

Election of Elders

The Nominating committee for church officers has been selected and will begin meeting to discuss and select candidates for the office of elder to serve for three consecutive years in the Class of 2020. You can be of great assistance in our selection by praying for this committee and recommending individuals for these positions. List nominations for Elder on the bottom of this form and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.

Members of the congregation play an important role in this process. You have the opportunity, even the duty, to submit names of members who you believe should be considered. Any communing member, man or woman, any age, is eligible. Elders should be of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel both within the church and in the world.

Duties of Elders:

1. Strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation through regular attendance at worship.
2. Encourage the people in the worship and service of God.
3. Equip and renew the people for tasks within the church which fulfill the mission of the church.
4. Visit, comfort, and care for the people, with special attention to the sick, lonely, poor and any who may be in distress.
5. Serve as representative to the Presbytery and the General Assembly, if appointed.
6. Inform the minister(s) and the Session of those persons and structures within the church which may need special attention.
7. Perform those duties which all Christians are bound to discharge as responsible members of the church.

NOMINATION SUGGESTIONS FOR ELDERS CLASS OF 2017: You may include a statement on your suggestions. (Print please; return to office, a committee member or place in offering plate)

Park Lake Presbyterian Church

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August 20, 2017

Order of Worship 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

Choral Introit

God Welcomes All

Call to Worship (Psalm 133)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Lord, let your Spirit pour over us as we worship you. Heal our divisions, lift our hearts, bring peace and justice to your world.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 417 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-20

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Call to Confession and Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples,
we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support.
Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away
and leave us in peace.
We confess that peace for us often means life just as we want it -
without regard for the lives of others.
In Your mercy, forgive us.
Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us
when we were still in need—
a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf.
Show us how to love others as You have loved us.
Teach us Your compassion,
so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need.
In Jesus' name, we pray.**
(time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God does not withhold forgiveness from us, but fills us with hope, with joy,
with peace. Be at peace. God has heard our prayers, has forgiven our sins, has
reconciled us to God, and to one another.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Response No. 394 There is a Balm in Gilead

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following Welcoming the Children, age 3 yrs - 1st 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

Matthew 15:21-28

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Sermon

"Faith Persists"
Dr. Dan DeBevoise

Park Lake's Session

Class of 2017

Mike Bookhardt, Bill Chamberlain, David Kaminsky, Susan Gantt,
Carolyn Ragans

Class of 2018

John Bowers, Jane Callahan, Henry Jibaja, Dan Johnson, Gayle Schmidt,
Christine Stewart

Class of 2019

John DiSalvo, Jan Ellis, John Franklin, Kimo Hyatt, Vicky Nicoll, Lauren Poore

Clerk of Session: Linda Beaty

Treasurer: Dick Butler

SESSION COMMITTEES

If you have questions about a particular activity or would like to participate in
a specific area please contact the session committee representatives. Please
call the church office for contact information. (407-841-6550)

Administration & Personnel: Gayle Schmidt, John DiSalvo

Buildings and Grounds: Carolyn Ragans, Mike Bookhardt

Child Care Center: Jane Callahan

**Church Life (PLOW, Congregational Care, Evangelism, Church
Communications):** Jan Ellis, John Franklin

Christian Education: Christine Stewart, Kimo Hyatt

FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando): David Kaminsky, Henry Jibaja

Finance and Stewardship: Susan Gantt, Dan Johnson, Bill Chamberlin

Mission: John Bowers, Lauren Poore

Worship & Music: Vicky Nicoll, Mike Bookhardt

F.I.S.H.
Saturday, August 26, 8:30am - 12:30pm
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
1655 Peel Ave., Orlando, FL

Fresh Ideas Start Here is a yearly leadership event offered by our Central Florida Presbytery. FISH will feature 22 workshops offered by outstanding educators, pastors, elders, and lay leaders from churches within the Central Florida Presbytery. There are invaluable workshops for those leading, teaching, and planning in the church.



The registration packet and full list of workshop is found on the Presbytery's Equip website: <http://cfpequip.weebly.com/>.

Contact helenparklake@gmail.com for more information.



Sunday, August 27
8:30 am - 10 am

Join us Sunday, August 27 for Rally Day - the kick off of the church school year. Come for a casserole breakfast and enjoy an inter-generational learning event. The theme for Rally Day is "**The Reformation: 500 years young**". Explore the ways we are still being reformed and reforming in our church and faith.

Breakfast begins at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*The Affirmation of Faith, The Belhar Confession (section 3) (see insert)

*Hymn No. 385 O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face
 (verse 1 choir, verses 2 & 3 all)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "In Christ Alone" Chancel Choir Getty & Townsend,
 arr. Lloyd Larson

*Doxology ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God all creatures here below,
 Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

SENDING

*Hymn of Commitment No. 420 God of Grace and God of Glory
 Charge and Benediction
 Postlude *Phantasy* Franz Liszt

***All who are able may stand**

Ushers are John Gardepe, Anne Gardepe, Marie Butler, Frank Kaney, John Rachey and Eleanor Hummert.



There are **elders who meet for prayer** in the East transept of the sanctuary following worship. You are invited to ask for special prayer by meeting them there or placing a prayer card in the offering plate.

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and a special thank you to Kathie Uhing from Martha Circle. We wish to thank her for all the support she has given to Presbyterian Women during her 32 years at Park Lake.

We believe

that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
 that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
 that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
 that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,
 that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;

that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Matthew 5:9, 13-16; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-5, Romans 6:12-14, Colossians 1:11-14, James 2:8-9

| Sunday Aug 20 | Monday Aug 21 | Tuesday Aug 22 | Wednesday Aug 23 | Thursday Aug 24 | Friday Aug 25 | Saturday Aug 26 |
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| 9am Sunday School | CCC Fall Program begins | | | | Church Office closed on Fridays | |
| 10am Refreshments & Snacks (SH) | | | | 10am Page Turners (K) | | |
| 10:30am Worship Food Drive | | | | | | |
| 11:30 am Retirement Reception for Kathie Uhing | | 7pm Scouts | | 6pm Park Lake Gay Straight Partnership (Clark’s) | | |

Fellowship Time on Sundays - Arrive a little early for worship and join us in the Fellowship hall for coffee, juice, and a cookie. It’s an informal time for you to meet and talk with other PLPC friends. **10:00 a.m.** in Struble Fellowship Hall, ground floor of the Education building.

Retirement Reception for Kathie Uhing - Join us today, following worship to say ‘thank you’ to PLPC church secretary Kathie Uhing for her 32 years of faithful service to Park Lake! **11:30 a.m.** in Struble Fellowship Hall. ALL welcomed!

