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Opportunities for the Week
January 1-7

Sunday
2 Cents a Meal collection
Monday
Child Care & Church Office closed
No Men's lunch (resumes 1/8/17)
2:00pm Sarah Cr. (W. Towers)
Tuesday
9:45am Martha Cr. at Angela
Chesser's home
10:30am Staff (C1)
7:00pm Scouts (SH)
Wednesday
6:00pm PLOW (SH)
Friday
5-9pm FAVO

Presbyterian Women
January Circles
Sarah: January 2, 2pm (Towers)
Martha: January 3, 9:45am
(Angela Chesser's)
Dorcas: January 9, 1:30pm
(Parlor)
Joanna: January 9, 7pm (Parlor)
Esther: January 10, 7pm (Parlor)

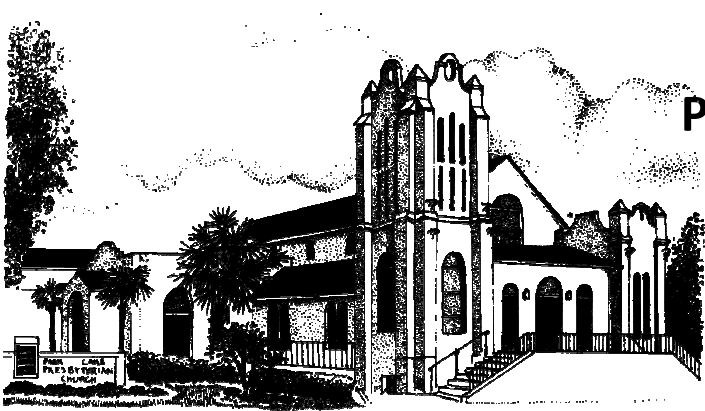
Welcome to our guest worship leaders this
morning. They are Rev. Thomas Pinnel and Rev.
Hal Thornton.

Tom is Honorably Retired, after serving 41 years
as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian
Church USA. Tom is Pastor Emeritus of the South
Presbyterian Church in Bergenfield N.J. from
which he retired in 2008. He and his wife Karen
reside in Kissimmee and are regular worshippers
at Park Lake.

Assisting Tom this morning is his good friend a
colleague, The Rev. Harold Thornton. Hal is also
from N.J. where he and Tom were members of
the Palisades Presbytery. Before retiring Hal was
pastor of the Elmwood Park Presbyterian Church.
Besides the ministry they share an interest in
collector cars. Hal and his wife Thelma also live in
Kissimmee.

Church Staff	
Co-pastors	Drs. Dan and Helen DeBevoise
Parish Associate	Dr. Linda Wright Simmons
Pastor Emeritus	Dr. Robert Gray
Choir Director	Robb Ross
Organist, Director FAVO	Will Benton
Nursery Staff	Barbara Boyce
Youth Ministry	Alice Fortunato and Elizabeth Ingram
Church Secretary	Kathie Uhing
Financial Secretary	Linda Castle
Maintenance	Keith Bridges
Child Care Center Director	Jeana Palomino

Church Missionaries	
Madagascar	Dan and Elizabeth Turk
Mozambique	Nedson Zulu, Sebber Banda



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Prayer of the Day
God of truth and understanding, source of all the wisdom we seek,
show us the wisdom of your Word and teach us to abide in your way,
ever growing in grace and favor; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Order of Worship 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements
Time of Silence
Call to Worship
The light of God shines upon us in this New Year. God's majesty and glory fill the
heavens.
**This is the season for rebirth of our best. God has gifted us with new
opportunities.**
In Christ, God's way is known on earth. God's saving power among the nations.
**We have come to thank and praise God. How majestic is God's name in all
the earth.**
Great is God's steadfast love toward us. The faithfulness of the Lord endures
forever.
Let all people, praise the Lord.
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 22

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Pew Bible, OT pg. 690

Call to Confession

God judges but also redeems. God has created us to live fully in this present moment, but also planted eternity in our minds. Before this good and gracious God, we pour out our confession. Let us pray.

Unison Prayer of Confession

You give us a vision of a world made new, O God, yet we find it easy to abide in the old. We have resisted change and challenge, denying the grand possibilities of our humanity and forgetting the abundant life Christ offers. O God, help us to change the direction of our lives, and deepen our faithfulness to the truth we encounter in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.
(a time for silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The birth in Bethlehem holds for us the promise of rebirth. Our salvation has come. Our healing is assured. We are God’s holy people, redeemed, forgiven and not forsaken. God’s steadfast love and faithfulness empowers us to become all we are meant to be.
Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Response No. 34

In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following Welcoming the Children, age 3 yrs - 3rd Grade, will proceed downstairs for a Bible lesson. The children will return after the sermon.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 535, Tallis Canon
Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day. That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 22-32
Pew Bible, NT pg. 55

Sermon

“The Foolishness of Beginning Again”
Rev. Tom Pinnel

The Affirmation of Faith, pg. 14

The Apostles’ Creed

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

(Ushers will escort worshippers forward by pew to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward the pastors will bring communion to you as you remain seated.)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn of Commitment No. 275

God of Our Life

Charge and Benediction

Enter the New Year, rejoicing in its opportunities and facing its challenges with faith.

We will rejoice in Christ’s presence with us.

Amid the hate and casting of stones, welcome love and peace.

We will join the celebration of God’s love.

Postlude

***All who are able may stand**

January Ushers are Stix Cook, Matt Cook, Erin Cook, Ben Nicoll, Clay Elliott, and Kwaku Poku.

Sanctuary Flowers this day are given to the glory of God by Paula Nowell, in loving memory of Jerry Nowell, whose birthday was January 3.

Assisting in worship this morning is Nancy Warlick.