

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



June 29, 2025

**Order of Worship**

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Time of Silence

Prelude

Above the Hills of Time  
Will Benton, organist

Call to Worship

John Rogers

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

**Lord, help us follow where you lead.**

Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**Lord, help us put you first and follow you.**

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

**Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.**

**Let us worship God.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise No. 432

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-15 and 22-25

pew Bible NT, pg. 179

Call to Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called.**

**Jesus still calls, "Follow me" and we offer excuses because we don't want to do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love.**

**In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.** (time of silent prayer)

## Declaration of Forgiveness

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by God's grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer of Peace and lighting of the Peace candle

\*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Response No. 792

There is a Balm in Gilead

## 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. 748

Go with Us Lord

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.***

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62

pew Bible NT, pg. 66

\*Affirmation of Faith                      from A Declaration of Faith

**We are certain that Jesus lives.**

**He lives as God with us,**

**touching all of human life with the presence of God.**

**He lives as one of us with God.**

**Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love,  
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

**We declare that Jesus is Lord.**

**His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform  
and destroy human life.**

**His lordship is hidden.**

**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that  
do not acknowledge his rule.**

**But his lordship is real.**

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ  
in every sphere of life.**

**Jesus is Lord'**

**He has been Lord from the beginning.**

**He will be Lord at the end.**

**Even now he is Lord.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Deep River  
Ali Molnar, soloist

by Moses Hogan

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

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 772

Live Into Hope

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Pipings  
Will Benton, organist

by James Southbridge

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



**The Sanctuary Flowers this day**, are given to the glory of God, by Barbara Martin, in loving memory of her husband Randy Engar.

**Worship Leaders today are:** Rev. Dr. Paige McRight, guest pastor; John Rogers, assisting in worship. Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist/pianist.

**June Ushers:** Susan Gantt, Sara Abel, Jane Callahan, Ellie Callahan, Linda Shrieves, Susan Frith, Nancy Jones, Nancy Hunter.

**Deacon at the Door:** Billie Joe Elliott

**Our guest preacher today is Rev. Dr. Paige McRight**, retired Executive Presbyter of the Central Florida Presbytery. Paige has regular worshiper at Park Lake since 2003.

**Assisting with Worship** this morning is John Rogers. John and Doug came to Park Lake after St Mark's Presbyterian closed. John serves as Park Lake's Treasurer, he is active in the Disciples Sunday School class and teaches Science and Snacks at VBS. John and Doug remain grateful for the welcome, love, and fellowship this congregation has given them.

### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING , Sunday, July 6

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).*



Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru May 31, 2025		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$199,616	Budget	\$24,906
Actual	\$205,505	Actual	\$39,956
Difference	\$5,889	Difference	\$15,050
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru May 31, 2025			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$319,582	\$338,347	(\$18,765)
Actual	\$323,344	\$329,643	(\$6,299)

#### 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

## CHURCH STAFF- OUT OF OFFICE

Carol Bookhardt will be out of the office July 7th (Monday) - July 17 (Thursday), returning on Monday, July 21st. While Carol is gone church office reception hours will be Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Dan and Helen will be out of the office the week of Sunday, June 22nd - Sunday, June 29th, and back in the church office on Monday, June 30th. Thank you to our guest pastors, Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons and Rev. Dr. Paige McRight, for leading worship on June 22 and June 29.



CHURCH  
OFFICE  
STAFF



Sunday Morning  
Adult Study

### JULY - COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 6, 13, 20 and 27  
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Led by Helen and Dan DeBevoise

Join us in **July** as all adult Sunday School Classes  
meet together in Struble Fellowship Hall.

*All are welcome!*

## The **GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE**

Our next meeting will be our Summer Gathering at the home of Linda and David Simmons on **Saturday, July 19, 5:00 pm**. For more information, please email John Jenkins at [gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com).



## Celebrating this week!

### Birthdays

02 Brent Trauger  
03 Helen Potter  
04 Alison Heittman  
04 Martin Peasah

### Anniversaries

04 Maryann and Mark Sonderman - 28 yrs



## VBS Decorating

Volunteers are needed Week of June 30 - July 3 to decorate the third floor in the Education building.



**Monday, June 30**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Tuesday, July 1**

**10:00 am - 12noon**

**Wednesday, July 2**

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Thursday, July 3**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Saturday, July 5**

**10:00 am - 12noon or**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Sunday, July 6**

**VBS FINAL DECORATING**

**after worship, Lunch provided!**  
**Struble Fellowship Hall**

**Volunteers needed for decorating and setting up registration tables.** All are welcome to help put the finishing touches on our VBS set and decorations!

Please contact Anne Vercheski at [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com) for any questions.

## 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).

Billiard balls—they will not be harmed and will be returned.

## CALLING ALL VBS YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEERS POST VBS WRAP-UP MEETING

**Struble Fellowship Hall**  
**Friday, July 11, after VBS**  
**12noon, lunch provided**

All volunteers, youth and adults are encouraged to attend. We will gather to share a meal and discuss how VBS went. We also will take down decorations and clean-up.

*Please R.S.V.P for lunch to Anne Vercheski, [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.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!



*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).*



## WASHINGTON SHORES FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

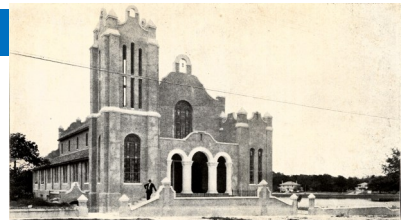
Please bring non-perishable donations to the West transept entrance of the Sanctuary on Sundays before or after worship.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Fellowship Luncheon  
**Sunday, September 7, 2025**  
**Struble Fellowship Hall, after worship**
- Art Show  
**October 2025, Sanctuary**
- Celebration Dinner  
**Saturday, October 11, 2025**
- Celebration Worship Service and  
Celebration Reception - after worship  
**Sunday, October 12, 2025**



*We hope you can come help celebrate God's blessings!*

## Prayer of Peace

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer and Friend,

Please hear our prayers this morning. We pause in time and in thoughts to pray for peace.

Lord, so often the warrior ways of humans unsettle us, so we don't know what to pray; so now, like before, we approach Your throne with confidence and sit at Your feet in despair. Let us feel the hope and love You give us.

Almighty One, please protect the children of all ages in Gaza from military attacks and from human-induced starvation. We, with so much of the world, hold our breaths that the escalation of the Iran -Israeli war will not get even larger.

We pray now for Your love and Your peace and Your way to be heard and acted on by world and local leaders. We ask You to touch the hearts of these leaders, so they know Your peace and then that they work for Your peace.

Lord help each of us live lives of peace and live in ways that lead to peace. Help us to recognize that if we over-consume as an individual and as a society we use up resources that become scarce and are fought over.

Thank you, Lord, for Your everlasting and surrounding love; please guide us as we seek to do Your will.

AMEN