

**PARK LAKE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

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*A Century of Community in Christ  
1925-2025*



May 11, 2025

**Order of Worship**

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Bread Offering of Letters

Time of Silence

Prelude

A Symphony of Light  
Will Benton, organist

Robert Hebble

Choral Introit

Christ Arose  
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise No. 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Scripture Reading

John 10:22-30

Pew Bible, NT pg. 98

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
Good Shepherd, have mercy upon us.  
Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.**  
(time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*Response No. 251      Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (verses 1 and 4)

## **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. 487

These Treasured Children

**(v.1) These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow;  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.**  
**(v.5) Then, tender God, each child embrace; God give them blessings, grant them grace.  
Surprise them, God, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.**

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-43 pew Bible NT, pg. 120

Sermon Sheepy Saints Rev. Dan DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The Lord is My Shepherd Thomas Matthews  
Faith Graves, soloist  
Chancel Choir

\*The Doxology, pg. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 324 For All the Faithful Women

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response Alleluia

Postlude Toccata on "Wer Nur Den Lieben Lässt Walten" Paul Fey

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



**The Sanctuary flowers today** are given in honor of and in memory of mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and those who showed the love, care and nurturing of a mother in our lives.

**Worship Leaders today are:**

Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise and Rev. Dr. Dan DeBevoise, co-pastors.

Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organ/piano

**May Ushers:** Pam Coburn, Andre Davis, Aaron Hull, John Hunter, John Jenkins, Dan Johnson, Scott Peterson , Cindy Schmidt, Mark Sonderman.

**Deacon at the Door:** John Hunter

**Celebrating this week!**

**Birthdays**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 11 Karen Lowdermilk | 14 Shawn Moloney    |
| 12 Ann Wallace      | 15 David VanBrackle |
| 12 Matt Cook        | 15 Kurt Hanus       |
| 12 Carly Wray       | 15 Britton Bertram  |
| 12 Mila Jones       |                     |

**Anniversaries**

- 11 Susan & Vern Boatman

Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru March 25, 2025		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$119,770	Budget	\$14,944
Actual	\$146,876	Actual	\$23,360
Difference	\$27,106	Difference	\$8,416
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru March 25, 2025			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$191,750	\$204,111	(\$12,261)
Actual	\$222,860	\$183,814	\$39,046

**Church Staff**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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**

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|------------|------------------------|
| Madagascar | Dan and Elizabeth Turk |
| Mozambique | Sebber Banda           |
|            | Rev. Carlos Faquione   |

**THE POTTER'S HAND**  
**Combining Art and Faith**  
Tuesday, May 20  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Contact Helen DeBevoise at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com) to participate.

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, May 18, 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).



### **Page Turners Book Club**

**Thursday, May 22**, we will discuss "Be Ready When the Luck Happens", by Ina Garten. Meet in the Sanctuary building, downstairs in the Koinonia Sunday school room. For more information, email Sherry Riley, [sheray27@gmail.com](mailto:sheray27@gmail.com).



**Sunday, June 1**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
**(Sanctuary)**

Join us for our annual **Youth Sunday, on June 1!** Park Lake youth and their mentors will be taking leadership roles during our worship time. Youth Sunday is a highlight of our worship every year, and provides a chance when we can support the spiritual growth and leadership of our young people.

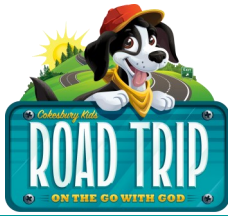


**June 2025 MISSION TRIP TO PERU - has been postponed until June 2026**

**The 2025 mission trip to Peru has been postponed until June 2026 due to an unforeseen family crisis. Information about this trip will be forthcoming in a few months.**

Leader/Coordinator, Barbara Sayles, CFP Staff





*"The Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go" Joshua 1:9*

**Park Lake's  
Vacation Bible School**  
**Monday, July 7 through  
Friday, July 11, 2025**

**9:00 am - 12noon**  
**Ages PreK- 4  
through 5th grade**

**Music Games**  
**Bible Stories Science**  
**Snacks Crafts**  
**Register online at [plpc.org](http://plpc.org)**



**VBS Decorating Prep**  
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesdays,  
May 14, 21, 28  
and June 4, 11**

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**  
(Bring a bag dinner)

All are welcome for fun,  
fellowship and creativity as  
we start our VBS decorating  
prep. No experience  
necessary, we will be cutting  
and coloring decorations for  
VBS.



**Does your Youth  
need Volunteer hours  
for school?**

**Youth Volunteers** are  
needed for Vacation  
Bible school! Youth  
who are rising 6th  
graders - 12th grade  
are welcome.

Go to **[plpc.org](http://plpc.org)** to find  
the youth volunteer  
form to complete and  
return to the church  
office, or contact the  
church office for more  
information.

## **ATTENTION ALL VBS ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!**

### **VBS Volunteer Kick-off Luncheon**

**Sunday, June 1, after worship**

(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Please come to share a meal with the VBS team and learn about the VBS theme **"Road Trip: On the Go With God"**. Please RSVP for lunch with Anne Vercheski at [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com).

## **DONATION REQUEST FOR VBS CRAFTS and DECORATING!**

Please drop off at the church office, give to Carol Bookhardt, [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com)  
or Anne Vercheski at [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com).

- ◆ Empty paper towel rolls
- ◆ Publix paper grocery bags
- ◆ Paper road maps (maps will not be returned)

**100 HOURS OF SERVICE IN MAY**

**Spruce Up Our Church**  
**Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Please sign up to volunteer using the form below or email Erin Cook for more details at [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com).**



Help spruce up Park Lake for its 100th Birthday! We will do small to moderate projects around the church, both inside and outside. Think digging in the dirt to dusting window sills! Come when you can and stay for however long you can and wear your cleaning clothes. Light snacks and water will be provided but feel free to pack a lunch.

If you would like to help with any of the Events celebrating Park Lake's centennial, please contact co-chairs, Erin Cook at [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com) or Susan Gantt, [sgantt2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sgantt2@cfl.rr.com).

**Spruce Up Our Church**  
**Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Please R.S.V.P to volunteer (please print):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like to help?

- Indoor Sanctuary—dusting, cleaning, organizing, tidying up \_\_\_\_\_
- Outdoors—Church Grounds—weeding, planting, mulching, trimming \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation needed to Park Lake? \_\_\_\_\_

TEAR OFF AND PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE



# OFFERING of LETTERS

Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger.

Park Lake Presbyterian Church has participated in the Offering of Letters for many years. This year, **Sunday, May 25, and June 1**, will be our Offering of Letters Sundays, when you will be invited to write a letter.

- **Sunday, May 25, Mariam Mengistie, Bread for the World Board Vice Chair, Guest Speaker for a combined Sunday School Class at 9 a.m.**
- Letter writing opportunity - Fellowship Time 10:00 am - 10:30 am. and after church 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, June 1, Offering of Letters Sunday,**
- Letter writing opportunity - Fellowship Time 10:00 am - 10:30 am.



This year we are specifically asking Congress to

- Protect, restore, and secure robust funding for global nutrition programs, such as the Food for Peace program
- Fully fund and strengthen the domestic Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)



## How to participate in an Offering of Letters

Join Bread for the World in pursuing a world without hunger.

Please take a few minutes to write your members of Congress. Urge them to help families and children experiencing hunger and poverty—no matter where they live.

**Scan the QR code to email Congress.**

Sample letters can be found to print or send by email at [bread.org/offering-letters](https://bread.org/offering-letters).