

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

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September 3, 2023

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Elizabeth Turk

Time of Silence

Prelude

Duke Street hymn tune setting by David Christiansen

Introit

The Lord is My Light

(Hymn No. 842)

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name!

Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Search for God, and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-6

Pew Bible, OT pg. 48

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of love and mercy, we have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand. It is fear and anger that too often surrounds us and our actions become based on those fears and anger. Slow us down, Lord.

Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus who loved and healed others. Forgive us when we have forgotten your command to love one another as you love us. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. We belong to Christ, the Lord of the dead and the living. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Response No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

***During Worship**, following the time on the steps, children are invited to PRAYground located in the east transept. In Prayground, children will be provided a lap desk, a children's bulletin, coloring and activity pages, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message. A PRAYground "host teacher" will be available to help answer questions and provide needed supplies. Children may stay in PRAYground quietly working on their projects or take supplies and return to sit with their families.*

Hymn No. 188

Jesus Loves Me

v.1 Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

***v. 2 Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me"***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-23

pew Bible NT, pg. 17

Sermon

Listening Through the Roller Coaster of Change Rev. Dr. Carmelo Mercado

*A Brief Statement of Faith pg. 37
(printed on back of bulletin)

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

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| Offertory | Feast of The Lord Chancel Choir | Words & Music by Pepper Choplin |
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The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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| The Invitation | Sharing of Bread and Cup |
| The Words of Institution | Prayer after Communion |
| The Prayer of Thanksgiving | |

SENDING

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| *Hymn No. 515 | I Come with Joy |
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Charge and Benediction

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| Choral Response | God Be With You Till We Meet Again | (Hymn No. 542) |
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| Postlude | Forest Green hymn tune | arr. Jerry Westenkuehler |
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Welcome to our Guest pastor

The Rev. Dr. Carmelo Mercado, ChFC®, is an ordained Presbyterian minister, pastoral counselor, certified financial advisor, adjunct seminary professor, past moderator of Central Florida Presbytery, and interfaith chaplain/social services facilitator at the Presbyterian-affiliated Westminster Communities of Florida in downtown Orlando. For 16 fruitful years, he was the senior pastor/head of staff of El Redentor Presbyterian Church (USA) in Oviedo, FL.

**Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*



The Sanctuary flowers this day, are given to the glory of God, by John Bowers and his sister, Suzanne Bowers Shaw, in loving memory of their parents, Shirley and Alfred Bowers.

- ♦ **Child Care** is available during the Sunday School hour (9:00 - 10:00 am) in the Education building, located on 2nd floor (left at the 2nd floor landing) in the nursery. During the Worship service (10:30-11:30 am) the nursery is located downstairs in the Sanctuary building for infants - age 3. Please see an Usher if you need assistance.
- ♦ **Pre-school Sunday School** for children, ages 3 - 4, is on the 2nd floor of the Education Building (9-10 am)
- ♦ **Sunday School for Children and Youth**, ages K - 5th grade, and Middle and High School Youth is located on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. (9:00-10:00 am)



Worship Leaders today are Revs. Dr. Helen and Dan DeBevoise, co-pastors; Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist.

August Ushers: John Gardepe, Anne Gardepe, John Bowers, Marie Butler, Casey Cox, Frank Kaney and John Rachey.

Greeter: Evie Park

| Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru July - 2023 | | Non Pledged Income Y.T.D. | |
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| Budget | \$273,145 | Budget | \$34,167 |
| Actual | \$266,049 | Actual | \$28,755 |
| Difference | (\$7,096) | Difference | (\$5,412) |
| Park Lake Operating Budget Thru July 2023 | | | |
| | Income | Expenses | Difference |
| Budget | \$380,392 | \$379,921 | \$471 |
| Actual | \$345,606 | \$372,158 | (\$26,552) |

Church Staff

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| Co-pastors | Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise Rev. Dr. Dan DeBevoise |
| Parish Associate | Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons |
| Organist, Director FAVO | Will Benton |
| Choir Director | Robb Ross |
| Child Care Center Director | Barbara Twachtman |
| Financial Administrator | Linda Castle |
| Church Secretary | Carol Bookhardt |
| Maintenance | Keith Bridges |
| Librarian | Alice Schmidt |
| Nursery Staff | Barbara Boyce |

Church Missionaries

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| Madagascar | Dan and Elizabeth Turk |
| Mozambique | Sebber Banda |
| | Rev. Carlos Faquione |

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Sunday, September 3

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. The offering is collected on the 1st Sunday of each month on Communion Sundays, as a reminder that as we have been fed at the Lord's table we are called to feed others. We encourage you to continue to send your 5 cents per meal offering to the church during this time. **To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: cfpresbytery.orgpath.html**

5 CENTS
A-MEAL

DON'T
FORGET TO
GIVE



One day = 15 cents
One week = \$1.05
One month = \$4.20

*Have you recently moved? Do we have your updated mailing address?
Please check your address in the online Church Directory.
(Instant Church Directory.com)*

Park Lake Online Church Directory

Our church directory is available to view on your computer or on your mobile device.

Instant Church Directory is the program we use to build our church directory which has a member website.

Go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, email Carol Bookhardt at carolparklake@gmail.com and your email will be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create login process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church.

For more information about the members' website, go to: help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory.

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone,
iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory**  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



Celebrating this Week!



Birthdays

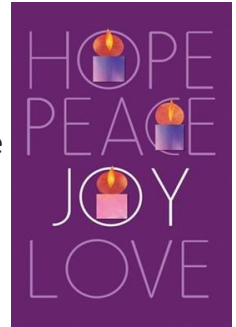
Marie Butler 09/03
Ruth Fiji 09/03
Justina Aniapam 09/04
Josephine Patterson 09/05
Tucker Hampton 09/08

Anniversaries

Erin and Matthew Cook 09/08 16 years

It's Beginning to Feel A Lot Like ADVENT!

Every September around Park Lake Church, we start thinking about the busy seasons which are approaching. One of the blessings of the seasons is the yearly Advent Devotion Book written by members and friends of Park Lake. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, and through daily devotions, we consider the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love found in relationship with Jesus, the incarnation of God. We arrive at Christmas with our hearts stirred.



This year's overall theme is "What Child Is This?". Writers will think on the music of the season. You will be assigned a beloved Advent/Christmas hymn, or let us know if you have a favorite story surrounding one. Tell a story; write a poem; reflect on the hymn. Be creative! The goal is to share in the journey through Advent to Christ's Birth.

We need writers! Please contact Helen DeBevoise helenparklake@gmail.com.

WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

Next donation days:

Tuesday, September 5th and

Tuesday, September 19th

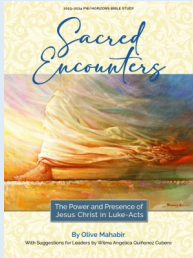
10:30 am - 11:30 am



Please bring non-perishable donations to the circle drive at the West side entrance of the Sanctuary, off Highland.

Donations may also be dropped off on Sundays before or after worship, in the West transept, in the Sanctuary.

****please check expiration dates on food items before donating.***



Park Lake Presbyterian Woman (PW) Bible study begins in *September 2023*



Circle meetings are held on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September through May. Please contact your Circle Representative to order the 2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study book or if you would like to join a PW Circle Bible study group.

Park Lake PW Circle Meeting Schedule

- ♦ **Esther: Tuesday, September 5**
7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall
Circle Representative -Erin Cook,
erincook987@gmail.com
Bible Moderator-Anne Vercheski,
avercheski@cfl.rr.com
- ♦ **Dorcas: Monday, September 11**
1:30 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative-Anne Gardepe,
annegard64@gmail.com
Bible Moderator -Sandy Bogner,
sandybogner@cfl.rr.com
- ♦ **Sarah: Monday, September 11**
2:00 pm, Westminster Towers, Town Square
Circle Representative & Bible Moderator
Marian Price, marian@tompricearchitects.com
- ♦ **Joanna: Monday, September 11**
7:00 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative -Sherry Riley,
sheray27@gmail.com
Bible Moderator
Helen DeBevoise, helenparklake@gmail.com

FISH 2.0 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATORS WORKSHOP

September 22-23, 2023

Camp Montgomery for Leadership Development

A collaborative effort of the Central Florida

Presbytery, the Presbytery of St. Augustine, and SOAP

APCE. ***FISH 2.0 is for Sunday School teachers, Bible Study Leaders, Pastors, Deacons, Elders, Youth Leaders, Christian Educators... all are welcome!***



With keynotes by Michelle Thomas-Bush, workshops offering tactical tools to bring back to your ministries, and a time to fellowship with other leaders from regional presbyteries, FISH 2.0 will be a great opportunity for all volunteers and professionals in church ministry and leadership!

To register, go to: <https://montgomerycenter.net/fish-2-0/>

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**