

## PCPH Calendar

### Sunday, December 3 - **First Sunday of Advent**

- 10:15a      Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30a      Children's Sunday School (Room 112 – Children's Worship Center)
- 11:15a      Congregational Meeting
- 11:30a      Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation
- 3:30p      "The Friendlies" Meeting and Christmas Potluck (Ruddle Home)

### Monday, December 4

- 12:30p      Growing Tree Staff meeting (104)
- 6:45p      Agape Small Group (LIB)

### Tuesday, December 5

- 10:00a      Quilting for Comfort (104)
- 10:00a      Library Committee (LIB)
- 1:00p      Bridge Club (FH)

### Wednesday, December 6

- 9:15a      Growing Tree Parent Club Meeting (FH)
- 11:30a      PCPH Staff Christmas Lunch
- 2:00p      PWCT (LIB)
- 5:45p      Daisy Troop Meeting (FH)
- 6:00p      Youth Group (Youth Room)
- 6:30p      Venture Crew (104)

### Thursday, December 7

- 7:00p      Choir (Choir Room)

### Friday, December 8

- 9:00a      Growing Tree Holiday Vendor Fair (FH)

### Saturday, December 9

- 6:00p      Annual Christmas Dinner (FH)

### Sunday, December 10 - **Second Sunday of Advent**

- 10:15a      Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30a      Children's Sunday School (Room 112 – Children's Worship Center)
- 11:30a      Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

<b>Worship Attendance</b>	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
	158	168	158	140

## Worship

**Welcome guests!** You are special because God brought you into our presence. Together, we rejoice and worship God.

**The chancel flowers** are from Carmen Mader to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her daughter, Christine and from Richard and Iris Thomas and Mike Craig to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter and Mike's wife, Diane L. Craig.

**We celebrate the Sacrament** of the Lord's Supper today. Please celebrate with us as we profess Jesus as Lord and Savior. In the bread basket there is a paper cup with pieces of gluten-free bread.

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, Mike Craig, Belinda, Bill, George M., The McGuire Family, The Brady Family, Greg, Russ, Sam, Teddy, Patty, Dani, Matthew, Rene, Kaitlyn, Jacob, Mike S., Davis K., Marsha G., Ginger S., Teddy B., Kathy B., Dave, Sue, Lainey W., Susan, Dean, Frederick, Richard, Obie, Mary Lou, Lee, Cindy R., Mike S., The Inman Family, John, Clyde & Jan, Jimmy, Bud, Perry, JoAnne, Laurie, Jeff M.

**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, Atticus Meier

## Church Life

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

**Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.:** As a reminder of the PCPH Women's Missions, the Coordinating Team is once again asking your support for **greatly needed** non-food items for F.E.A.S.T. Many of the requested items are those that cannot be purchased with food stamps. As previously suggested, you can purchase many of these items at Dollar General or Dollar Tree at a nominal cost. In **December** we are requesting bar soap and any cleaning agent.

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a congregational meeting held immediately following the service.

**Angel Tree** names are on the tree in the Narthex. Choose an angel from the tree, and return the wrapped gift NO LATER than December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to place your name on the list with the corresponding number from the angel you chose, so that we can keep track of the angels, and we can make sure no child is overlooked. Make sure you securely 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!

**Christmas Dinner:** It is hard to believe we are planning for Christmas already, but we are!! Our Annual Christmas dinner will be Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. The menu: Baked Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and desserts. There will not be a charge for the dinner, but a free will offering. As in the past, after the dinner Jon and Gail Schier will have an open house, for desserts, fun and fellowship. Those taking desserts are requested they be dropped off at the Schier home between 11:00 and 1:00 on Saturday.

**Christmas Cookie Exchange:** On December 17<sup>th</sup> we are planning a special event for all who like to bake Christmas cookies. Just bring your cookies (3 dozen or more?) to exchange with others. If you are not a baker, it was suggested you may purchase cookies to exchange. Please include a recipe card if possible. We will have the exchange after the service in Fellowship Hall.

**Growing Tree Holiday Vendor Fair:** Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall there will be a Holiday Vendor Fair. Mark your calendars now for a shopping day! If you are interested in having a table for the fair, please contact the Growing Tree Office.

**Compline Worship:** Looking for a new style of worship for all ages? Compline is an evening worship service for all ages. This worship service marks the end of the day's work and the beginning of a restful night. The service is for all ages, and will be interactive. The worship may have, but not be limited to: interactive prayer stations, silence, coloring sheets, family and group activities, and light music to end your day. Our next service is on **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

**Chili Cook-off:** On January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off. We had such a great turn out last year and so much fun you won't want to miss it this year! We are currently looking for chili cooks and chili tasters. If you are interested please contact Kathy Murphy at 727-421-5444 or Jan Harding at 727-785-9231.

**Children**  
**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.

**Sunday School (Age 4 – 11) Advent Curriculum:** Immediately following the Children's Message, children between the ages of 4 yrs and 11 yrs leave the Sanctuary with our Sunday School Teachers to continue with their curriculum. The children will be practicing Christmas carols, making crafts, learning about Jesus' Birthday, and preparing for Christmas Eve. Children may be picked up after worship in the Old Narthex.

### Children Upcoming Events

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas caroling at Coral Oaks 3:00pm – 4:30pm

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Night Out – 5:00pm – 8:00pm, \$20 per child, Ages 3 years – 11 years (Children must be potty-trained). Must register by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Huiran at [children@pcph.org](mailto:children@pcph.org) or call the church office, 727-784-7274.

### **Student Ministry at PCPH**

**Sunday Youth Fellowship:** (Thrive and Alive) We invite all students who are in our youth ministry and their friends to participate in our weekly worship service at 10:15am on a weekly basis. After worship is over we welcome all students to attend a fellowship gathering from 11:15am - 12:30pm. During this hour, we may grab a cup of coffee, pizza, and talk about what Pastor Bruce said in his sermon, how your week is going, and time to be with each other in the name of Jesus. Contact Malissa Garcia with any other questions.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship: (Thrive and Alive) 6:00pm - 8:00pm** Wednesday nights are back! We welcome all students who are in grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> to join us for youth group on Wednesday night as we fellowship, learn, discover, join small groups, and become a community that is founded in Christ. Please contact Malissa Garcia with any questions in regards to our student ministry programs at PCPH.

**Christmas Eve Service:** At 4:00pm there is a Family oriented Christmas Eve Service designed for all ages filled with Christmas Carols and a Contemporary Christmas Message. PCPH's youth group as well as The Growing Tree Preschool will play a special part in this service. We hope to see you all there!

### Student Ministry Upcoming Events

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group 6:00pm – 8:00pm

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group 6:00pm – 7:30pm, Compline 7:30pm – 8:00pm

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Christmas Party

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Live Nativity Practice 10:00am

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

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake. – Mark 13:37*

# GATHER JOYFULLY

### Welcome, Announcements, Quiet Time

Bruce Mulder

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

Liturgist: Malissa Garcia

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: As we enter this season of Advent, may the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.

**People: The Word became flesh and lived among us!**

Leader: In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

**People: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**People: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

#### \*Song (insert/wall)

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymn 2

#### \*Prayer of Confession (together)

Leader: God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have.

**People: Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return.**

Leader: For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

#### \*Words of Assurance

Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### \*Praise Response (all sing)

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### PCPH Christmas Traditions

Melanie Haslam

Advent Wreath, Paraments, 5 Panel Screen

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

Xaxni Family

(Children will go to Sunday School after the Lighting of the Candle.)

#### \*Song (insert/wall)

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

Hymn 5

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

### 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

Isaiah 64:1-9

NRSV

Mark 13:24-37

#### Message

"The Present God of Advent"

Rev. Bruce Mulder

## Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## CALL TO THE TABLE

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Response

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*(Please hold the bread but partake of the cup as it is passed.)*

**\*Song** (insert/wall)

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Hymn 20

## GO FAITHFULLY

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Bruce Mulder

**\*Response** (all sing)

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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

Large print bulletins are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Listening devices are available. They are in the center entryway to the Sanctuary. A small step-by-step instruction page is there to help you.

## Congregational Meeting immediately following the service.

### Session Summary (meeting of November 27, 2017):

- Updates on the annual financial review and budget process were discussed
- Communion dates for 2018 were approved.
- The Nominating Committee reported that they had a full slate of nominees for elder for the upcoming vote at the Special Congregational Meeting on December 3.
- Linda Burton was appointed as Treasurer for 2018.
- Tom Krisa was appointed as Clerk of Session for 2018.
- Corporate officers for 2018 were appointed:
  - o President – Jon Schier
  - o Vice President – Rick Bacon
  - o Treasurer – Linda Burton
  - o Secretary – Tom Krisa
- The Annual Congregational Meeting date was set for February 18, 2018.
- The closing of the church office on January 15, 2018, for Martin Luther King, Jr Day, was approved.

### Slate of Elders for the Class of 2020

Betty Crisman  
Carol Heath  
Leah James  
Victoria Miller  
Carol Sanders