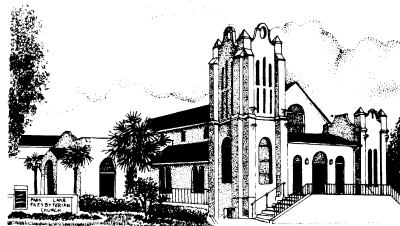


**PARK LAKE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801  
407-841-6550  
plpc.org



September 17, 2023                      **Order of Worship**                      10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Men's Bible Study

John Rachey

Time of Silence

Prelude

Prelude on "Terra Beata"  
Carla Edwards, guest organist

Gary Smoke

Choral Introit

God is So Good

Call to Worship (Romans 14:8-11)

Christ Jesus is the Lord of the dead and the living.

**Whether we live or die, we belong to God.**

Here we stand before the Lord of all life.

**Let every knee bow, and every tongue sing praise.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn No. 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Pew Bible, NT pg. 152

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. (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. 435            There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

### Welcoming the Children

*Following the time on the steps, children are invited to PRAYground located in the east transept to work on an activity exploring the scripture passages. 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                            He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

- v. 1 ***He's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands.***
- v. 2. ***He's got the wind and the rain in his hands...***
- v. 3. ***He's got the little tiny baby in his hands...***
- v. 4 ***He's got everybody here...***

Scripture Reading                            Matthew 18:21-23                            pew Bible NT, pg. 18

Sermon    Counting on Forgiveness                            Dr. Dan DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith pg. 17      The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Christian Hearts in Love United  
Chancel Choir

arr. Dale Grotenhuis

\*The Doxology, pg. 606      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(Hymn No. 648)

Postlude

Trumpet Gigue in G Major  
Carla Edwards, guest organist

Phil Lehenbauer

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



**The Sanctuary flowers this day** are given to the glory of God, by Anne Vercheski and Dan Johnson in deep gratitude to the Park Lake family for your continued thoughts and prayers for their family over the past year and in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Adult Sunday School**, please go to PLPC.org, click the Church Life tab, then Faith Formation for details about Adult and Young adult Bible study.



**Worship Leaders today** are Revs. Dr. Helen and Dan DeBevoise, co-pastors; Robb Ross, choir director; Carla Edwards, guest organist.  
**September Ushers:** Justin Ingram, John Bowers, Vicky Nicoll, John Walker.  
**Greeter:** Doug Lawton

Pledged Income Y.T.D.		Non Pledged	
Thru July - 2023		Income Y.T.D.	
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

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

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



## Celebrating this Week!

### Birthdays

- 17 Jan Ellis
- 20 Anne Stella
- 22 Alex Aniapam
- 23 Julie Krasno

### Anniversaries

- 18 Marian & Robert Saxton 68 years
- 20 Susan Frith & John Walker 20 years
- 22 Anne Vercheski & Dan Johnson 33 years

***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](http://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](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com) and your email will be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in 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](http://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory).

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FREE App for iPhone,  
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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.

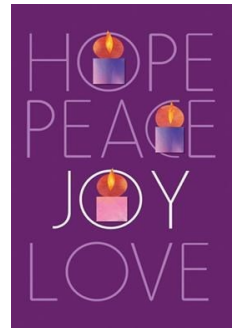


**Men's Monday Zoom study** - Meets weekly on Mondays at 12 noon - 1:00 pm. Time of sharing life and studying the upcoming sermon texts. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Dan DeBevoise at [danparklake@gmail.com](mailto:danparklake@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com).

**WASHINGTON SHORES  
PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY**  
**Next donation days:**  
**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.

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

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



The **GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE group** invites their friends and allies to our monthly luncheon at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. This event is a ten-minute drive from the church. The next upcoming meeting will be today, **Sunday, September 17** from **12:30-1:30 pm**. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there! For more information, please email Howard Jaffe at [roses41usa@gmail.com](mailto:roses41usa@gmail.com).



ORLANDO SINGS

## ORLANDO SINGS CONCERT

(Park Lake Sanctuary)

**TAKING FLIGHT | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 4:00 PM**

- ◆ Eric Whitacre *Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine*
- ◆ Landmark Madrigals of the Renaissance
- ◆ Morten Lauridsen *Madrigali: Six 'Fire Songs' on Italian Renaissance Poems*
- ◆ Kyle Pederson *Call Across*

Go to: [orlandosings.org/season](http://orlandosings.org/season) for ticket purchasing information.

## 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/>



## **Church Officer Nomination Form**

### **Elders and Deacons**

You are encouraged to recommend individuals to the Congregational Nominating Committee for the office of Elder and Deacon. **List nominations for Elder and Deacon on the bottom of this form and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.**

Members of the nominating Committee are: Erin Cook, Justin Ingram, Lynne Long, John Rogers, David Simmons and Anne Vercheski.

Any communing member is eligible to serve an Elder or Deacon. Church officers should be people of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel both within the church and in the world.

#### **Duties of Elders:**

1. Strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation through regular attendance at worship. 2. Encourage the people in the worship and service of God. 3. Equip and renew the people for tasks within the church which fulfill the mission of the church. 4. Serve as representatives to the Presbytery and the General Assembly, if appointed. 5. Oversee the governance and life of the congregation.

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR ELDERS: (PLEASE PRINT NAMES)**

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#### **Duties of Deacons:**

1. Visit, comfort, and care for the people, with special attention to the sick, lonely, poor and any who may be in distress. 2. Deacons shall assume other duties delegated to them by the session.

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR DEACONS (PLEASE PRINT NAMES)**

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**Please place this form in the offering plate or return to the church office.**