room 4)
Leadership Class (Pastor's Study)
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Brunch Bunch
5:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
Monday:
4:30 p.m. Dinner at Datz before Handel's Messiah
7:00 p.m. Handel's Messiah (Palma Ceia Presbyterian)
Wednesday:
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday: Christmas Eve
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Sunday: Merry Christmas!
8:30 a.m. Worship Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 10:45 a.m.
Today's Worship Leaders: Freddy Fritz and Todd Bayley

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

Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in peace, the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

† OPENING SONG

Once in Royal David's City
Trinity Hymnal 225

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ministry Teams

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

Welcome Center
Peter Rotolo & Laura Rotolo
Ushers
David Cross, Jack Diaz,
and Derk Shultz
Children's Church
Ashleigh Kemp, Deborah Osibodu,
Clydia Craig, and Daniel Kemp
Nursery
Jill Otero, Brandi Shultz,
and Roger Otero
Sound Board
Nathan Vincent

Next Week's Volunteers

Welcome Center
Rod & Andrea Proctor
Ushers
Alan Polasky, Edwin Rothfuss,
and Diane Rothfuss
Children's Church
Ashleigh Kemp, Deborah Osibodu,
Clydia Craig, and Daniel Kemp
Nursery
Debbie Jordan, Jennifer Isaac,
and Zoe Almonte
Sound Board
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