

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801
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December 10, 2023 **Order of Worship** 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission - Air Guatemala
Time of Silence

Prelude	Kings of Orient	Fred Bock
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Choral Introit	Emmanuel	Bob McGee
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Call to Worship (Psalm 85)

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Prayer

*Hymn No. 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 Pew Bible, OT pg. 627

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.

You call us to repent, but we turn away from you.

You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you.

**You command us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
but we are fearful and hesitant to share your love.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent prayers of confession)



Declaration of Forgiveness

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. This is good news!

In 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. 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Welcome of New Members

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 1:1-8

pew Bible NT, pg. 32

Sermon

Here is Your God

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. John Carter

*The Doxology No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Charge and Benediction

While We Are Waiting Come

Don Cason

Choral Response

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Will Benton, organist

setting by
Paul Laubengayer

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



The Sanctuary flowers today, are given to the glory of God,
by Lauren Poore, in honor of her son Thomas Poore’s 11th Birthday, on
December 8 and in loving memory, of her husband, Craig Poore on his
birthday, December 11.

and
by Paula Nowell, in loving memory of her son, Harold J. Cates.

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

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. Thru September- 2023		Non Pledged 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



Our Park Lake Children and Youth will present the Annual Nativity Pageant during worship on **Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am.**

All children and youth are invited to participate. No experience necessary. Costumes provided.

Practice for the Nativity will be:

**Saturday, December 16, 9:30-10:30 am
(meet in the Sanctuary)**

Please email **Helen DeBevoise** at helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.



**The Longest Night
Prayer and Readings Service
Thursday, December 21
5:30 pm**

For many people, the approaching Christmas holiday does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is advertised. We may be facing a holiday after the death of a loved one or after a relationship crumbles. We may be in the midst of devastating loss or the upheaval of life's transitions. Perhaps we simply feel pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations. For anyone who is grieving or who is in pain, **The Longest Night service** provides a sacred place for grieving and a word of hope. Join us at **5:30 pm** on **December 21**, in the Sanctuary for a time of readings and quiet reflection.



Christmas Caroling

**Friday, December 22
5:30 pm
Pizza and Caroling**

Join us for Pizza in Struble Hall, then we will caravan by church bus and cars to carol to homebound members.

All are welcome!



Celebrating this Week!

Birthdays

- 10 Barbara Morris
- 12 Gwyneth Ingram
- 13 Doug Lawton
- 15 Melahn Murphy
- 15 Linda Shrieves
- 16 Ron Hummert

Anniversaries

Maria and Bob Larr
12/11 41 years



**WASHINGTON SHORES
PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY**
Next donation day:
Tuesday, December 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.

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



Wednesday, December 13, 6-8 pm

Get your Creative Spirit on! At Potters Hand this month we will have 3 creativity Stations to choose from:

- Constructing and sewing Elder and Deacon Stoles
- Embossing and creating water color cards
- Simple Clay push pots for Advent Lights

Contact Helen DeBevoise, helenparklake@gmail.com to R.S.V.P.



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.



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB, will meet December 14 at 10:30 AM for a covered dish meal and sharing session at the home of a member. Email or call **Anne Gardepe** annegard64@gmail.com for details. **January meeting is the 25th, 10 AM**, at the church. Book selection to be determined this month.

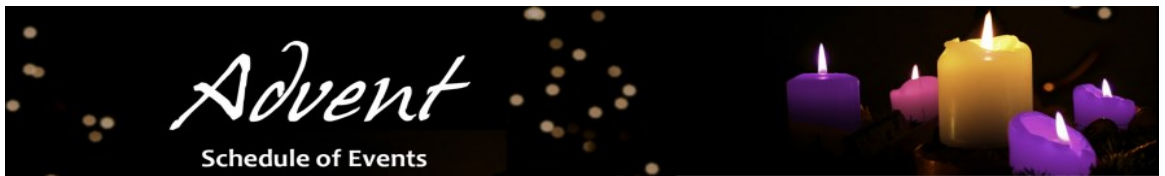


The **GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE group** invites their friends and allies to our monthly luncheon at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. This event is a ten-minute drive from the church. The upcoming meeting will be:

- ♦ **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.



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