PCPC Weekly

Dec. 22-28, 2024



Welcome to PCPC! We are grateful God has called you to worship with us. Scan the flowcode to see this week's QuickLinks.

WORSHIP

- 8:30 & 11am Traditional Services led by Revs. John DeBevoise, Kenny Hubbell & John Reiter; Nancy Callahan, Music Director; Chancel Choir; Trinity Handbell Choir; Terry Moore, Acoustic Guitar (Sanctuary).
- **9am Connection Service** led by Rev. Kenny Hubbell, Roger Sullins & Praise Band (Gym).
- **6pm Communion & Carols Vespers Service:** Trinity Handbells Ensemble offering a Medley of Carols on the piano with Nancy Callahan, with Communion (Sanctuary).
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services:
 - 2pm Lessons & Carols Service with Violin & Tenor Soloist (Sanctuary).
 - **4:30pm Family Lessons & Carols Service** with Joyful Noise Choir & Junior Choir (Sanctuary).
 - **6pm Family-Friendly Service** with Paper Bag Nativities & Live Animals (Courtyard).
 - **7pm Contemporary Service** with Candlelight & Carols (Gym).
 - **8pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service** with Candlelight & Communion (Sanctuary).
 - **11pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service** with Candlelight & Communion (Sanctuary).
- <u>Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Worship Service</u>: 6pm Come casual or dressed up! Service will end with steeple bell ringing, sparkling grape juice & fireworks (Sanctuary & Courtyard).

CHILDREN

- **Reusable worship bags:** Assist children in participating more freely with scripture passages & worship services (Entrances).
- Nursery care: For infants & preschoolers during morning services (EM 103/104).
- **Godly Play:** Pre-K3-1st graders after Children's Message during morning services (CH 101).
- Faith & Fellowship Hour: Will return Jan. 5.
- Justice Seekers: Will return Jan. 5 at Dairy Joy, 4-5:15pm.

- Play Groups on Playground: Will return Jan. 6, 14 & 23, 4-5:30pm.
- Music & Movement: Will return Jan. 8.
- **Touch the Water: Jan. 12,** 10am 1st graders will remember their Baptisms (WM 202/204).

YOUTH

- Youth Groups: Will resume Jan. 15.
- L.I.F.T.: MS Will resume Jan. 19.
- MnMs: HS Will resume Jan. 27.
- Rock the Universe: Christian Music Festival at Universal Studios Orlando Jan. 24 is a night filled with rides, music, food & fellowship. \$125 Sign up NOW – space is limited! Sign up at palmaceia.org/youth.
- Summer Trips Registrations: Register now on palmaceia.org/youth. Contact kate@palmaceia.org with questions.

Christmas Brings A Spirit of Generosity! The gift of your financial pledge to the ministry of PCPC in the year ahead is a gift that encourages, empowers, and sustains the ongoing mission of Christ's church. This expression of your intention enables the officers to plan the budget for the year ahead. There is still time to turn in a pledge and join us at the table of God's family! www.palmaceia.org/pledge

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- Sun. Class: 10am Stay Awhile: Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality by Kara Eidson ends today. Advent takes care & intentionality. Explore the season, slow down & make time for Christ's birth (EM 307/308).
- Bel-Mar Class 10am: Each Sun. during Advent thru Epiphany, class will focus on the Christmas Story as it relates to life today in a complicated world, in person or on Zoom (Bel-Mar Rm CH 311).





- Mon. Followers of the Way: No Lunch/Study Dec. 23 or Dec. 30. Will return Jan. 6.
- Wed. Theology Book Club (Zoom): No Zoom Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.
- Wed. Night Study: Thru Dec. 18, 6:15-7:15pm If we overcame our fears, what would change in our relationships, jobs, congregations & communities? *Calling All Angels: An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength* (Hosp. Rm).
- Upcoming Sun. Class 10am: Jan 5-26 For centuries, historians, scholars, and theologians have sought to determine what we know about the historical life of Jesus. As we study *In Search of the Historical Jesus* we will explore what the context, scriptural sources, historical documents, and archaeological evidence might say about this Jewish rabbi who walked the rolling hills & fertile valleys of Galilee over 2000 years ago. Led by Paul Clark (EM 307/308).
- Jan. 13 PW Book Study: 1pm In-person lunch & study of chapters 5 & 6 from *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by L. Terkeurst (PW Rm CH 310).
- Jan. 13 PW Evening Book Study: 6:30pm Meet at Cindy Goding's home, 4209 W. Beachway Dr., 33609, Phone: 813-240-4677, and study Significant Week 2 Leah. Call Church for Zoom link.

OUTREACH

- Joy Gift Offering: An important holiday tradition at PCPC is the Joy Gift Offering. Beth-El Farmworker Ministry will again be the recipient this year, now thru Christmas! *Give now at palmaceia.org/give or scan flowcode.*
- Christmas Around the World: Purchase goats, chickens, support clean water, medical and prenatal care, support malnutrition, offer school support, and more, all in the name of a loved one for Christmas. Look for a table today outside in between services to give to others & support countries in need at Christmas (Courtyard)! Scan flowcode on pg. 1 to shop or online: villagepartnersinternational.org/shop!
- **Bel-Mar Fund Grant Portal:** Grant applications are now being accepted for 2025 to be used in a thoughtful & philanthropic way to align with the visions and missions of PCPC. If you are familiar with an organization that does work similar to our mission or you have questions about the Fund process, *email rick.mcclintock@verizon.net*. Check online at palmaceia.org/belmar.

- Extending the Table: If you know of a PCPC member who would like to have Communion brought to them by an Elder, call/text Jeanne Rowe at 813-833-5270. If you are an Elder & would like to be part of this mission, reach out to Jeanne.
- Electronics Collection: Bring unwanted electronics to Church office weekdays or Sundays & they will be recycled to benefit local students in need.
- Faith Café: Volunteers needed, serve dinner Jan.
 12 4:30-7pm. *faithcafetampa.org/volunteer* to sign up.

FELLOWSHIP

- Dec. 24 Ushers Needed Christmas Eve: A few volunteers to usher are needed at the 6pm Courtyard service this Christmas Eve. If interested, email susanfrost@palmaceia.org.
- Silver Fitness: Tues., 2pm (WM 202/204). Class is off Dec. 24 & 31.
- Tai Chi 65+: Thurs., 2:15pm (WM 202/204). Class is off Dec. 26.
- Jan. 5 Sausage Sunday: Join us for sausage, biscuits, and orange juice in between worship services (FH).
- Wed. Night Dinner: Will return Jan. 8. 5-6:15pm (FH). \$5/adult, \$3/child, \$15/family.
- Baby Cap Knitters: Will return Jan. 14.

Year-End Giving Tips: Payments made on 2025 pledge before the end of 2024 year for tax purposes, note 2025 General Fund. If planning to donate stock in 2024, begin process early & contact Kelley in Finance for instructions (finance@palmaceia.org). Brokers do not always attach names to stock transfers. If you set up recurring credit/ debit card/ACH payments to 2025 General Fund, end payments in Dec 2025.

Don't miss out on your tax deduction for 2024!

We will help you check whether or not you have



fulfilled your **2024 pledge**. Log in to the *OneChurch* app or contact Erin: erinlagor@palmaceia.org or Kelley: finance@palmaceia.org for help. If you know you **still owe on your 2024 pledge**, go to palmaceia.org/give or scan this QR code!

The Finance Office has received a **mystery check for \$2,500 from Ameriprise Financial with no donor name indicated.** If this is from you, contact finance@palmaceia.org or Kelley in Church office.