

PCPH Calendar

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
 3:00p Children Christmas Caroling – Coral Oaks
 3:30p "The Friendlies" (Ruddle Home)

Monday, December 11

11:15a Growing Tree Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:45p Agape Small Group (LIB)

Tuesday, December 12

10:00a Quilting for Comfort (104)
 12:30p Esther/Martha Circle (FH)
 5:45p Brownie Troop Meeting

Wednesday, December 13

11:15a Growing Tree Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:00p Youth Group (Youth Room)
 7:00p Boy Scout Court of Honor (Sanctuary)
 7:30p Compline (FH)

Thursday, December 14

6:00p Brownie Troop #605 (FH)
 7:00p Theology on Tap (Peggy O's – Palm Harbor)
 7:00p Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, December 15

11:15a Growing Tree Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 5:00p Parents' Night Out (FH)

Sunday, December 17 - **Third 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

Worship

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

The chancel flowers are from Chris Meier to the Glory of God and in memory of Bud & Lucille Meier.

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, Mike S., Davis K., Marsha G., Ginger S., Teddy B., Kathy B., Mary Lou, Lee, Cindy R., Mike S., The Inman Family, John, Clyde & Jan, Jimmy, Bud, Perry, JoAnne, Laurie, Jeff M., Adam G., Kylie & Family, John M., Jeanette M., Terri, Bob, Marcy P., Thom, Tyler, Chris M., Sarah C.

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.

Angel Tree: Please return the wrapped gift NO LATER than December 17th. 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.

Christmas Cookie Exchange: On December 17th 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.

Worship Attendance	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3
	168	158	140	174

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 13th**, at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Theology on Tap Join us on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm as we study Prayer. We will have free childcare at PCPH. We will meet at Peggy O's (Formerly known as Peggy O'Neill's) in downtown Palm Harbor, 1026 Florida Ave. Come as you are and bring a friend!

Create and Share: The next meeting will be in Room 104 on Tuesday, December 19th at 10:00am. Bring something to eat for the Christmas gathering.

Chili Cook-off: On January 10th at 6:00pm we will have our 2nd 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.

2017 Pledges: Please keep in mind that 2017 is quickly coming to an end and pledges should be paid in full by year-end. The church office will be open on Wednesday, December 27th and Thursday, December 28th from 8:30am – 2:30pm. The office is closed on Fridays. If you have any questions please contact Linda Burton.

2018 Pledges: If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2018, 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. If you do not pledge and would like envelopes, please call the office or sign up in the Narthex.

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 10th – Christmas caroling at Coral Oaks 3:00pm – 4:30pm Families are to meet at Coral Oaks by 3:00pm. They will be caroling in 2 locations on the property and plan to finish by 4:30pm.

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

December 23rd – Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. All Sunday School children who wish to participate in the processional during the 4:00pm service should attend the rehearsal.

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 6th - 12th 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 13th – Youth Group 6:00pm – 7:30pm, Compline 7:30pm – 8:00pm

December 20th – Youth Group Christmas Party

December 23rd – Live Nativity Practice 10:00am

December 24th – Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00pm

2nd Sunday of Advent

“the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”- Mark 1:3

GATHER JOYFULLY

Welcome, Announcements, Moment For Mission, Quiet Time

Bruce Mulder

Eagle Project • Aidan Ashe

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Leslie Fann

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: We gather in preparation

People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation

People: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

Leader: We gather in celebration

People: for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.

Leader: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

*Song (wall)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymn 9

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: 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.**

*Words of Assurance

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

People: And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness.

Leader: In Christ, we are made right with God.

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

(Chrismon Tree and Lighting of the Star.

Families come forward to hang Chrismons on the tree.)

Lighting of the Second Candle in the Advent Wreath

Ashe Family

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

*Song (wall)

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Hymn 3

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

Vocalist: Bianca McChesney

*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 40:1-11

NRSV

Mark 1:1-8

Message

“Prepare the Way”

Rev. Bruce Mulder

*Song (wall)

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Hymn 8

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.

Special Congregational Meeting Summary (meeting of December 3, 2017):

The following slate of nominees for incoming Ruling Elder for the term beginning in January 2018 was approved.

- Betty Crisman
- Carol Heath
- Leah James
- Victoria Miller
- Carol Sanders