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Today, Sunday, December 22

5:30 pm - Pizza and Caroling - Join us for Pizza in Struble Hall, then we will caravan by church bus and cars to carol to homebound members. All are welcome!

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

The Sanctuary flowers this day, are given to the glory of God, in honor of Delaney Bookhardt, who will be celebrating her 20th birthday on December 24th, with love from her parents, Carol and Mike Bookhardt.



Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements
 Time of Silence
 Scripture Reading
 Prelude

GATHERING

John 3:16, 17 (N.T. page 88)
 Of The Father's Love Begotten
 Will Benton, Robb Ross, Jeffrey St. Charles, Russell Stephens

10:30 a.m.

Call to Worship

We gather to worship God and speak of the promise that calls us together.

**From a village called Bethlehem comes a leader, God-beloved,
 to govern God's people - to lead us as a shepherd guides the flock
 to water and good pasture.**

With origins deep in the past comes a child about to be born,

**The source of true security - whose greatness shall reach the ends of the earth,
 bringing peace.**

We gather in the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel! God with us!

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Sophia McClelland
 and Nathan Krasno

*Hymn (bulletin insert)

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
 Will Benton, organ
 Park Lake Chancel Choir and Congregation

arr. Mack Wilberg

This Week at Park Lake

Sunday December 22	Monday December 23	Tuesday December 24	Wednesday December 25	Thursday December 26	Friday December 27
9:00 am Sunday School (SH) 10:00 am Refreshments & Snacks (SH) 10:30 am Children's Nativity Pageant, Special Music (S)	Child Care Center Closed 9:45 am PW Moderators Bible Study (C)	CHRISTMAS EVE Church Office Hours 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Child Care Center Closed	CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed Child Care Center Closed	Church Office Closed Child Care Center Closed	Church Office Closed Child Care Center Closed
11:45 am Choir Rehearsal	No Men's Bible Study				
5:30 pm Christmas caroling, meet in Struble Fellowship Hall, pizza dinner then caroling. All are welcome!					

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
 L - Library

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 22, 2019**

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38 (N.T. page 53)

(The Angel Greet Mary)

Solo "Mary, Did You Know?" Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene
Jeffrey St. Charles

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 (N.T. page 1)

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

(The Angel visits Joseph, The Census)

Special Music The Inn at the End of the World Words by G.K. Chesterton,
Chancel Choir from The Feast of the Snow, 1912
Additional words and music by Heather Sorenson, 2019

Call to Reconciliation

Even on this morning of love and joy, of laughter and families, we confess how we have dampened the spirits of others, spoken hurtful words to those we love, turned our backs on those in need. We know we need to do better. Let us bring this to God,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**Manger-dwelling God,
we hear 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 love;
we are surrounded by gifts as precious as those
brought by the Wise Ones,
yet have trouble sharing with those
who are strangers to us.**

**You are a gift of Love 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 people, of every age and every place,
who follow and serve alongside our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate.
*(rest in a moment of silence)***



Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services


- **5:30 pm** Carols and Candles (Park Lake Sanctuary)
- **11:00 pm** Communion, Carols and Candles (Park Lake Sanctuary)

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



GayStraight@ParkLake would like to thank the congregation for their generous contributions, this year for over \$2,200 in gift cards to the Zebra Coalition.

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.

To learn more about the Zebra Coalition the Gay Straight@ Park Lake will be hosting the PLOW dinner on Wednesday, January 15.

Thank You for your Support!!

End of the Year Giving

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.

thank you



SAVE THE DATE!

2020 MISSION FAIR

FEBRUARY 10-16

CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*"Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there will my servant be also."*

We have a mission for you!

The 2020 Mission Fair Committee is making plans for next years' Mission Fair, February 12-16, 2020. There are many opportunities for you to make the Mission Fair a great success and we need your help. Please contact, Dan DeBevoise, danparklake@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering during the Mission Fair week of activities.

We will be accepting Silent Auction donations and "Buy-it-Now" items for re-sale after January 1st. Items may be placed on the stage in Struble Fellowship Hall. If you have large items to be picked up, contact Bonnie McKnight at 407-886-4891.

Soloists

Tenor Robb Ross
Tenor Jeffrey St. Charles
Baritone Russell Stephens

Instrumentalists

Organ, Piano Will Benton
Violin 1 Jon Dolinskiy
Violin 1 Bethany Barnhorst
Violin 2 Sean Moore
Violin 2 Galen Kaup
Viola Chip Everts
Cello Sara Rivera
Bass Suzanne Vascik
Flute Barbara Kaminsky
Oboe Kristen Plander
Clarinet Andrea Newhouse
Horn Katherine Rudzik
Piano Carla Edwards



Thank you to the Soloists and Instrumentalists

Assurance of Pardon

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!

Lord, be born in us even today. Amen.

*Hymn of Response #92 While We Are Waiting, Come

*Passing of the Peace and collection of "Prayer Straws"

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
Words by Charles Wesley, 1739
Arranged for choir, organ
and orchestra by Dan Forrest, 2015
Words at Glory to God 119

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20
(The Announcement to Shepherds)

(N.T. page 54)

Special Music

How Great Our Joy
Chancel Choir

Traditional German Carol
Arranged by Craig Courney, 2012

A Meditation

From Sheep to Shepherd

John Daniel DeBevoise

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2
(Journey of the Magi)

(N.T. page 1)

Special Music

Hallelujah
Robb Ross, tenor

Leonard Cohen

An Advent Litany

- O Leader from the lowly You were born in the midst of poverty,
come, so we may learn from those we ignore.
- O Maker of haste, You did not hesitate to become one of us:
come, so we may stop moving so slowly, but run to embrace you.
- O Prince of Peace, You came with only reconciliation in your hands:
come, so we might build bridges and not walls.
- O Lover of justice You called the outcasts to your side:
come, so we may lift up the outsiders in our midst.
- O Mighty One, You set aside all power for us:
come, so we may see vulnerability and humility as the gifts needed in our world.
- O Gazer upon our souls, You saw the emptiness deep within us:
**come, so our eyes might be open to those who hunger,
who live in poverty, who long for friendship.**
- O Least of all expected messiahs, You broke God's heart to give us new ones:
come, so we might bring healing and hope to those we have damaged.

*Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Rise Up, Children, Arise!
Russell Stephens, soloist

Words and Music by Mary McDonald, 2014

Incorporating spirituals
Rise Up, Shepherd
and Go, Tell It on the Mountain

***All who are able may stand**

"Strawing the Manger" is the practice of preparing a soft bedding in the manger for the Christ Child by using little wisps of straw as tokens of prayers and good works performed through the penitential season of Advent. This is originally a French custom that quickly spread to other countries. *"Thus the Christ Child, coming on Christmas Day, finds an ample supply of tender straw to keep Him warm and to soften the hardness of the manger's boards"* (Francis Weiser, *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs*, 1958).

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.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley

"Hyfrydol" by Rowland H. Prichard,
Mack Wilberg, arr.



Men: Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth, come down.
Women: Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!
Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in Thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion, per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un bound - ed love, thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ing; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve the as thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place;



Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.