

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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



October 22, 2023

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Lord of the Dance

setting by Douglas Wagner

Choral Introit

God is So Good

Call to Worship

In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

We give to God what is God's.

Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead,

we give to God what is God's.

With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

we give to God what is God's.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Pew Bible, NT pg. 23

Call to Confession

Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So, we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to faithful living, let us confess our need with courage and hope.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, Jesus challenges us to give to You what is branded as Yours. But since we cannot see Your face, we confess it is too easy to question what that means. Where is Your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ads that stream by us. The only place we can see Your face is in Jesus Christ, in our neighbor, and in the mirror. We're the ones created in Your image. We admit that some days it would be easier to pay You taxes than give up our whole selves. But we are what You want - heart, mind, soul, and strength. Help us give our all to You.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Here the good news! Our God, who loves justice, delights not in punishment but in redemption.

Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free from what holds you back.

Thanks be to God!

Response No. 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am (2 times)

*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. 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 188

Jesus Loves Me!

***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.

Stewardship Message

Jane Callahan

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26-27

pew Bible OT, pg. 1

Sermon

The Fingerprints of God

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

* A Brief Statement of Faith (hymnal pg. 37)

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Blessed Is the Nation

Lloyd Larson

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(Hymn No. 648)

Postlude

Toccata on Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten
Will Benton, organist

Paul Frey

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



The Sanctuary flowers on this day, are given to the glory of God, by Robb Ross and Ryan Trapp in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary, on October 28th.

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

October Ushers: Lee Bessonette, John Bowers, Pam Coburn, Aaron Hull, John Hunter, John Rogers and Mark Sonderman.

Greeter: Marie Butler

- ♦ **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 - 5, is on the 2nd floor of the Education Building (9-10 am).
- ♦ **Sunday School for Children and Youth**, ages 1st - 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.

Pledged Income Y.T.D.		Non Pledged	
Thru August- 2023		Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$312,166	Budget	\$39,048
Actual	\$311,046	Actual	\$31,965
Difference	(\$1,120)	Difference	(\$7,083)
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru August 2023			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$434,734	\$433,732	\$1,002
Actual	\$402,446	\$426,506	(\$24,060)

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

Stewardship 2023 The Next New 100

Join us for a **Stewardship Luncheon**
today, Sunday, October 22,
immediately after worship.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday
November 12



Sponsored by the
Park Lake Christian Education Committee

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Where: Park Lake Parking lot

Who: Children
(ages infant to 5th grade)
Families and Friends of Park Lake!

Bring a Friend!
Games, crafts, treats!

Children are welcome to wear
their non-scary costume

Celebrating this Week!

Birthdays

Katherine Kelley 10/24
Christine Stewart 10/25
Janie Black 10/25
James Ingram 10/27
Piper Bertram Connolly 10/28

Anniversaries

Sara & Rick Abel 10/22
DeVonna & Jim Craner 10/22





STORIES TO TELL, will meet on **Monday, October 23,**
11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please email Meg Elvis
at meglelvis@yahoo.com or Nancy Warlick at dadab12@att.net for
further information.



SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER -

Tuesday, October 24th, 10:45 am

Park Lake continues to help serve lunch the 4th Tuesday each month at Daily Bread at the Christian Service Center. We fill about 250 or so Styrofoam clamshells with the food that is already prepared. It takes about an hour and a half, 10:45 am to 12:30. Please consider helping a few times a year. See John Bowers or email me at jbowers4@cfl.rr.com for all the details.



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

10:00 am, Thursday, October 26, in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We will discuss, The Pearl That Broke Its Shell by Nadia Hashimi, Koinonia Room, 10:00 am. Please contact Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com for more



**WASHINGTON SHORES
PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY**

Next donation days:
Tuesday, October 31
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.***

Hygiene items:

Soap
Deodorant
Disposable razors
Socks (men's socks)
Toilet paper
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Dental floss
Shampoo
Sanitary supplies
Women's Incontinence items

Food items:

Fruits and vegetables (other than corn) with pop tops: peas, carrots, peaches, beans, etc.

Jelly

Cereal

Rice

Crackers

(low stock items in bold)

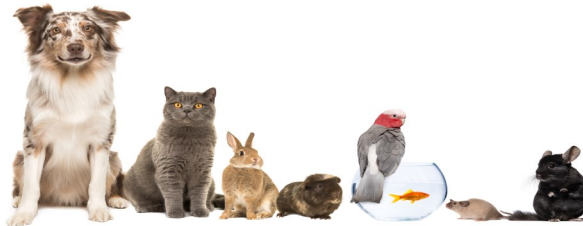
**THE POTTER'S HAND:
COMBINING ART AND FAITH**

Wednesday, October 25

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Potter's Hand group will meet on Wednesday evening, October 25 to explore creative and fun watercolor projects. 6-8 pm Hope you can make it!

Contact Helen DeBevoise for more information, helenparklake@gmail.com.



Something new is coming to Park Lake!

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sponsored by [GayStraight@Park Lake](mailto:GayStraight@ParkLake)

Sunday, October 29

3:00 pm, at the Park Lake park

Park Lake's first Blessing of the Pets will be held on **Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 pm** in Park Lake Park (next to our small parking lot). [GayStraight@Park Lake](mailto:GayStraight@ParkLake) is sponsoring this event for our congregation, friends, and neighbors. All pets are welcome; they must on a leash or in a carrier. Or, if your pet doesn't travel well, bring their photo for a blessing! Stuffed animal friends are welcome, too! There will be water bowls aplenty, and each pet will receive a personalized Certificate of Blessing. To extend God's love for pets who are awaiting their "forever" homes, please bring an offering of canned dog or cat food. These will be donated to Pet Alliance of Orlando's Pet Food Pantry after the event. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact John Jenkins (GayStraight@ParkLake@gmail.com) or Linda Simmons (Lwsdmin@gmail.com).

***All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!***

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans^[a] in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^[b] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans^[c] in his image,
in the image of God he created them;^[d]