

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 9, 2018

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Prayer, 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 Kids' Choir, Begins ten minutes after service
 Metropolitan Ministry - Boxes of Hope Due
 Sunshine Brass Band Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: WOW (Women of the Word) Bible Study, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: Longest Night Service, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Koenig Martial Arts Class, 6:00 p.m.

Friday: Moms in Prayer Group (post high school), 8:15 a.m.

Saturday: Ladies' Christmas Brunch, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday: Team 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunshine Brass Band Holiday Concert: You are cordially invited to an evening of fine holiday and variety music featuring the Sunshine Brass Band. The Concert is scheduled for this evening at 7:00 p.m. and admission is free. Sunshine Brass Band concerts are pleasing to a broad concert-going public, with performances presented in a relaxed, informal and entertaining style. Hope to see you there; invite family and friends!

Longest Night Service: The holiday season can be a painful and difficult time for some: the first Christmas without a family member, anguish over broken relationships, reminders of what we have lost, or never had. Join with us Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in sharing and hearing prayer, scripture, and music that acknowledges God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to us in Jesus, who stands with us in our darkness as we groan together in eager expectation for Christ's final return.

TCC Ladies' Christmas Brunch: Holly and mistletoe are a sure sign that the season of gathering is upon us! Could there be a better way to celebrate all things festive than our Ladies' Yuletide Brunch hosted this year by the lovely Ann Wooley? This not-to-miss event is slated for Saturday, December 15th, beginning at 10:30 am. Thanks to the rousing success of last year's "Paperchase Gift Exchange", we will once again swap Christmas-themed paper items. With a dollar amount around \$15.00, some ideas are ribbon, glitter pens, cards, wrapping paper, gift bags, napkins, or holiday paper plates. Wrap your gift (no need to put your name on it), prepare a brunch item ready to be served, and head on over to Ann's house (15016 Maurine Cove Lane). Holiday love happens here! RSVP to the church office (tccinfo@tampacovenant.org) or to Angela Kaloger (956-7781).

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

The Ringing of the Bell

WE GATHER INTO HIS HOLY PRESENCE

Gathering Song: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Announcements: Mark Farrell, Youth Pastor

Missions Moments: Meyer Family, London

WE STAND IN AWE OF GOD'S HOLINESS

Advent Prayer: Cameron & Amy Harcourt

Song of Praise: *Ring The Bells*

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

WE ARE CONVICTED OF OUR SIN, AND OUR NEED OF SALVATION

Song: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Prayer of Confession: It Is Advent

Song: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S REDEMPTION AND OUR RESTORATION

Song of Grace: *We Are Waiting*

Song of Celebration: *Come We Plead*

Affirmation of Faith: Advent Bends and Kneels

Offertory & Prayer: *African Noel*, TCC Sanctuary Choir

WE LINGER IN GOD'S PRESENCE AWAITING HIS WORD

The Children's Blessing

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Sermon: Eric Meyer, Senior Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

Song: *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Words of Institution: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Song: *Of The Father's Love Begotten*

Song: *God with Us*

GOD SENDS US OUT

Benediction & Memorial Acclamation

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued ...

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us on Monday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. as we read scripture, sing Christmas Carols, and reflect on the story of Christ's incarnation. Childcare will be provided.

New Year's Eve Prayer Service: Please join us for a New Year's Eve Prayer Service on Monday, December 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

New Members Class: There will be a New Members Class on Saturday, January 26th from 8:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Lunch & childcare will be provided. Please visit www.tampacovenant.org to sign up.

New Member/Visitor Luncheon: Visitors and new members are invited to a luncheon Sunday, January 27th at 12:00 p.m.

**Children's Ministry Corner:
Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

GIVING PARTICIPATION
60%
NOVEMBER 2018

Holy Communion: The sacrament of The Lord's Supper is a joyful part of Christian worship, which we celebrate weekly. If you are a Christian, we invite you to join us even if you are not a member of Tampa Covenant Church. If you are not a Christian, to partake of Communion would be to express a faith you do not presently embrace. If you have uncertainties about whether or not you should partake of the sacrament, seek out one of the pastors or elders before the service.

*Gluten-free bread available during communion.