

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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



November 19, 2023

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements
Time of Silence

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy
Russell Stephens, soloist

Tom Trenney

Call to Worship (Psalm 90:1-6,12)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 687

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Pew Bible, NT pg. 193

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned.
We have neglected your call to seek the lost, and strengthen the weak.
We have ignored your face in the stranger.
Lord we don't live like we believe that the world is yours.
We live like we are free to choose and do whatever we please.
But we are also afraid of losing what we have.
We don't live trusting the promise of your grace and goodness.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us live as your faithful people, seeing as you see, and loving as you love.**
(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God.

Thanks be to God. We are saved by God's grace.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Response No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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.***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

pew Bible NT, pg. 27

Sermon

Faith is the Safe Bet

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

O Give Thanks to God, the Lord

Michael Haydn

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(Hymn No. 648)

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Will Benton, organist

arr. Rick Grassler

**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 Sherry Riley in gratitude and loving memory of my wonderful mother,
Shirley Sparks.



and

In gratitude for the Park Lake members and friends who volunteer throughout the
year, by Keith Bridges.

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

November Ushers: Susan Gantt, Sara Abel, Jane Callahan, Linda Shrieves, Susan Frith, Nancy
Jones and Nancy Hunter.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational meeting, today, Sunday, November 19,
2023 immediately following worship for the purpose of hearing the
report of the congregational nominating committee.



To be nominated as elders:

Mackenzie Bertram, Alice Fortunato, Aaron Hull, Vicky Nicoll.

To be nominated as deacons:

Billie Jo Elliott, Anne Vercheski, Angela Chesser.

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

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



Thank You, Park Lake
Family and Friends, for
supporting the Youth at

their Thanksgiving Lunch! Your continued support for our
Youth throughout the years is a beautiful blessing. The
Youth look forward to next year's Cedarkirk retreats,
Montreat Conference and mission trips to local charities.

Thank You for your Support!!



BUILD YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

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

All money collected will go to Family Promise of Greater Orlando

Family Promise of Greater Orlando helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community-based response. Creating a future in Central Florida where all families have stable housing and no child experiences homelessness.

Children and Adults of all ages

Lunch: \$5 per person

Gingerbread House: \$10 per kit

Please R.S.V.P. to erincook987@gmail.com
by November 30, 2023

*If you would like to donate money for candy for the Gingerbread House toppings, please contact Anne Vercheski at avercheski@cfl.rr.com.

ANGEL STOCKING



Fill an Angel Stocking! Park Lake is again sponsoring "Angel Stockings" for the pediatric patients at Grace Medical Home. Grace Medical Home reflects offering the highest level of health care to the low-income, uninsured in Orange County.
(gracemedicalhome.org)

The Angel Stocking donations will also be used to purchase bicycles for farmworkers via the Hope Community Center in Apopka. Which will help purchase bicycles for the Hope Community Center in Apopka. (hcc-offm.org)

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.



WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

Next donation day:
Tuesday, November 28th
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

All hands on deck! (literally and figuratively). We need help with **deacon/elder ordination stoles**. We will be gathering to constructing stoles for our upcoming leader installation. Contact Vicky Nicoll, vnicoll22@gmail.com and Helen DeBevoise, helenparklake@gmail.com for times.

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



Celebrating this Week!

Birthdays

Alice Schmidt	11/19
Fernando Sanchez	11/20
Elsie Oberst	11/21
Dan Johnson	11/22
Donald DeBevoise	11/22
Alison Walker	11/22
Daetwyler Bertram	11/24
John Bowers	11/25

Anniversaries

Evangeline & Charles Gabrielson
11/24 - 39 years



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 meetings will be:

- ♦ **Sunday, November 19 at Panera Bread, from 12:30-1:30 pm.** We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- ♦ **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.



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.



FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 19, 6:30 pm, at First United Methodist Church, Orlando. We’re coming together for a joyous celebration of Thanksgiving, and the best part is, it’s all for a wonderful cause! This event aims to support the vital



work of the Christian Service Center. We kindly request that everyone bring non-perishable foods to donate to CSC. Combined choirs, led by Jason Locker and Karen Roberts, to include: First Church Orlando, First Presbyterian of Orlando, Broadway UMC, Mt. Olive AME Church, and Park Lake Presbyterian.

SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER, 10:45 am, Tuesday, November 28

The Christian Service Center is always in need of gently used men's clothing and especially in great need of gently used men's shoes. Please keep these needs in mind and put items in the back pews in the west transept. We will deliver them! Please consider helping a few times a year. See John Bowers or email me at jbowers4@cfl.rr.com for all the details.



PLEASE JOIN US

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Music • Worship • Prayer • Childcare Under 6

SUNDAY EVENING NOV. 19 • 6:30PM
@FUMC ORLANDO • 142 E. JACKSON ST.

*Music & Worship provided by:
Broadway Methodist Church, First United Methodist Orlando, First Presbyterian Orlando,
Mt. Olive AME, and Park Lake Presbyterian. For event details email:
Info@FirstChurchOrlando.org*

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SERVICE CENTER**
SCAN FOR DETAILS:

