



## Declaration of Forgiveness

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (2 Cor. 5:19)

Hear then Christ's word of grace, 'Your sins are forgiven'

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Response No. 93                      Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

## 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 a Manger verses 1 & 3

**Away in a manger no crib for his bed  
the little lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay.  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**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 1:5-25                      pew Bible NT, pg. 52

Sermon                                      Advent Days                      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

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul O. Manz

Chancel Choir

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Invitation

Sharing of Bread and Cup

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

### **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 357

The Days Are Surely Coming

Charge and Benediction

While We Are Waiting Come

Don Cason

Choral Response

Postlude

Toccata on "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten"  
Will Benton, organist

Paul Fey

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



**The Sanctuary flowers on this day**, are given to the glory of God, by Marie Butler in loving memory of her daughter and Kyle Butler’s mother, Lori Anne Butler, who joined the church triumphant, on December 1, 1991.

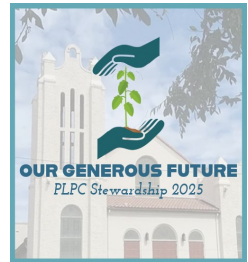
**Worship Leaders today are:**

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

**December Ushers:** John Bowers, Aaron Hull, John Hunter, Dan Johnson, Thomas Poore  
 Cindy Schmidt, Mark Sonderman.

**Deacon at the Door:** Anne Vercheski

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wants to express its gratitude to the church members who have submitted pledges for 2025. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We also want to encourage those who have not yet pledged to do so as soon as possible. The church depends upon our pledges in order to plan financially for the year ahead, when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Park Lake's ministry and service to our local and global communities.



**POST-WORSHIP PRAYER TIME**

Come pray with us after worship, all are welcome! Meet in the East Transept from 11:45 am - 12:15 pm.



Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru October 2024		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$399,233	Budget	\$37,853
Actual	382,046	Actual	\$61,722
Difference	(\$17,187)	Difference	\$23,869
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru October, 2024			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$568,114	\$580,938	(\$12,824)
Actual	\$550,820	\$546,994	\$3,826

**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

## 5 CENTS A MEAL, Sunday, December 1

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH). Go to [cfpresbytery.org/path.html](http://cfpresbytery.org/path.html) for more information about P.A.T.H.

5 CENTS  
A-MEAL  
DON'T  
FORGET TO  
GIVE



## Park Lake PW Circle Meeting Schedule

**Dorcias:** Monday, December 2

1:30 pm, Westminster Towers, Winter Park  
Circle Representative

Anne Gardepe, [annegard64@gmail.com](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com)

**Bible Moderator**

Sandy Bogner, [sandybogner@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sandybogner@cfl.rr.com)

**Joanna:** Monday, December 2

6:00 pm, home of Carol Fisher  
Circle Representative

Sherry Riley, [sheray27@gmail.com](mailto:sheray27@gmail.com)

**Bible Moderator**

Helen DeBevoise, [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com)

**Sarah:** Monday, Monday, December 2

2:00 pm, Westminster Towers, Downtown,  
Town Square

Circle Representative & Bible Moderator

Marian Price, [marian@tompricearchitects.com](mailto:marian@tompricearchitects.com)

**Esther:** Tuesday, December 3

6:30 pm, the home of Anne Vercheski  
Circle Representative

Erin Cook, [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com)

**Bible Moderator**

Anne Vercheski, [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com)

## Join Us for a Festive Afternoon of Building Your Own Gingerbread House



**Sunday, December 8, 2024, 11:45 a.m., Struble Fellowship Hall**

**Children and Adults of all ages**

**Lunch: \$5 per person / Gingerbread House: \$10 per kit**

**Please R.S.V.P.**

**to [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com) by December 4, 2024**

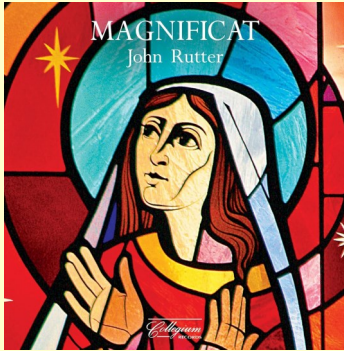
**Include: Name, Number of Adults/Children and Number of Gingerbread House kits  
(\$5 per person for lunch; \$10 per Gingerbread House kit)**

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### **ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL GO TO FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ORLANDO**

Family Promise of Greater Orlando helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community based response.

Creating a future in Central Florida where all families have stable housing and no child experiences homelessness.



**John Rutter's Magnificat**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
**6:00 pm, Park Lake Sanctuary**

- Park Lake Chancel Choir
- Guest soloist, Elizabeth Ingram
- Robb Ross, Director
- Will Benton, organ/piano
- Chamber Orchestra



This year, Park Lake is sponsoring Christmas gifts for children at two nonprofits, [Grace Medical Home](#) and [Hope CommUnity Center](#). Donations are being accepted to provide Christmas stockings and Christmas books to the pediatric patients at Grace Medical Home, one of Park Lake's mission partners. Grace reflects the heart of Christ by offering the highest level of health care to the low-income, uninsured in Orange County including immigrant families.

Donations are also being accepted to sponsor toys for the children served at the Hope CommUnity Center in Apopka. Hope is a service learning community dedicated to the empowerment of Central Florida's immigrant and working poor communities through education, advocacy, and spiritual growth. Please find the "Angel Tree" in the west transept and choose how you can help bless a child this Christmas.

Donations may be sent to the church office, placed in the collection plate, made online at the [plpc.org](http://plpc.org) [Giving Page](#), or given to Anne Vercheski. Please have your donation in by December 8. Thank you for showing the love of Christ to these children!

**THE POTTER'S HAND**

**Stress and the Arts, Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm**  
**(Struble Fellowship Hall)**

Too much to do? Don't have time to take a creative moment during the holiday season? Think again. We will explore the practice of recognizing and relieving stress through expressive art and transforming how stress affects us so that we can release it. You are always welcome. Please contact Helen DeBevoise at [Helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:Helenparklake@gmail.com) to participate.



## Calling all angels, Shepherds, wise men and wise women...

Our Park Lake Children and Youth will present the Annual Nativity Pageant (costumes are provided) during worship on **Sunday, December 22, 10:30 am.**



**Nativity Pageant rehearsal** will be on **Saturday, December 21, 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary. All children and youth, are invited to participate. No experience necessary.

Please email **Helen DeBevoise** [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com) if your children or youth are able to participate.

## FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN

Please bring non-perishable donations to the West transept entrance of the Sanctuary on Sundays before or after worship.

**We are no longer collecting donations on Tuesdays.**



Please check expiration dates on food items before donating.

## Celebrating this Week!



### Birthdays

- 01 Cheryl Woods
- 01 Aaron Sanchez
- 03 Kristine Fluker
- 04 Camden Jones
- 06 Peter Denniston

### Anniversaries

- 05 Rose and Camden Jones  
1 year

# Advent

## Schedule of Events



### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Sunday, December 1**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

#### **Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7**

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

#### **Sunday, December 8**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

11:45 am Esther Circle, Gingerbread House Event (Struble Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Rutter's Magnificat, presented by Park Lake Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

#### **Friday, December 13**

6:00 pm Youth Group—Friday Night Live

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

#### **Sunday, December 15**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

Time tba—Christmas Caroling/pizza

#### **Wednesday, December 18**

6:00 pm The Potter's Hand: Stress and the Arts

#### **Saturday, December 21**

9:30 am Nativity Pageant rehearsal, Children and Youth (Sanctuary)

5:30 pm Longest Night Prayer service (Sanctuary)

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent, Poinsettia Sunday**

#### **Sunday, December 22**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Children's Nativity Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

#### **Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

9:00 pm—12noon - Church Office Hours

5:30 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

#### **Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Church Office and Child Care Center closed