

**Poinsettia Sunday - December 16**



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 10 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 16, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**December 2, 2018 - The First Sunday of Advent**

**Order of Worship** **10:30 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements  
 Time of Silence  
 Prelude It Is Well setting by Eleanor Whitsett  
Will Benton, Organist  
 Lighting the Advent Candle Emma McDonald, Chandler Schramm  
 Introit Come, Come Emmanuel James J. Chepponis, 1995  
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship  
 Because of You, Righteous God, we begin our journey to Bethlehem,  
**trusting that You will lead us down the paths of faithfulness.**  
 For You, Child Jesus, we wait,  
**on this day of anticipation and hope, in the days of doubt and worry.**  
 With You, Spirit of Advent, we serve,  
**those for whom this season is not one of joy and love**  
**those whose lives are empty of hope and peace.**  
 Let us worship God.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration  
 \*Hymn of Praise No. 1 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible, OT pg. 694)

Call to Reconciliation

When we measure ourselves against the Righteousness of God, we find that we fall woefully short. Our words hurt others, our actions cause damage, our choices are too often foolish.

We can stand with God only when we allow God to raise us up. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**You give us chances, O God, to be more compassionate, to offer hope to a lonely friend, to be generous to those who have so little. The signs are all around us, Good and Upright God, and too often we fail to see them.**

**Forgive our cluelessness. Remember the mercy of Your heart which is to forgive us, to make us whole. That is the Living Mercy who came down one night so long ago, Jesus the Advent of our redemption.** (moment of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Look up, children of God! In the dark winters of our lives, our redemption draws near. In the springtime of our doubts, the kingdom of God approaches.

**Even when we feel most alone, the One who comes to us is the salvation promised so long ago. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*Hymn of Response (insert)

While We are Waiting, Come

\*Passing of the Peace

**THE WORD**

Welcoming the Children

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible, NT pg. 80)

Sermon

**“Until He Comes Again”**

**Dr. Helen DeBevoise**

\*Affirmation of Faith pg. 14

The Apostles’ Creed

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**PLOW (Park Lake on Wednesdays), 6:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall**

**December 5,** Chancel Choir Quartet and fun Christmas trivia, word search, prizes and more!

Entrée: Ham dinner with fixings provided. Bring a dessert to share. If you'd like to sponsor a table to decorate please contact [JanEllisRN@yahoo.com](mailto:JanEllisRN@yahoo.com) or 407.247.6539.

**December 19,** Park Lake Players Performance

Entrée: Pulled Pork sandwiches, bring a side or dessert to share.

***DECEMBER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS***

**Dorcas: Monday, December 3**

**1:30 pm,** Church Parlor

Circle Representative - Anne Gardepe

Bible Moderator - Sandy Bogner

**Martha: Tuesday, December 4**

**9:45 am,** home of Eleanore Kaney,

2510 Shoreham Rd., Orlando, 32803

Representative - Eleanore Kaney

Bible Moderator - Gayle Schmidt

**Sarah: Monday, December 3**

**2:00 pm,** Westminster Towers,

Club Room

Circle Representative &

Bible Moderator - Marian Price

**Esther: Tuesday, December 4**

**7:00 pm,** Church Parlor

Circle Representative – Erin Cook

Bible Moderator - Anne Vercheski

**Joanna: Monday, December 3**

**7:00 pm,** Church Parlor

Circle Representative - Jan Ellis

Bible Moderator - Helen DeBevoise

**Advent Devotionals available, Today, December 2,** remember to pick up your Advent Devotion Book in the West Transept on December 2. Written by our own members and friends, the daily devotions offer a combined devotion with scripture and prayer to encourage and to inspire readers during the Advent season. If you would like to be added to the email list and receive the devotions electronically, please contact **Carol Bookhardt at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com)**

## 2018 PARK LAKE ADVENT CALENDAR

### Saturday, December 1,

9:00 am - 11:00 am, **Hanging of the Greens**, Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 2, **First Sunday of Advent**

#### Communion, 2 Cents a meal collection

9:00 am Sunday School, Education Building

10:00 am Fellowship time, coffee & pastries, Struble Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

11:45 am Decorate a Gingerbread house fundraiser, benefits Habitat for Humanity, All are Welcome! All ages! Sponsored by Presbyterian Women, Esther Circle, Lunch served - Chili, fruit, Struble Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm Vespers, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 5, P.L.O.W.

#### (Park Lake on Wednesdays)

6:00 pm Christmas music, Fellowship

We will have Christmas trivia, Word Search, prizes and more!

Entrée: Ham dinner with fixings provided.

Bring a dessert to share.

### Friday, December 7, FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Art, live music, food trucks, and children's art table

### Sunday, December 9, **Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Sunday School, Education Building

10:00 am Fellowship time, coffee & pastries, Struble Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

5:00 pm Potter's Hand, Open Studio, Art Lab

### Saturday, December 15

9:30 am Children's Nativity Pageant rehearsal, Sanctuary

12:00 pm Youth group, lunch and activity

### Sunday, December 16, **Third Sunday of Advent**

#### Poinsettia Sunday, Canned food collection

9:00 am Sunday School, Education Building

10:00 am Fellowship time, coffee & pastries, Struble Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Worship / Children's Nativity Pageant Special Music, Sanctuary

6:00 pm Jones HS Alumni Choir Concert Handel's Messiah, Sanctuary, (reception following concert)

### Wednesday, December 19, P.L.O.W.

#### (Park Lake on Wednesdays)

6:00 pm **Park Lake Players Performance**

Entrée: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, bring a side or dessert to share.

### Friday, December 21,

6:00 pm **Longest Night, Prayer & Readings**,

West transept, Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 23, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Sunday School, Education Building

10:00 am Fellowship time, coffee & pastries, Struble Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Worship

5:30 pm Pizza and Christmas Caroling, dinner in Struble Fellowship Hall, then ride the church bus to sing Christmas carols to shut-ins.

### Monday, December 24, **Christmas Eve Services**

**5:30 pm Carols and Candles, Candlelight Service, Sanctuary**

**11:00 pm Communion, Carols and Candles Service, Sanctuary**

### Tuesday, December 25, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Offertory

Wake, Awake

John Horman, 1977

Chancel Choir

Based on Philipp Nicolai,

Wachet Auf, 1599

*Refrain: Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying, Awake, awake, Jerusalem, arise, arise, arise!*

*Zion hears the watchmen singing; and all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from the gloom. (Refrain)*

*For her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is risen, her light is come. (Refrain and this stanza repeated in canon)*

## 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

Prepare the Way of the Lord

(Isaiah 40:3, 52:10)

Chancel Choir

Jacques Berthier, 1984

*Prepare the way of the Lord,*

*And all people will see the salvation of our God.*

Postlude

fanfare

William Mathias

Will Benton, Organist

**\*All who are able may stand**

**The Sanctuary flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Dick and Marie Butler in loving memory of our daughter, Lori Anne Butler, who passed away on December 1, 1991.

**\*For full calendar of events, please see the December Worship & Work newsletter or go to [plpc.org](http://plpc.org)**

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1 While we are wait - ing, come;  
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;  
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.  
 with power and glo - ry, come.  
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

TEXT: Claire Cloninger, 1986  
 MUSIC: Don Cason, 1986

WAITING (Cason)  
 SM

The Gay Straight Partnership of Park Lake will be collecting monetary contributions and gift cards this holiday season for Zebra Coalition. The Zebra Coalition® is a network of organizations which provide services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and all youth (LGBTQ+) ages 13 – 24. The Coalition assists young people facing homelessness, bullying, isolation from their families, and physical, sexual, and drug abuse with individualized programs to guide them to recovery and stability.

Please consider helping our youth in the Orlando area this holiday season. Needed are gift cards of \$5 and \$10 for economical meals (McDonald's, Wendy's, etc.) and/or somewhat larger amounts (\$15, \$20, \$25) for clothing, school supplies, and other goods (Target, Walmart, JCPenney, etc.) We can also convert your gifts of cash or checks to gift cards. Gift cards and cash donations due by December 9. To learn more about the Zebra Coalition visit <https://www.zebrayouth.org>. Thank you for your continued support.

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

**Our elders** 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.

**A Congregational meeting has been called for next Sunday, December 9**, for the purpose of receiving the report from the Nominating Committee.

### This Week at Park Lake

Sunday December 2	Monday December 3	Tuesday December 4	Wednesday December 5	Thursday December 6	Friday December 7
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 am Sunday School (SH) 10:00 am Refreshments & Snacks (SH)	12:00 pm Men's Bible Study	9:45 am Martha Circle (Home of Eleanore Kaney) 10:00 am Staff Meeting	9:30 am Chapel Time 9:30 am Central Florida Presbytery, Art and Faith workshop (SH)		Church Office Closed
10:30 am Worship (S) 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal 11:45 pm Gingerbread House decorating (SH) All are welcome! Benefits Habitat for Humanity	1:30 pm Dorcas Circle (P) 2:00 pm Sarah Circle (Westminster Towers)	CF Presbytery Winter Stated Meeting Korean Pres Church 16769 Davenport Rd., Winter Garden, 34787	5:45 pm Serve dinner@ C.W.F.		9:30 am Child Care Christmas program (SH)
5:30 pm Vespers (S)	7:00 pm Joanna Circle (at the Home of Carol Fisher, 2441 Stoneview Rd., Orlando, 32806)	7:00 pm Esther Circle (P) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (SH)	6:00 pm P.L.O.W. (Park Lake on Wednesdays) Fun & Fellowship Pot luck, bring a side or dessert		5:00 pm - 9:00 pm FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando) Art exhibits, live music, food trucks, children's art project.

**Calendar Key**  
 AL - Art Lab at Faith Arts Village Orlando  
 C - Conference Room, church office  
 FAVO - Faith Arts Village Orlando  
 K - Koinonia Sunday School classroom, downstairs Sanctuary building  
 P - Parlor, Education Building  
 S - Park Lake Sanctuary  
 SH - Struble Fellowship Hall, education Building