

**PARK LAKE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

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*A Century of Community in Christ  
1925-2025*



May 25, 2025

**Order of Worship**

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Time of Silence

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness  
Will Benton, organist

setting by Dan Miller

Choral Introit

Christ Arose  
Chancel Choir

Call to worship - Psalm 67 (The Message translation)

God, mark us with grace and blessing! Smile upon us!

**The whole country will see how You work,  
all the godless nations see how You save.**

God! Let the people thank and enjoy You.

Let all the people thank and enjoy You.

**Let all far-flung people become happy and shout their happiness  
because You judge them fair and square, You tend the far-flung peoples.**

Earth, display your exuberance!

You mark us with blessing, O God, our God.

**You mark us with blessing, O God.**

**Earth's four corners - honor Him!**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise No. 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:9 - 15

Pew Bible, NT pg. 127

Call to Confession

We come to God as we are: messy, joyful, imperfect, guilty, righteous. But most of all, we come to God as ourselves, human, in need of proclaiming, confessing, forgiving, in need of community. Let us pray together:

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess to You what You already know well: we have gotten off track. Our attention has wandered from You. We confess that our concerns distract us from the needs of those around us. Our comfort have seemed more important than others' poverty. Our difficulties have seemed more significant than the tragedies of others. We have forgotten who we are: created in You image. Remind and re-make us as You would have us be. Fill us with the priority of Your Spirit to love others, to love ourselves, to be bold to live out the work of the gospel of Jesus. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(time of silent prayer)

## Declaration of Forgiveness

God blesses us, again and again, despite the times that we mess up, despite us ignoring God. Friends, know and believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*Response No. 469                      Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

## \*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 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

John 14:23 - 31

pew Bible NT, pg. 103

Sermon

How Will We Know?

Rev. Helen 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

In the First Light

arr. by Tom Fettke

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. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Alleluia

Postlude

Pièce Symphonique

Cesar Franck

Will Benton, organist

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



**The Sanctuary flowers today** are given in honor of Pastor Helen DeBevoise, in celebration of her birthday on Friday, May 23, 2025, by Elsie Oberst.

The Church Office and Child Care Center will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



**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:** Anne Vercheski



**Celebrating this week!**

**Birthdays**

27 Jill Schubert  
28 Evie Park  
29 Rose Jones  
28 Zach Monahan

**Anniversary**

26 Shijia & Matthew Barnabee



| Pledged Income Y.T.D.<br>Thru April 30, 2025   |           | Non Pledged<br>Income Y.T.D. |            |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|------------|
| Budget   | \$159,693 | Budget                       | \$19,925   |
| Actual   | \$170,583 | Actual                       | \$32,876   |
| Difference                                     | \$10,890  | Difference                   | \$12,951   |
| Park Lake Operating Budget Thru April 30, 2025 |           |                              |            |
|  | Income    | Expenses                     | Difference |
| Budget   | \$255,666 | \$271,229                    | (\$15,563) |
| Actual   | \$262,167 | \$243,121                    | \$19,046   |

**Church Staff**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Co-pastors                 | Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise<br>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 OFFERING

Sunday, June 1

5 CENTS  
A MEAL  
DON'T  
FORGET TO  
GIVE!



One day = 15 cents  
One week = \$1.05  
One month = \$4.20

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. *To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: [cfpresbytery.org](http://cfpresbytery.org).*

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.



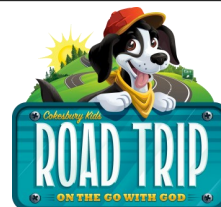
## ATTENTION ALL VBS ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

**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).



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

## PW BIBLE STUDY WRAP-UP GATHERING

Tuesday, June 3, 11:00 am

Westminster Towers

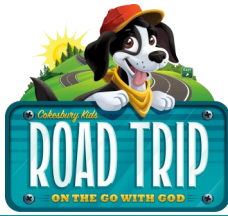
70 W. Lucerne Circle, Orlando



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

All PW Circles are invited to attend. Helen DeBevoise will lead the wrap-up and review of the **2024-2025 PW/Horizons Bible Study, Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation**, By Patricia K. Tull.

Carpooling is recommended because of limited parking. If you plan on attending, please **R.S.V.P. to Jane Callahan at [jcallahan@deanmead.com](mailto:jcallahan@deanmead.com)**.



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**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 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.

### **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
- ◆ Paper road maps (maps will not be returned)
- ◆ Publix paper grocery bags
- ◆ Shoe boxes

### **WASHINGTON SHORES FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

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

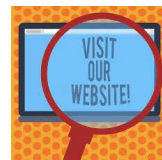


- ◆ **Child Care** is available during the Sunday School hour (9:00 - 10:00 am) in the Education building, located on 2nd floor (left at the 2nd floor landing) in the nursery. During the Worship service (10:30 am- 11:30 am) the nursery is located downstairs in the Sanctuary building for infants - age 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](http://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!



*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](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com) and notify the church office at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://bread.org/offering-letters).