

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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



December 31, 2023

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Sicilienne
Ari Cricks, viola

Gabriel Fauré

Call to Worship

The God of glory has given us a new name and robed us in salvation.

**May we like Anna find our home in God's presence,
and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ.**

In joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children,
may we join with all creation to sing your praise.

*Hymn No. 136

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, NT pg. 178

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We struggle to turn to you, O God,
when we are distracted by this season.

We struggle to be grateful
when we see loss, fear, and destruction in the world.

We struggle to walk with you in the mess of our lives.

We struggle to welcome you when you come in those different from us.

We struggle to look ahead with you into another year of uncertainty.

Lord, set us free from our fears and struggles and forgive us our mistakes.

(followed by silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God knows all of this, and still loves us. God knows all about us, and still comes, inviting us to come close. In the name of our Newborn King, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Let us rejoice in our salvation!

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Response No. 148

Mary and Joesph Came to the Temple

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

Luke 2:22-40

pew Bible NT, pg. 88

Sermon

Glimmers of Glory

Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons

*Affirmation of Faith pg. #34 The Nicene Creed
(back page of bulletin)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	Wexford Carol	Traditional Irish
	Alice Fortunato, soloist	arr. by Stephen DeCesare

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

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 545 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Toccata No. 10	arr. Joel Raney
	Will Benton, organist	

Our guest preacher this morning is Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons, Parish Associate at Park Lake Presbyterian Church. Linda is working with the Presbyterian Counseling Center as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor.

Bulletin note: Worship resources adapted from Rev. Jenny Adams, Church of Scotland, and RCL/Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

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

Worship Leaders today are Revs. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons

Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist/pianist.

December Ushers: Aaron Hull, Pam Coburn, John Bowers, Mark Sonderman.

Greeter: Evie Park



- ♦ **Child Care** is available during the Sunday School hour (9:00 - 10:00 am) in the Education building, located on 2nd floor (left at the 2nd floor landing) in the nursery. During the Worship service (10:30-11:30 am) the nursery is located downstairs in the Sanctuary building for infants - age 3. Please see an Usher if you need assistance.
- ♦ **Pre-school Sunday School** for children, ages 3 - 5, is on the 2nd floor of the Education Building (9-10 am).
- ♦ **Sunday School for Children and Youth**, ages 1st - 5th grade, and Middle and High School Youth is located on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. (9:00-10:00 am)
- ♦ **Adult Sunday School**, please go to PLPC.org, click the Church Life tab, then Faith Formation for details about Adult and Young adult Bible study.

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)	Differ-	(\$9,351)
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru September			
	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



PLUMBING REPAIRS TO STRUBLE HALL

Extensive plumbing repairs will begin in Struble Hall on **December 26 thru January 8**. The repairs involve excavating through the ground floor in order to replace the cast iron drain line which serves the whole building and replace plumbing in both bathrooms and the kitchen. The work will take place over the Christmas and New Year's holidays to minimize the impact on the Child Care Center and Church operations.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday, January 7

9:00 am

Struble Fellowship Hall

Peru Mission Trip Presentation

Presented by Barbara Sayles

Hunger Action Advocate/

Central Florida Presbytery



All are welcome! The presentation will showcase our travel across the beautiful Andes to Yunguy in the Northern area of Peru to Kusi - a village for orphaned boys.

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

PW Circle Members and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative or go to: plpc.org for more information. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.

Dorcas: Monday, January 8

1:30 pm, Parlor

Circle Representative

Anne Gardepe, annegard64@gmail.com

Bible Moderator

Sandy Bogner, sandybogner@cfl.rr.com

Joanna: Monday, January 8

7:00 pm, Parlor

Circle Representative

Sherry Riley, sheray27@gmail.com

Bible Moderator

Helen DeBevoise, helenparklake@gmail.com

Sarah: Monday, January 8

2:00 pm, Westminster Towers,

Multi Purpose Room

Circle Representative & Bible Moderator

Marian Price, marian66@cfl.rr.com

Esther: Tuesday, January 9

7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall

Circle Representative

Erin Cook, erincook987@gmail.com

Bible Moderator

Anne Vercheski, avercheski@cfl.rr.com



Celebrating this Week!

Birthdays

12/31 David Foley, Jr.
01/01 Julian Baadu

Anniversaries

Sarah and Brent Trauger
1/03 48 years



**WASHINGTON SHORES
PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY**
Next donation day:
Tuesday, January 2 and 16
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.

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)

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

5 CENTS
A-MEAL

DON'T
FORGET TO
GIVE



5 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION

SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer**

to Hunger Program (PATH). The offering is collected on the 1st

Sunday of each month on Communion Sundays, as a reminder that as we have been fed at the Lord's table we are called to feed others. We encourage you to continue to send your 5 cents per meal offering to the church during this time.

To learn more about 5 Cents a meal, go to: www.cfpresbtery.orgpath.html.

One day = 15 cents

One week = \$1.05

One month = \$4.20



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 next meeting will be **Sunday, January 21, 12:30-1:30 PM**. We hope to see you there! For more information, please email John Jenkins at gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com.



STORIES TO TELL January meeting will be, Monday January 22, 11:00 am. Please email Meg Elvis at meglelvis@yahoo.com or Nancy Warlick at dadab12@att.net for further information.



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB, January meeting is the 25th, 10 AM.

Our January book is, The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar. The location of the meeting is to be determined.

Email or call **Anne Gardepe annegard64@gmail.com** for 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.

The Nicene Creed, page #34

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures.
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**