

Poinsettia Sunday is December 18

To place Poinsettia plants in the sanctuary, complete form below, and return with your check to the office or place in Sunday Offering plate.

Deadline - Monday, December 12

Cost - \$8.50 per plant

I/We will give _____plants

() I will pick them up following Christmas Eve worship.

() I will not pick up plants.



Plants will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18, through Christmas Eve, and can be picked up following the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

*In Memory of:

*In Honor of:

OR IN LIEU OF PLANTS,

I make a memorial designated for one of the following:

() Building Fund () PATH (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger)

MY NAME _____

PHONE _____

***Note: Please word memorial or honorarium as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.**

Park Lake Presbyterian Church

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December 4, 2016 - The Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Time of Silence

Prelude

Air

Susan Gantt

Gordon Young

Introit

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Rev. 21:6) 12th century plainsong
words, Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 4th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1854

Call to Worship

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 13

Prepare the Way

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9
O.T. page 602

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Transforming God, in this season of Advent we come to celebrate the earth-shattering event of the coming of your Christ. Ever since His birth the world has not been the same. Waken our expectations this Christmas. We have too often treated our relationship with Jesus as ‘there-when-we-need-him.’ You call us to sit up and take notice of your presence, but we would rather sit back and not get involved. Prod our sleeping spirits. Kindle our ability to wait and watch for the fullness of Christ’s reign. By your Holy Spirit, prepare us in our worship to praise and give thanks for what has been, and to live in joyful expectation of Christ’s new world yet to be.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ’s coming changes everything! Jesus comes bringing salvation and righteousness as God’s free gift, assuring us of our restored and right standing with God. In Christ is God’s blessing of inner peace and new life. Friends, this is Good News!

Thanks be for God’s great gift of Emmanuel, for God IS with us!

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Response (see opposite page)

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

THE WORD

Lighting the Advent Candles

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.

Hymn (see bulletin, page 4)

Light One Candle to Watch For Messiah

Verse 1

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-12
N.T. page 2

Sermon

**At the Root of Christmas
Dr. Helen DeBevoise**

*Affirmation of Faith pg. 14

The Apostles’ Creed

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Bringing Christmas Cheer
To Zebra House Youth**

Once again Park Lake has the opportunity to bring Christmas cheer and warmth to a special group of youth who are homeless because of their LGBTQ orientation. Zebra Coalition provides living quarters for a limited number of youth, counseling, study facilities and social activities for them and drop-ins, thereby keeping them from a life on the streets and using a bridge or a forest area for shelter. Their facility is on Mills Av., a few blocks north of Colonial Dr.



Last year our church members contributed over \$300 in gift cards. This year we are asking for gift cards in the amount of \$5-10 from fast food restaurants or \$10-20 from stores like Target or Wal Mart, to purchase clothing. These cards will be distributed at the Zebra House Christmas Party, sponsored by the Zebra Coalition.

This year we are setting a deadline of **Sunday, December 18th**, the Sunday before Christmas, for gift cards to be brought to the church. Please give them to John Franklin or David Nakagawa, who will deliver them to the Zebra Coalition.

***Thank you for your help
and generosity!***

Note on source music for today's anthem:

The people of the Sea Islands of Georgia and South Carolina came from West Africa during the slave trade. Because the Sea Islands were relatively isolated from the mainland until the 20th century, their Gullah dialect and cultural traditions continued until encroached upon by development. The two spirituals, *Ask the Watchman How Long* and *Yonduh Come Day*, were sung on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve during Watch Night meetings that lasted from midnight till dawn.

A Congregational meeting has been called for next Sunday, December 11, for the purpose of receiving the report from the Nominating Committee.

**P.L.O.W. is Park Lake on Wednesdays
December 7, 6pm, Struble Hall**

Menu: Baked Chicken provided;
bring a side dish to share.

**Prime Timers to Casa Feliz, Winter Park
Thursday, December 8**

Join us for a guided tour of Casa Feliz Historic Home Museum decorated for Christmas (suggested donation \$5). We'll lunch at Maestro Cucina Napoletana on S. Park Av. (8 lunch specials under \$10, others \$12.50 & up.) We will leave the parking lot at 9:30am.



Reservations/information:

Contact **Bonnie McKnight, 407-886-4891**

This Week at Park Lake

Sunday, Dec. 4	Monday, Dec. 5	Tuesday, Dec. 6	Wednesday, Dec. 7	Thursday, Dec. 8	Friday, Dec. 9
9:00 am Combined Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation (3rd)		Presbytery Meeting in Melbourne 9:45am Martha Cr. - E. Kaney's	9:30am CCC Chapel (sanctuary)		Church Office Closed
10:00am Fellowship time (Fellowship Hall)	12:00 pm Men's Bible (Flwp. Hall)		10:00am Presbytery event (P)	9:30am Prime Timers Trip	9:30am CCC Christmas program (S)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) <i>2 Cents Per Meal</i>	1:30 pm Dorcas Cr. (Parlor)				↕
11:45 am Choir Rehearsal Gingerbread event	2:00pm Sarah Cr. (Towers)				
NO Vespers 6:30pm Concert in the sanctuary	7:00pm Evening Cr. (P)	7:00pm Esther Cr. (P) Boy Scouts (F. Hall)	6:00pm PLOW Decorating Play Rehearsal		

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt 120

Capo 4: (G7) (C) (F) (Dm)
B7 E A F#m

1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's
2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be
4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born and

(G) (G7) (Em) (Am) (Dm)
B B7 G#m C#m F#m

word, I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange-ly
said: sweet, new-born Babe, how frail, and in a man - ger
there, his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound-ing heart, I
burned its way in - to my heart: un - asked, un - forced, un -

(G7) (C) (C7) (F) (Dm) (G7)
B7 E E7 A F#m B7

stirred. But there is room and wel - come there for
bed: a still, small voice to cry one day for
stare: a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for
earned: to die, to live, and not a - lone for

(C) (Dm) (C) (Am) (Dm) (F/A) (C)
E F#m E C#m F#m A/C# E

me; but there is room and wel - come there for me.
me; a still, small voice to cry one day for me.
me; a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
me; to die, to live, and not a - lone for me.

Light One Candle to Watch 85 for Messiah



1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the



light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the
 light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing;



va - tion to Is - rael, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
 lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
 tell the glad ti - dings. Let your lights be shin - ing.

This text works best when used incrementally during the four weeks of Advent. It underscores the "waiting" theme of the season and concludes appropriately with reference to Matthew 25:1-13. The tune name meaning "deep in the forest" comes from the opening of a Yiddish love song.

TEXT: Wayne L. Wold, 1984
 MUSIC: Yiddish folk song; arr. Wayne L. Wold, 1984
 Text and Music Arr. © 1984 Fortress Press (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

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Offertory

Ask the Watchman

Two Sea Island spirituals

Chancel Choir

arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory, 2003

*Ask the watchman "How long?" How long we gonna moan?
 It don't matter how long. We'll wait for the dawn. How you gonna greet the day?
 Praying, that's the way. Singing, that's the way. Swaying, that's the way.
 I'm gonna shout! That's the way that we'll greet the day.
 O day, yonder come the day. Day break in my soul. Daylight is making me whole.
 Go get the preacher! Go get whoever you can. Go get a drummer! Tell him we need a hand.
 How long, Lord? How long we gonna moan? Daylight is breaking,
 I can see the sun rising. Can somebody tell us 'bout how much longer?
 All night we have waited in the darkness for the breaking of day.
 Watchman, these old feet were made for dancing. Better get out of my way!
 All night we have waited in the darkness for the breaking of day.
 Watchman, these old feet were made for dancing. I said there would be dancing today!
 We gonna dance! Let heaven and nature say Oh! The Lord is come! Yonder come day!*

THE EUCHARIST

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn No. 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

While We Are Waiting Come

Cloninger/Cason, 1986

Postlude

Sinfonies De Fanfares

Jean Joseph Mouret

***All who are able may stand**

Sanctuary flowers this day are given to the glory of God by Bob Blue in loving memory of his wife, Dorothy.

December Ushers are Shawn Moloney, Mike Bookhardt, Bob Larr, Larry Welker, Eric Wood.