

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801
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December 17, 2023

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Angels From The Realms of Glory

arr. Jim Lucas

Choral Prelude

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Call to Worship (John 3:16,17)

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son,

So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

But in order that the world might be saved through him.

Friends, let us worship God.

Advent Candle Lighting

Hope, Peace and Joy Candles

The Hampton Family

*Hymn No. 110

Love Has Come

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

pew Bible, O.T. page 600

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, long ago you sent Your Son Jesus to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives.

You then asked us to go and do the same, for we are the church of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, we pray, when we have not continued to share the good news. We have focused on ourselves and neglected to help others. Help us to continue to share the healing and loving words of Christ to all the world, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask this in His name.

(Moment for silent prayer)

Declaration of forgiveness

The angel told Joseph that the child in Mary’s womb is to be named Jesus.
“Call him Jesus,” the angel says, “For He will save the people from their sins.” From His birth through His resurrection, from age to age, Jesus’s life is about the salvation of the world.

This is the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace and Collection of “Prayer Straw”

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Chancel Choir	Calypso Carol	Kirby Shaw
A Meditation	All Are Welcome to the Manger	Dr. Helen DeBevoise

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY

Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-38 <i>(The Angel greets Mary)</i>	pew Bible, N.T. page 53
Special Music	Breath of Heaven Faith Graves, soloist	by C. Eaton and A. Grant
Scripture Reading	Matthew 1:18-25 <i>(The Angel visits Joseph)</i>	pew Bible, N.T. page 1
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-7 <i>(The Census)</i>	pew Bible, N.T. page 54

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	My Heart, Your Bethlehem Chancel Choir	Words and Music by R. Schram and D. Gaines
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Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

pew Bible, N.T. page 54

(The Angels greet the Shepherds)

*Hymn No. 120

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Placing Prayers and "Strawing the Manger"

Prayers for the People and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

pew Bible, N.T. page 1

(The Coming of the Magi)

Chancel Choir

Sing We Now of Christmas

Arr. Mark Kellner

*Christmas Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth,
who mothers us and fathers us,
protecting, nurturing,
and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ:
God born among us as a fragile baby,
embodying both love and the need for love,
and calling us to rest in God
as trustingly as a tiny child.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
breathed into us at our birth,
always drawing us on to be born again,
encouraging, exhorting, comforting,
nourishing our growth
and inspiring our living.**

**We believe in the reconciliation
of the world to God, through Christ.
Hunted at birth
and humiliated at death,
Christ entered our fearful darkness
so that we might enter his glorious light
and share the life of his resurrection.**

**And we believe that each new child
is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come,
and a call to live in peace
and celebrate living together.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Amen.**

*Congregation Hymn #134

Joy to the World!

Charge and Benediction

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

Special Thanks

Chancel Choir Director- Robb Ross
Organist - Will Benton
Soloist - Faith Graves

Advent Candle
Eva, Tucker, Meredith and Brett Hampton

Nativity readers
Tatumn Bertram-Connolly
Daetwyler Bertram
Montgomery Gillis
Alison Walker
Sarah Walker

Nativity players

Mary - Tatumn Bertram Connolly
Joseph - Jensen Bertram Connolly
Gabriel - Dhara Kumar
Angelic Host - Eva Hampton, Shenley Bertram, Claire Ingram, Gwyneth Ingram, Sydney Patterson, Hannah Patterson.
Shepherds - Piper Bertram Connolly, James Ingram, Campbell Bertram Connolly, Knox Bertram, Murphy Bertram, Rohan Kumar, Tucker Hampton.
Magi - Knox Bertram, Jeremiah Call, James Ingram.

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

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



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.

Celebrating this Week!



Birthdays

17 Kyle Butler

19 Stacia Hujik

**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.

**SERVING AT THE
CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

CENTER, 10:45 am,

Tuesday, December 26



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!



**WASHINGTON SHORES
PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY**

Next donation day:

Tuesday, December 19th

10:30 am - 11:30 am

**please check expiration dates on
food items before donating.*

2023 Poinsettia Dedications

In Loving Memory of:

Donor:

Frank Benton, Greg Benton and Richard McIntosh

Will Benton

Shirley and Alfred Bowers,
Andrew Shaw

John Bowers

Our daughter, Lori Anne Butler
Our parents, Russell and Bobbie Butler,
Buford and Geneva Byrd

Dick and Marie Butler

Herbert Dunlap;
Our aunt and uncle, and Pat's sister
Eileen and Lloyd Johnson,
Joe and Lural Dunlap

His loving wife, Pat Dunlap and daughters, Anne Gray Dunlap,
Mary Joe Dunlap and Jane Callahan

Our parents, Luetta and Harry Carls,
Doris and Richard Gardiner

Mary and Harry Carls

Dennison and Castle family members

Linda and Gary Castle

Emma McDonald

Erin and Matt Cook,
with love from all of her family and friends

Norman Davis

Andre' Davis and Cindy Schmidt

Andy DeBevoise, Joyce and Don DeBevoise,
Jim Montgomery

Helen and Dan DeBevoise

Our parents, Jan and Ed Fisher,
Mary Ruth and Harold Corbett

Carol and Larry Fisher

Alvin and Marie Gantt
Cyril and Elizabeth Calley

Susan and Edmund Gantt

Our parents

Nancy and John Hunter

Thomas Kasotakis

Jean Kasotakis

My cousin, Myrna Hadrits

Meg and Gary Elvis

Chip Long, beloved son

Lynne Long

In Loving Memory of:

Jerry Nowell and Harold Cates

John V. and Pearla Rogers
Percy K. and Shirley W. Brown
Richard G. and Mabel Brown Lawton
The ministry of Rev. Tommy Pritchard

Dixie and Amelia Rogers, Richard Rogers
and Peter Russell

My parents, Ruth and Aubrey Sonderman

My mother and father,
Shirley Sparks and Warren Sparks

Frances Wooddell and Peggy Emmons

Honor of:

Our mothers/grandmothers, Ruth P. Rogers
and Mary Bookhardt Sikes

Our families

Eleanore and Frank Kaney

Sarah and Kurt Scholl,
precious daughter and son-in-law

Our mother, Pat Dunlap

Our daughter, Rebecca Dunne

Ruby Madsen Rogers

Nancy and Bill Warlick

Donor:

Paula Nowell

John Rogers and Doug Lawton

Rosalyn Russell

Mark Sonderman

Sherry Riley

Nancy and Bill Warlick

Donor:

Carol and Mike Bookhardt,
Kaley and Clay Shropshire, Delaney Bookhardt

Erin and Matt Cook

From their loving family, Susan Kaney,
Glynn and Katherine Kelley and
Phillip and Elyse Kelley

Lynne Long

With love, Anne Gray, Mary Joe and Jane

Meg and Gary Lelvis

John Rogers and Doug Lawton

Elizabeth and Dan Turk

Gifts in Lieu of Plants

In Loving Memory of:

Donor:

Our fathers/grandfathers,
Arthur W. Heath, Jesse (Jack) Bookhardt
(Music Fund)

Mike and Carol Bookhardt,
Delaney Bookhardt. Kaley and Clay Shropshire

In loving memory of our sons, Christopher Marc Chesser
and Stephen Matthew Chesser (Music Fund)

Angela and Marc Chesser

My husband, Guenter Oberst and
My sister, Carolyn Myers (PATH)

Elsie Oberst

My mother, Ruth Sonderman (PATH)

Mark Sonderman

In Honor of:

Donor:

Our children Anne Louise and Hunter,
Melissa and Andrew, Rose and Camden

Nancy and Walk Jones

Our grandchildren, Eleanore, Mila, Arya, Mary Margaret and Charlotte
(Building Fund)

Our family, Susan Kaney, Glynn and Katherine Kelley,
Phillip and Elyse Kelley and dear friend Helen Potter
(Building Fund)

Eleanore and Frank Kaney

Special thanks to contributors to Poinsettia Sunday.

