

# PCPH Calendar

Sunday, December 11

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanctuary) – **Pastor Penny**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
- 11:45a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 12:00p Children's Ministry – Caroling
- 4:00p Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

Monday, December 12

- 12:30p Growing Tree Staff Luncheon (FH)
- 7:30p PNC (FH)

Tuesday, December 13

- 9:30a Quilting for Comfort (FH)
- 12:30p Esther/Martha Circle (FH)

Wednesday, December 14

- 12:00p Christmas Staff Luncheon (FH)
- 6:30p "Thrive" Middle School Youth Group – Christmas Party

Thursday, December 15

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 7:00p Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, December 16

- 10:00a Growing Tree Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 18

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanctuary) – **Pastor Penny**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
- 11:45a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

Worship Attendance	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4
		146	143	160

## Worship

**Welcome worship guests!** You are special because God brought you into our presence. Together, we rejoice and celebrate God's blessings in our lives.

**The chancel flowers** are from Chris Meier to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his parents.

**The chancel flowers** are from Ritchie, Mechelle & Josh Henley to the Glory of God and in honor of their family ancestors and heritage.

The congregation is invited to the **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation** time held in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Be a friend, and make a friend as you enjoy the treats provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

## Pray

**Members and Friends:** Dick and Iris Thomas, Ray and Marilyn Inman, Mike Craig, Ellie D., The Ritter Family, The Kelley Family, The Hansen Family, Randy W., June, Paul L., Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Michael S., Kathy B., Robert P., Mike B., Jean S., Judith M., Davis K., Denise, Patti W., Ariana, Mike S., Ray & Deloris H., Doug H., Lee L., Lynn M., Lynn L., Greg & Gail Ashe & Family, Jim & Joan, Deena W., Randy W., Steve, Lorraine P., Nancy D., Dubois Family, Norman, Cathy K., Mark, Heidi R.

**Military men and women:** Brian Jacobson, Bryson Boyd, David Wallingford, Georgette Encinia, Patrick Bannon, Chris Hargis, Rosie Mundhenk, Adam Armstrong, Ashley Miller, Alex Durstein, John Albright, Gary Leonard, Jr., Tom Whissel, Nick Lozar, Hillary and Richard Durstein, Samuel Leyford, Tyler Meade

## Church Life

**F.E.A.S.T.:** The food for December is Jell-O, regular or sugar free.

**Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.:** December items are dish soap and toilet paper. Thank you!

**Bulletin Reminder:** Please submit all of your announcements for the Sunday bulletin by **1pm on Tuesday**.

**Angel Tree** names are on the tree in the Narthex. Please choose an angel from the tree, sign up on the clipboard, and return the gift wrapped **no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure you attach the angel to the package. This will ensure that the child gets the correct gift. There will be a sign in the front of the Sanctuary to place your gifts. We have 50 families this year, so join in on the PCPH Tradition and give a gift! Don't let anyone be left out.

**Church Office Closed:** The church office will be closed the week of December 26<sup>th</sup> – December 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be someone available from 9am - noon to accept pledges.

**Christmas Cantata:** Join us this afternoon at 4:00pm here in the sanctuary for our choir's musical presentation of the celebration of the Messiah's birth. The music will take us through the story leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ, our King. The public is welcome. Invite your friends, families and neighbors for this special musical event.

**Increase Your Tax Savings:** Giving to a charity that benefits a cause that's close to your heart is rewarding. Getting a tax break for your generosity can make it even more gratifying – even more so than you may realize. What if you could add more than 20% to your charitable contribution and maximize your tax savings by taking advantage of an often overlooked tax provision?

Here's how: The federal tax code allows you to contribute appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, directly to a charity without paying capital gains tax, as you would if you sold it first and then contributed cash to the charity. And that's not all. When you add up your itemized deductions for the year, you can generally deduct the fair market value of the long-term security at the time of the donation, not the lower amount you paid for it originally.

This is one of the most advantageous tax strategies available to people who make charitable giving part of their financial plan. It allows you to get a "bigger bang for your buck".

**Giving:** Giving the gift of **stock** to PCPH this holiday season or for end of year tax deduction? We no longer use Merrill Lynch, but Synovus Securities. Please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

**2016 Pledges:** Please keep in mind that 2016 is quickly coming to an end and pledges should be paid in full by year-end. Even though the church office is closed the week of Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be someone to accept 2016 contributions from 9:00am - noon each day that week. If you have any questions please contact Linda Burton.

**2017 Pledges:** If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2017, please do so. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or the church office. The cards may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Even if you do not pledge and would like envelopes, please call the office.

Envelopes will be available on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex.

**Create and Share:** Our December meeting will be the Tuesday after Christmas, on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 11:00am for a luncheon. Please bring a dish to share.

## Christmas Eve Services

**Christmas Eve Family Service December 24, 4:00pm:** Family Oriented Christmas Eve service will be filled with traditional worship songs, a family filled message, a live nativity, and the kid's ministry of PCPH will perform songs along with the children of the Growing Tree.

**Live Nativity, December 24, Between Services:** Come experience the evening of the nativity with live animals.

**Christmas Eve Traditional Service, December 24, 6:00pm:** This service is filled with performances from the Florida Fanfare Brass and Chancel Choir. A Silent Night candle lighting, Christmas carols, and a special Christmas message are also featured.

**Chili Cook Off:** Fellowship would like to start the New Year with a fun Wonder Wednesday Event - a Chili Cook Off and game night. So, get your recipes perfected for a night of food and fun. It will be on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will need a few people to sign up to be our tasters and judges as well. If you have a chili recipe that you think is a winner, or if you want to be one to taste all the winning recipes, please let us know! You can call the church office or contact Jan Harding. It will be a fun night!

## Children

**Christmas Caroling:** We invite all children ages 3 -11 to join our children's ministry for a fun afternoon of Christmas Caroling, Christmas Crafts, Cookie Decorating, a Christmas Movie, and fun! Our group will gather together immediately following worship today in Fellowship Hall and participate in Christmas fun. We will also partake in spreading of Christmas cheer by heading to Coral Oaks to give joy through music. The cost is \$5.00 and this will include lunch, transportation, activities, and caroling!

**Sunday School:** Each week our elementary age children have the privilege of participating in Sunday School which takes place during the same time as worship. Children will leave after the Children's Message for Sunday School. Our hope is that children will learn God's Word and have a strong Christian foundation for their future as they grow up in His Word.

**Nursery (Birth - Age 3) "Frolic":** A curriculum created for babies and toddlers that was developed by early childhood experts, Frolic resources introduce little ones to faith concepts in age-appropriate ways. Our hope at PCPH is to equip all families with children of any age with the right materials to start their faith journey at a young age.

**Little Ones (Age 4 – 6) SparkHouse Lectionary Curriculum:** Each week, kids and their leaders gather together to explore their Bibles, enjoy fun activities, pray, and grow in faith. The curriculum follows the church lectionary in a fun and exciting way to create a faith that is grounded in truth.

**Older Ones (Age 7 - 11) "Connect":** Connect takes children on a journey through the Old Testament and into the New Testament exploring the connections between several stories each week. The curriculum includes a video, lesson, and hands on projects for our children.

## Youth

**Middle School Ministry (Thrive 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>):** Will meet regularly throughout the school year on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Come meet new friends, join a small group, and play wacky games that you really couldn't play anywhere else. We are dedicated to getting to know and love God as we form a Christian foundation that can last a lifetime. This Fall our middle school youth group will journey together through "Echo The Story Experience". Our hope is that this study will help you as a student discover your self-worth, and your identity through Biblical truth via DVD, and Sketch Journal!

**High School Ministry (Alive 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>):** Will meet regularly throughout the school year on Sunday nights from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. During this time, we will learn, eat, fellowship, play games, and support one another in a Christian atmosphere. This Fall our group will be taking a look at the hard questions of life with the book, "Can I Ask That?" We will look at both Biblical principles as well as a world view. Our hope is that as a student you will form an anchor in Christ as you transition to your young adult life.

### Upcoming Events:

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Middle School Ministry Christmas Party

December 18<sup>th</sup> - High School Ministry Christmas Party

December 21<sup>st</sup> - Metropolitan Ministry Holiday Tent Service Project (High School and Middle School)

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Family Service & Live Nativity, 4:00pm



## RESPONSE

### Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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GO TELL IT 7.6.7.6 with refrain

Stanzas, John W. Work II (1872–1925)

African-American spiritual  
Arr. John W. Work III, 1940  
Harm. and adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain O-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

*Fine*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.”

John 1:4

## GATHER JOYFULLY

### Welcome, Announcements, Quiet Time

Melanie Haslam

### \*Call to Worship *(Please rise for the Call to Worship)*

Liturgist: Megan Wingard

Leader: There will be a highway in the wilderness,

**People: a holy path for the people of God.**

Leader: The messenger of God prepares the way.

**All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

### \*Song (insert/wall)

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Hymn 8

### \*Prayer of Confession (together)

**Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We praise the high and mighty and look down upon the lowly. We have great faith in human efforts and little patience for your way. Forgive us; deliver us; strengthen our hearts by your Spirit, so that we may be ready to greet the Savior you send, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*Words of Assurance

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### \*Praise Response (all sing)

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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### PCPH Christmas Traditions

Melanie Haslam

(Angel Tree)

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### Lighting of the Third Candle in the Advent Wreath

James Family

(Children are invited forward to watch the lighting of the third candle in the Advent Wreath)

**All: Help us to live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.**

**God of promise, God of peace, Into our darkness come.**

### Children's Message

Malissa Garcia

(Children will go to Sunday School after the Children's Message.)

### \*Song (insert/wall)

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Hymn 41

### Prayer of God's People, Lord's Prayer, Choral Response

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Call for Offering

### \*Doxology (together)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Prayer of Dedication

### Anthem

### Scripture

Matthew 1:18 - 25

NIV

### Message

“First Christmas: Joseph's Story”

Rev. Penny Pitts

### \*Song (insert/wall)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn 31

## GO FAITHFULLY

### \*Blessing

### \*Response (all sing)

“Go Tell It on The Mountain”  
(Refrain Only - See Insert for Music)

Hymn 29

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*\*Congregation stands. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.*

Large print bulletins are provided for those with compromised sight. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Listening devices are available for those with hearing issues. Devices are located in the center entryway to the Sanctuary. A small step-by-step instruction page is there to help you to use the device effectively.