

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20 (N.T. page 54)

*Medley of Christmas Carols (see insert)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

A Joyous Christmas
Will Benton, organist

John Leavitt

***All who are able may stand**

Assisting in Worship, Emma McDonald, Catherine Johnson, Rebecca Johnson

The Sanctuary Flowers for Park Lake's Christmas Eve Services, are given to the glory of God, in memory of our Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents, Violet and Ray Burford. With our love from their family, John and Robin Burford. Erika Burford Brooks, Matt and James. Megan Burford Artis, Mike, Alice and Ian. Stephen Burford and Jackson. Fred and Jane Burford. Mandy Burford Ferguson, Danny, Caroline and William. Chandler Burford.

**Park Lake Church Office and
Child Care Center
Holiday Hours**

**Park Lake Office Hours
Tuesday, December 24 and
Tuesday, December 31
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Park Lake Office Closed
Wednesday & Thursday
December 25-26 and
Wednesday, January 1**

**Child Care Center Closed
Monday, December 24 -
Tuesday, January 1
(returning January 2)**



Christmas Joy Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

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 Tuesday, December 31, 2019 or received in the church office by 12:00 noon on December 31, 2019. The church office will be open Tuesday, December 31, from 9:00am - 12:00 pm, if you would like to drop off an end of the year contribution.



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

For unto you is born this day
In the city of David a Savior,
Who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11



**Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2019**

5:30 p.m.

**Park Lake Presbyterian Church, plpc.org
309 E Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida 32801**

Order of Worship

**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019**

5:30 p.m.

Prelude

String Quartet

Angelica Chen - violin Cesar Olmeda - violin
Michael Simpson - viola Gabriela Prado - cello

Welcome

Processional of Christ Candle

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14, (N.T. page 86)

*Hymn No. 143

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Call to Worship

With eyes wide open and our ears on edge,

we look for shepherds and listen for the songs of angels.

In the light of winter's moon, with the Cross lighting the way,

we gather outside the door of a mystery, wondering if we dare go enter.

With folks and friends we love, with strangers we have just met,

we gather, becoming the holy family for this time and in this place.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Catherine Johnson and Rebecca Johnson

*Hymn No. 110

Love Has Come

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7, (O.T. page 600)

Call to Reconciliation

This is the time of watching and waiting, the time for us to open our hearts to God. Let us pray together saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We have watched for packages to arrive and Christmas cards to be delivered,
but we haven't always kept our eyes open to see You coming, Holy Child.**

**We have expected our Christmas 'wish list' to be filled,
and for the pile under the tree to grow and grow,
but we have hardly expected for you to change our lives.**

**We have noticed where to find the best bargains,
and what decorations our neighbors have put on their houses,
but we have missed the little, the least, and the lost walking down our street.**

Forgive our misplaced priorities.

**May we look for Your coming, may we reach out to those in need, may we wait for
hope to come, even as You arrive to live in our hearts.**

(moment of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon (Titus 3:4-7)

The good news is for every person: Jesus Christ was born to make a home in our hearts,
to show us the way back to God.

Glory and praise to God, who in love fills us with peace, and healing and hope!

Passing the Christmas Peace

Hymn No. 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7, (N.T. page 54)

Gathering of the Children

Special Music

O Holy Night

Composed by Adolphe Charles Adam

Faith Graves, soloist

A Christmas Prayer for the People

Joy Offering

Offertory Anthem

Beneath the Star

words and music

Chancel Choir

by Ruth Elaine Schram, 2007

We've been waiting, we've been searching, we have come from near and far,

Just to see you, just to touch you, just to know who you really are.

Son of God, come to earth, by the humblest kind of birth. Lord,

we seek you, with all our heart.

We've been wandering in the darkness, we have longed for your sweet light.

Now we see you, now we touch you, now we know you this holy night.

Son of God, Emmanuel, here among us now to dwell,

heaven's treasure beneath the star.

Beneath the star, a common, rustic barn becomes a palace worthy of a King.

The manger becomes a cradle, tender and welcoming.

Beneath the star, the darkest night is ablaze with glorious light,

Because we meet you, Lord, beneath the star.

Beneath the star, the angels' wings are shining with the brilliance of a golden flame.

The radiant streets of Bethlehem are echoing Jesus' name.

Our search is over now for heaven's treasure has been found!

We stand on holy ground.

Medley of Carols & Lighting of the Congregational Candles

*Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King”;
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Carol

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing; “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
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