

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801
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November 26, 2023

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Angel Tree Stockings

Sherry Riley

Time of Silence

Prelude

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is King! Let us come before God with the worship of heart and voice.

**We give thanks for Christ the Lord of all, the One who reigns forever and
like a shepherd, leads and feeds us.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 273

He Is King of Kings

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Pew Bible, OT pg. 756

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Shepherding God, You have called to us, but we have not answered.

You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us for seeking our own way. Remind us to love as You love. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward Your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us tentative step by tentative step, so that we may learn to trust in You.

(moment for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (from Ezekiel 34:15-16)

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."

The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and brings us home.

Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

Response No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

pew Bible NT, pg. 27

Sermon

Christus Paradox

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,

healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe in the Gospel.
and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy
and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of
the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death
to life eternal.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Beautiful Savior

arranged by Anna Laura Page

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 274 You, Lord are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(Hymn No. 648)

Postlude

Love Divine
Will Benton, organist

setting by Joel Raney

Assisting in worship today is Mackenzie Bertram, rising elder to Park Lake session. Mackenzie is a teacher and in Administration with OCPS. Mackenzie and Joan are the parents of Tatum, Campbell, Jensen and Piper.

**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 and John Gardepe, in memory of our parents and in honor of our daughter and grandchildren.

and

In Memory of and with thanksgiving for the life of Gene Simmons by his loving family.

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.

5 CENTS
A-MEAL
DON'T
FORGET TO
GIVE



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.

Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru September- 2023		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$351,186	Budget	\$43,929
Actual	\$341256	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

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



This year, Park Lake is sponsoring Christmas gifts for children at two nonprofits, Grace Medical Home and Hope Community Center.

Park Lake is providing Christmas stockings and Christmas books to the pediatric patients at Grace Medical Home, one of Park Lake's mission partners. Grace reflects the heart of Christ by offering the highest level of health care to the low-income, uninsured in Orange County.

Donations are also being accepted to purchase bicycles for the children of farmworkers via the Hope Community Center in Apopka which was established in the early 1970's by three Roman Catholic nuns to provide resources to this underserved community. Through service and advocacy, Hope Community Center stands together with immigrants and others who are facing oppression.

Please find the "Angel Stocking" tree in the west transept and choose how you can help bless a child this Christmas.

Donations may be sent to the church office, placed in the collection plate, made online at 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!***



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

Rosie Bearden	11/26
Doug Wtichey	11/28
Cheryl Woods	12/01
DeVonna Craner	12/02
Clay Shropshire	12/02

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.



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.



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.

2023 Advent Devotional Book

The **2023 Advent Devotional** will be available to pick up in the West Transept, in the Sanctuary, today. **The emailed version will begin on Friday, December 1** and will be sent in a daily email through **December 25**.

If you would like to receive the email version of the Advent Devotional, and are not currently on our Park Lake Up2Date weekly email list, please contact Carol Bookhardt at carolparklake@gmail.com to be added.



