

**PARK LAKE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801  
PLPC.org 407-841-6550

*A Century of Community in Christ  
1925-2025*



August 17, 2025

**Order of Worship**

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Rally Day

Christian Education Committee

Time of Silence

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
Will Benton, organist

J S Bach

Choral Introit

I Love You Lord  
Chancel Choir

Call to worship (Psalm 80)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**Stir up your might and come to save us!**

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

**You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

**It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.**

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn of Praise No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Pew Bible, NT pg 71

Call to Confession

Try as we might to follow Jesus, at some point we always fail. But our failure does not have the power to separate us from God. Trusting Christ's grace, let us confess our sin together:

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love.**

**You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times.**

**Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular.**

**Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead.**

(Moment for silent prayer)

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, look around! We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

We are the body of Christ, the family of faith, all of us both saints and sinners.

The grace we receive in baptism washes away our shame and brokenness and unites us with one another in bonds of love and kinship. This is Good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*Response No. 740

Lead Me, Guide Me

\*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. 729

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

***v.3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart;***

***Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart; In my heart, in my heart,***

***Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.***

***v.4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart;***

***Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart; In my heart, in my heart,***

***Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.***

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:28-12:2

pew Bible NT, pg. 212

Sermon

By Faith

Rev. Helen DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith pg. 17

The Apostle's 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

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place  
Chancel Choir

John Purifoy

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

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
Chancel Choir

Postlude

To God Be the Glory  
Will Benton, organist

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*\*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 Marian and Tom Price in celebration of their 60th wedding Anniversary, on Friday, August 22.

**Worship Leaders today are:**

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

**August Ushers:** Aaron Hull, John Jenkins, Dan Johnson, Frank Kaney, Doug Lawton, John Rogers, Mark Sonderman.

**Deacon at the Door:** John Hunter

**GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE group**  
**Sunday, August 17, after worship**

**In August**, we will meet at our usual place, after worship at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. For more information, please email John Jenkins at [gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com).



**Celebrations this week!**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 18 Robert Larr  
19 Caroline Beaty

Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru June 30, 2025		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$239,540	Budget	\$29,888
Actual	\$249,488	Actual	\$45,382
Difference	\$9,948	Difference	\$15,494
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru June 30, 2025			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$383,500	\$405,470	(\$21,970)
Actual	\$446,770	\$398,468	\$48,302

**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



## RALLY DAY IS COMING!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**  
**8:30 am - 10:00 am**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Rally Day is Christian Education's celebration of the end of the summer and beginning of a new season of learning and growing in our faith. This intergenerational event will be fun for all ages.

Join us for breakfast at **8:30 am**, followed by a time for fellowship and learning.

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, August 28**

**10:00 am**, Downstairs Koinonia Room, Sanctuary Building.

Our **August book** will be "Brainiac", by Ken Jennings. For more information, email Sherry Riley, [sheray27@gmail.com](mailto:sheray27@gmail.com).



### UPCOMING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

#### ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET IN OCTOBER

The Christian Service Center's Awards and Annual Breakfast will be on **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** at First Baptist Church in Faith Hall (3000 South John Young Pkwy Orlando, FL 32805) at **8:15-10:00am**. This annual event is the primary fundraising event for the Christian Service Center for the Homeless.

Park Lake's two CSC Board members, Leesa Bainbridge and John Bowers, invite PLPC members, friends of PLPC members, acquaintances of PLPC members, everyone really, to come for the breakfast, the awards, and to hear a meaningful story or three from our fellow citizens who have been rescued from homelessness thanks to the Center.

If you would like to attend the Awards and Annual Breakfast on Friday, **October 10** please contact John Bowers at [johnbowers4@cfl.rr.com](mailto:johnbowers4@cfl.rr.com) or Leesa Bainbridge [leesabainbridge1@gmail.com](mailto:leesabainbridge1@gmail.com)



## PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY 2025-2026

**PW Circle Members** and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative or go to: [plpc.org](http://plpc.org) for more information. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.

**Esther:** Tuesday, September 2  
6:30 pm, Parlor  
**Circle Representative,** Erin Cook,  
[erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator,** Anne Vercheski,  
[avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com)

**Sarah:** Monday, September 8  
2:00 pm, Westminster Towers,  
Town Square  
**Circle Representative and  
Bible Moderator,** Marian Price,  
[marian@tompricearchitects.com](mailto:marian@tompricearchitects.com)

**Dorcas:** Monday, September 8  
1:30 pm, Parlor  
**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, September 8  
7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall  
**Circle Representative,** Sherry Riley,  
[sherry27@gmail.com](mailto:sherry27@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator** Helen DeBevoise,  
[helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com)

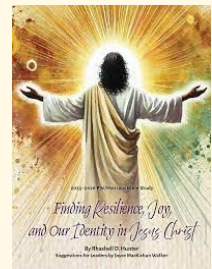
### The 2025–2026 PW/*Horizons Bible Study* *FINDING RESILIENCE, JOY AND OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST* By Rhashell D. Hunter

In this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus.

The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity.

[Excerpt from the Introduction to *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*].



Go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) for more information about Presbyterian Women (PCUSA)

## WASHINGTON SHORES FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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



## 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).*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### 100th Anniversary Celebration Upcoming Events

- Fellowship Luncheon  
**Sunday, September 7, after worship**
- Celebration Dinner  
**Saturday, October 11, (tba)**
- Celebration Worship Service and  
Celebration Reception - after worship  
**Sunday, October 12, after worship**



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

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**100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT**

**“Park Lake Trivia” Luncheon**

Please come to the next event celebrating Park Lake’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, September 7, after worship, in Struble Fellowship Hall.

The program will be “Park Lake Trivia.” Lunch will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. below by placing this form in the offering plate, or R.S.V.P. through the weekly Park Lake Up2Date email. You may also contact the church office directly at 407-841-6550, or Erin Cook at [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com).

Come learn how God has blessed Park Lake through the years!

**100th Anniversary Luncheon and Park Lake Trivia  
Sunday, September 7, 2025**

R.S.V.P (please print):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation needed to church for luncheon? \_\_\_\_\_

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