

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801
PLPC.org 407-841-6550
*A Century of Community in Christ
1925-2025*



May 18, 2025

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Time of Silence

Prelude

Largo
Will Benton, organist

J.S. Bach

Choral Introit

Christ Arose
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God on high!

Praise God, sun and moon.

Praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and ocean depths!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, praise the Lord!

Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and all rulers of the earth,
praise the Lord!

Old and young together; all people praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible, NT pg. 102

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.

You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness.

You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God.

Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth.

Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. (time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news:

Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

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 11:1-18

pew Bible NT, pg. 122

Sermon

The Gospel Step by Step

Rev. Dan DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith pg. 35

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;

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

Crown Him!

Dan Matthews

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. 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Alleluia

Postlude

Festival of Praise
Will Benton, organist

Phil Lehenbauer

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

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: Billie Jo Elliott

**Celebrating this week!****Birthdays**

19 Dennis Salmon
20 Harry Carls
20 Victoria Vargas
21 Jeremy Boitano

22 Susan Kaney
23 James Peasah
23 Helen DeBevoise



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

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

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 **today, 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.



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



Contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.

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.



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

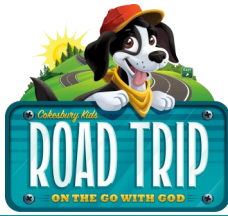
Join us for our annual **Youth Sunday, on June 1!** Park Lake youth and their mentors will be taking leadership roles during our worship time. Youth Sunday is a highlight of our worship every year, and provides a chance when we can support the spiritual growth and leadership of our young people.



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**



VBS Decorating Prep
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesdays,
May 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** 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.

DONATION REQUEST FOR VBS CRAFTS and DECORATING!

Please drop off at the church office, give to Carol Bookhardt, carolparklake@gmail.com or Anne Vercheski at avercheski@cfl.rr.com.

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

- ◆ **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 am- 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 (9:00 am-10:00 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 am-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.



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!



WASHINGTON SHORES FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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



Have you recently moved? Do we have your updated mailing address and contact information? Please check your address in the online Church Directory at InstantChurchDirectory.com and notify the church office at carolparklake@gmail.com.





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.