

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

We are grateful for any year end gifts you are able to make to Park Lake Presbyterian Church. Many people make special year end gifts as a part of their financial plans. **Gifts must be postmarked by December 31 or received in the church office by December 29. The church office will be open Thursday, December 29, if you would like to drop off an end of the year contribution.**



**Park Lake
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December 25, 2016

This Week at Park Lake

Church Office Closed: Monday, December 26 - Wednesday, December 28, Friday, December 30, Monday, January 2.

Church Office Open: Thursday, December 29, Tuesday, January 3.

Park Lake Child Care Center Closed: Monday, December 26 - Monday, January 2.

The Co-pastors will be on vacation December 27-January 2.

Park Lake Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2016

Linda Beaty
Marie Butler
Lisa Hopko
Susan Kaney
Bud Amos

Class of 2017

Mike Bookhardt
Bill Chamberlin
Susan Gantt
David Kaminsky
Marian Price
Carolyn Ragans

Class of 2018

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

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission
Time of Silence
Prelude

Call to Worship

**In snow-capped churches,
and on sand-strewn beaches,**

God's people gather in joy
to celebrate a birth.

**With hopes littering our hearts
like wrapping paper under a tree,**

We offer our thanks and praise
for the gift of grace swaddled in love.

**With eyes wide open like little children,
with hearts full of wonder and laughter,**

We join our lives with Mary and Joseph,
with the shepherds who ran to tell the good news.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 40

Scripture Reading

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Joy to the World!

Isaiah 62:6-12
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Call to Confession

On this morning of love and joy, of laughter and families, we must remember and confess how we dampen the spirits of others, speak hurtful words to those we love, turn our backs on those in need. Join me, as we pray together saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Manger-dwelling God, we heard the songs of the angels,
yet we easily tune-out the cries of the needy;
we feel the breath of our children on our faces,
yet remain untouched by your Spirit of peace;
we are surrounded by gifts as precious as those brought by the Wise Ones,
yet have trouble sharing with those
who are from other countries, other faiths.
Forgive us, Grace swaddled in mystery.
We believe in Christmas,
help us to believe in you even more;
we hunger for happiness, feed us on your peace;
we long for community and acceptance,
surround us with our brothers and sisters
we find in all those, of every age and every place,
who follow and serve alongside our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate this day. Amen.
*(silent prayers of confession)***

Declaration of Forgiveness

Born that day was grace – for the broken and bereft;
born that day was hope – for the vulnerable and forgotten;
born that day was love – for all of us!

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! We will go to tell others of all we have seen, heard, experienced, and know. Amen.

*Hymn of Response (insert)

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
(from Presbyterian Hymnal Glory to God)*

*Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Lighting the Christ Candle

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.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7
NT page 54

Solo

The Birthday of a King
Russell Stephens

W.H. Neidlinger

Sermon

“Thin” Places
John Daniel DeBevoise, Jody Mask, Paige McRight

*Affirmation of Faith, pg. 14 The Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo

Hallelujah
Robb Ross

Leonard Cohen

*Doxology No. 591

SENDING

*Hymn No. 29

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Charge and Benediction
Choral Response

Postlude

***All who are able may stand**

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to their own towns to be registered. 4Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" 15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Isaiah 62:6-12

6Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, 7and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. 8The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; 9but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

10Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. 11The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." 12They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt 120

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B7 E A F#m

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2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be
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said: sweet, new-born Babe, how frail, and in a man - ger
there, his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound-ing heart, I
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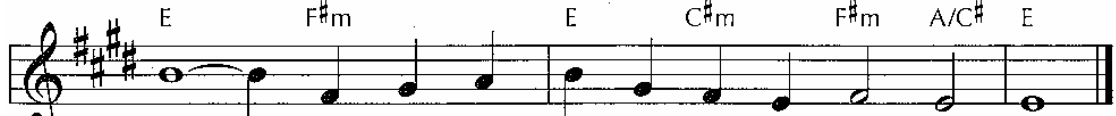
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