

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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



December 3, 2023 **Order of Worship** 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements
Time of Silence

Prelude Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus David Cherwien

Choral Introit Emmanuel Bob McGee

Call to Worship (Psalm 80)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Keep alert, for the day is coming soon.
Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Prayer

*Hymn No. 88 Come, O Come Emmanuel (Verses 1,2,6,7)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Pew Bible, OT pg. 652

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.
We grow complacent and resigned to the way things are.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day
when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.

Now the glory of the Lord is revealed for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Response No. 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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 No. 115

Away in the Manger verse 3

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37

pew Bible NT, pg. 47

Sermon

Advent Alert

Rev. 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

The Coming of the Lord

Pepper Choplin

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Sharing of Bread and Cup

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn No. 357

The Days Are Surely Coming

Charge and Benediction

While We Are Waiting Come

Don Cason

Choral Response

Postlude

Postlude on "Divinum Mysterium"
Will Benton, 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 Dick and Marie Butler in loving memory of our daughter, Lori Anne Butler, who joined the church triumphant, on December 1, 1991.

Worship Leaders today are Revs. Dr. Helen and Dan DeBevoise, co-pastors; Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist/pianist.
December Ushers: Aaron Hull, Pam Coburn, John Bowers, Mark Sonderman.
Greeter: Evie Park



5 CENTS A MEAL
Sunday, December 3

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. The first Sunday of each month, Park Lake asks members to contribute 5 cents for each meal during the month. PATH supports these partners: Air Guatemala, Second Harvest Food Bank, St. Andrews Society, Madagascar Fruit, Vegetable, and Environmental Education, local congregation hunger programs.

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

To dedicate a Poinsettia plant(s), complete the dedication form and return to the church office with your check, by **Sunday, December 10th** mail to 309 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801, or place in Sunday Offering plate. **Cost - \$9.00 per plant. Dedication forms are available at the West Transept entrance of the Sanctuary or through the Park Lake up2date email.**



| Pledged Income Y.T.D. | | Non Pledged | |
|--|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Thru September- 2023 | | Income Y.T.D. | |
| Budget | \$351,186 | Budget | \$43,929 |
| Actual | \$341,256 | Actual | \$34,578 |
| Difference | (\$9,930) | Difference | (\$9,351) |
| Park Lake Operating Budget Thru September 2023 | | | |
| | Income | Expenses | Difference |
| Budget | \$489,075 | \$487,539 | \$1,536 |
| Actual | \$438,313 | \$483,743 | (\$45,430) |

| 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

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



BUILD YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

*Sponsored by
Park Lake's Esther Circle*
**Today, Sunday,
December 3, 2023**
11:45 a.m. Struble Hall

**All money collected will go to Family
Promise of Greater Orlando**

Children and Adults of all ages

Lunch: \$5 per person

Gingerbread House: \$10 per kit

ANGEL STOCKING



Fill an Angel Stocking! Park Lake will be donating Christmas stockings in early December. Please find the "Angel" tree in the west transept and choose one or more donation slips from inside the stockings. Donations may be sent to the church office, placed in the collection plate, made on the plpc.org Giving Page, or given to Anne Vercheski.

*Please have your donation in by
December 3. Thank you for showing the
love of Christ to these children!*

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Night Live on **December 8 from 6-8 pm** in Struble Fellowship Hall. We're going to get a little creative: making cookies to give away to our shut-ins when we go Christmas Caroling on **December 22!** And count on a couple of other creative things as well. Dinner will be provided.



Celebrating this Week!

Birthdays

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| Camden Jones | 04 |
| Peter Denniston | 06 |
| Laura Moloney | 08 |
| Thomas Poore | 08 |
| Mike Bookhardt | 09 |

Anniversaries

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| Ann and Bill Wallace |
| 12/08/1951 |
| 72 Years! |



WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

Next donation day:
Tuesday, December 5th
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)



Madagascar Ministries Presentation

**Coffee, Dessert &
Conversation**



Thursday, December 7, 2023
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

We are looking to find ways to connect individuals, churches, and groups who care about our friends in Madagascar and share ideas how to further God's ministry and provision in this part of the world. We are blessed to have two couples with us to provide updates on their ministries in Madagascar.

Elizabeth & Dan Turk

Health and Fruits & Vegetables Ministries with FJKM

Michelle & Kent Sterchi

Dwell - Marriage Ministry



THE POTTER'S HAND

December Potter's Hand will be held **Wednesday, December 13**, 6-8 pm.

Contact Helen DeBevoise, helenparklake@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in upcoming art projects.



STORIES TO TELL, will not be meeting in the month of December. We will resume our meetings in January. Please email Meg Elvis at meglelvis@yahoo.com or Nancy Warlick at dadab12@att.net for further information.



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 upcoming meeting will be:

- ♦ **Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm, we will be meeting at the home of Sandy and Jim Bogner.** We hope to see you there! For more information, please email Howard Jaffe at roses41usa@gmail.com.

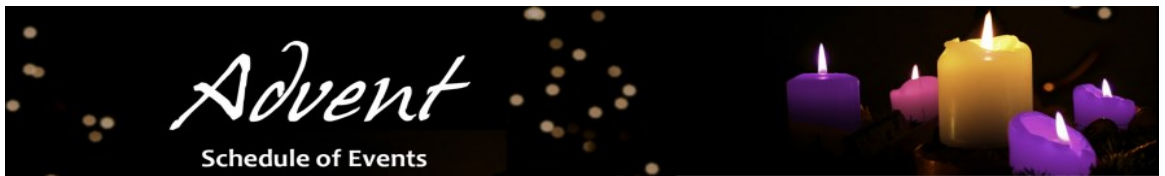


PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB, meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am, in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Please contact Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com for more information.



The **GayStraight@Park Lake** group usually collects gift cards and monetary contributions for the Zebra Coalition during the month of December. Since December is such a busy month for charitable giving, the group has decided to

move their collection month from December to **February**. We will give a "gift of love" to the Zebra Coalition for Valentine's Day 2024. The Zebra Coalition is an organization that provides services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender youth (LGBTQ+) from the ages of 13 through 24. 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.



Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)

First Sunday of Advent, December 3

Sunday, December 3

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Esther Circle, Gingerbread House Event, Struble Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 7

7:00 pm Madagascar Missionary Presentation

Friday, December 8

6:00 pm Youth Group—Friday Night Live

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10

Sunday, December 10

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship

Saturday, December 16

9:30 am Nativity Pageant rehearsal, Children and Youth (Sanctuary)

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, Poinsettia Sunday

Sunday, December 17

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Children's Nativity Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 21

5:30 pm Longest Night Prayer service (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 22

5:30 pm Pizza and Christmas Caroling to shut-ins

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24

Sunday December 24 Christmas Eve Service

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm – Carols, Communion and Candles (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Church Office and Child Care Center closed