

**PARK LAKE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**The Ordination and Installation  
of Church Officers**

January 21, 2024

**Order of Worship**

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Procession

Charles Callahan

Choral Introit

The God of Heaven (Psalm 29)

Call to Worship

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions.

God calls us here to worship.

**We are here to worship.**

Drop your nets and leave your boats.

God is with us. Jesus calls us.

**We are here to worship.**

Let us worship God together.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn No. 69

Here I Am, Lord

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Pew Bible, OT pg. 811

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for Your grace.**

**Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need Your community. We are uncertain of the beliefs and cultures of others so we are unsure how to share Your good news with them.**

**Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Calling God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (moment for silent confession)**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

The good news of Jesus Christ is that God's kingdom has come! God rules with love and mercy, not with hate and fear. Friends, we are recipients and bearers of this good news. Be reconciled to God.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response No. 582      Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

\*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

Mark 1:14-20

pew Bible NT, pg. 33

Sermon

It's Time

Rev. Helen DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith pg. 17

**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;  
On 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

He Is Here  
Chancel Choir

arr. by Camp Kirkland

The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

## **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Charge and Benediction

Amen

Danish (#601)

Choral Response

Postlude

Grand Choeur  
Will Benton, organist

Théodore Dubois'

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

## **The Ordination and Installation of Elders (Class of 2026) and Deacons (Class of 2026)**



Elders to be ordained and installed: **Alice Fortunato**

Elders to be installed: **Mackenzie Bertram, Aaron Hull, Vicky Nicoll.**

Deacons to be installed: **Angela Chesser, Billie Jo Elliott, Anne Vercheski.**

### **Statement on the Meaning of Ordination and Installation**

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Park Lake Presbyterian Church now ordains and installs to active service as elder, Alice Fortunato, and installs these previously ordained elders, Mackenzie Bertram, Aaron Hull, Vicky Nicoll and installs and ordains deacons, Angela Chesser, Billie Jo Elliott, Anne Vercheski.

### **Constitutional Questions of Ordination and Installation to the Elders and Deacons**

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?  
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- i. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

### **Questions to Congregation**

Do we, the members of the church, accept these elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

### **Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination**

#### **Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

You are now elders and deacons in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.



## Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

**TACKLE  
HUNGER**



**February 11, 2024**

**SOUP LUNCH**

**Struble Fellowship Hall**

(after worship)

**What? Soup lunch provided by the Park Lake Youth  
Valentine's Cookies provided by the Deacons!**

**Cost?** Monetary donations and non-perishable food items.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase items for the **Blessing Bag Ministry**.

Non-perishable Food items will be donated to **Washington Shores Food Pantry**.

***Thank you for supporting our community and local charities!***

### **Worship Leaders today are**

Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise and Rev. Dr. Dan DeBevoise; Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist/pianist.

**January Ushers:** Erin Cook, Clay Elliott, John Rogers, Lee Bessonette.

**Greeter:** Doug Lawton

<b>Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru November 2023</b>		<b>Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.</b>	
Budget	\$429,226	Budget	\$53,689
Actual	\$417,518	Actual	\$42,604
Difference	(\$11,708)	Difference	(\$11,085)
<b>Park Lake Operating Budget Thru November 2023</b>			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$563,520	\$564,474	(\$954)
Actual	\$548,324	\$560,744	(\$13,420)

### **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

## Celebrating this Week!

### Birthdays

22 Raymond Burris	24 Beverly Reynolds
22 Mary Carls	26 Dana Schmidt
23 Mackenzie Bertram	26 Charles Gabrielson
23 Campbell Bertram Connolly	26 Michael Foley



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](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com).



**CHRISTIAN  
SERVICE CENTER**  
40 years of faithful hands

### SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

**10:45 am, Tuesday, January 23**

Park Lake continues to help serve lunch the 4th Tuesday each month at Daily Bread at the Christian Service Center. We don't really serve it, we fill about 250 or so Styrofoam clamshells with the food that is already prepared. It takes about an hour and a half, 10:45 am to 12:30, and it's easy and rewarding. And only once a month! Please consider helping a few times a year. See John Bowers or email me at [jbowers4@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbowers4@cfl.rr.com) for all the details.



### THE POTTER'S HAND: Combining Art and Faith Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 pm—8:00pm

Join us for Potters Hand in January. We will be putting together personal vision boards with a faith-based twist. Vision boards are a collection of images, objects or words arranged in a way to help you reach your goals or vision. Susan Smey, who uses vision boards as a regular practice, will lead us in constructing our own. Hope you'll join us! Contact Helen DeBevoise at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com) to participate.



### 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](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com) for details.



**STORIES TO TELL January meeting will be, Monday January 29, 11:00 am.**  
Please email Meg Lelvis at [meglelvis@yahoo.com](mailto:meglelvis@yahoo.com) or Nancy Warlick at [dadab12@att.net](mailto:dadab12@att.net) for further information.

## 2024 ZEBRA COALITION GIFT CARDS



The Gay Straight@Park Lake group will be collecting gift cards and monetary contributions for the Zebra Coalition as “gift of love” this Valentine’s Day . The Zebra Coalition is a network that provides services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and all youth (LGBTQ+) ages 13 – 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.

Please consider helping our youth in the Orlando area by giving a gift of love. Needed are gift cards of \$5 and \$10 for economical meals (McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Subway, etc.) or somewhat larger amounts (\$20, \$25-\$50 ) for clothing, school supplies, and other goods (Walgreens, CVS, Target, Walmart, etc.). We can also convert your monetary gifts into gift cards. Please give or send your gift cards or cash to any member of Gay Straight@Park Lake between **Sunday, January 7 and Sunday, February 11**. Monetary contributions can also be made by sending a check to the church office or through the church website.

To learn more about the Zebra Coalition visit: <https://www.zebrayouth.org> Thank you for your continued support. Any questions please contact Howard Vincent Kurtz at [howardvincentkurtz@gmail.com](mailto:howardvincentkurtz@gmail.com)

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE



Check out the Park Lake Presbyterian Church website at **PLPC.org**. View the Church calendar, upcoming events, online giving, listen to previous worship services, connect to the upcoming worship service and more!