

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801
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December 24, 2023

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements
Time of Silence

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Lani Smith

Choral Introit

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Call to Worship (Micah 5:2-3)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

**Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor
has brought forth.**

Let us worship God.

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Prayer

Hymn #143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Pew Bible, NT pg. 53

Call to Confession

**Almighty God, Christmas tells the story of how You chose to bring good news
through the humble and lowly. Forgive us when we have listened to and
looked for the loudest and flashiest messages for what is good in life.**

**We are distracted by divisions, dissensions, conflicts and chaos. You have shown us
instead shepherds, a humble peasant family, strangers, and a small child.**

Your love has been born in quiet ways dispelling the darkness around us.

**Turn our hearts once again to Your way. Light our paths to Your new order,
so that we too might be bearers of news that is truly good.**

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 5)

Friends, hear this good news: "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly....God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Thanks be to God for our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation and eternal life!

*Hymn of Response No. 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (Stanza 3)

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.**

*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 No. 115

Away in the Manger (Stanza 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

Luke 1:39-56

pew Bible NT, pg. 53

Sermon

Mary's Song

Rev. Helen 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 First Nowell

Bob Chilcott

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

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

While We Are Waiting Come

Don Cason

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Will Benton, organist

arr. Noël Goemanne

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



The Sanctuary flowers this day are giving to the glory of God,
 by Carol and Larry Fisher, in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary on
 the 29th. And much love and joy to our children and their families!
 and

In loving memory of Violet and Ray Burford, given by their loving family,
 John and Robin Burford, Erika Burford Brooks, Matt and James, Megan Burford Artis
 and Mike, Alice and Ian, Stephen Burford and Jackson, Fred and Jane Burford, Mandy
 Burford Ferguson and Danny, Caroline and William, Chandler Burford.



Celebrating this Week!

Birthdays

- 24 Delaney Bookhardt
- 26 Larry Welker
- 26 Madison Cox
- 27 Phyllis Dotherow
- 27 Florence Baadu
- 29 Cindy Schmidt
- 29 Christopher Gantt
- 30 Tatumn Bertram Connolly

Anniversaries

- Carol and Larry Fisher
12/29 50 years
- Karen and Jason
Lowdermilk, Sr.
12/29 16 years

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