

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



October 26, 2025

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude Brandon Kaufman, guest pianist

Choral Introit God Welcomes All (GTG #399)
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (from Psalm 84)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 401 Here in This Place

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 14:7-10. 19-22 O.T. page 673

Call to Confession

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us open ourselves in this time of prayer, being truthful in our confession as we humble ourselves before our God.

Prayer of confession

Holy God, Your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of Your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of Your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; You challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet You keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive Your truth.
(moment 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.

Thanks be to God!

*Response No. 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Stewardship Message

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. 188

Jesus Loves Me

***Jesus loves me this I know; for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

Scripture Reading	Luke 18:9-14	pew Bible NT, pg. 76
Sermon	Justified	Rev. Helen DeBevoise
*Affirmation of Faith pg. 17	The Apostle's Creed (ecumenical)	

**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	May Your Roots Go Deep Chancel Choir	David Lantz III
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*The Doxology, pg. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 432	How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
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Choral Benediction	Christ, Be Our Light	(Refrain) GTG 314
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Postlude	Brandon Kaufman, guest pianist
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**Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*



The Sanctuary flowers on this day, are given to the glory of God,
In loving memory of Ben Nicoll, from Vicky and family.

and

By Robb Ross and Ryan Trapp in celebration of their 8th wedding
anniversary, on October 28th.

Worship Leaders today are:

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

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

October Ushers: Pam Coburn, Aaron Hull, John Jenkins, Dan Johnson, Scott Peterson,
Mark Sonderman.

Deacon at the Door: Anne Vercheski

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING , Sunday, November 2

5 CENTS
A-MEAL
DON'T
FORGET TO
GIVE



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.*

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

Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru September, 2025		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$359,310	Budget	\$44,832
Actual	\$350,159	Actual	\$61,876
Difference	(\$9,151)	Difference	\$17,044
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru September, 2025			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$575,250	\$606,829	(\$31,579)
Actual	\$607,173	\$581,293	\$25,880

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



Howard Vicent Kurtz and Howard Jaffe 11/01— 11 years



***You are invited to the
Park Lake Youth Fundraiser
Thanksgiving Lunch
Sunday, November 16
11:45 am, after worship
In Struble Fellowship Hall***

***All are welcome to come and enjoy
fun, food and fellowship!***

***Donations will be accepted to help support
the Park Lake Youth on their 2026 Church
retreats and Mission Trips.***

***We are very thankful for your support this
year and in years past!***



2024 Youth Thanksgiving Fundraiser Lunch
L to R: Sarah Walker, Ali Walker, Daetwyler
Bertram, Jensen Bertram Connolly, Grayson
Trauger, Shenley Bertram, Tatumn Bertram
Connolly, Campbell Bertram Connolly,
Thomas Poore.



Deacon Ministry

FROM THE DEACONS' DESK

Recently, the media has been talking a lot about AI (artificial intelligence), and how AI is being used. One use is for companionship and community, and even for talking to God.



As you know, Park Lake is celebrating a Century of Community in Christ. The Deacons want to remind the congregation that Park Lake is a community and that the Deacons are here for you, for companionship and for community. If you are unsure of who your Deacon is, the Church Directory has their name by your Directory entry.

Of course, our wonderful Co-pastors, Dan and Helen, are always available to the congregation for whatever your needs, as are the Elders.

And God is available to you personally 24-7! As we learned in Vacation Bible School this summer, from Joshua 1:9, "... do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

You are a beloved child of God, and your Co-pastors, Deacons, Elders and the Lord are here for you. Please turn to your church community for companionship and spiritual guidance instead of AI. We care about you. We want to be in community with you.

**NIGHT OF SPIRITUALS
COMMUNITY CHORAL CONCERT**

Thursday, November 6

7:00 pm

Park Lake Sanctuary

Jones High School, Evans High School and more!



UPCOMING *Events* **IN DECEMBER**

The holiday season will be here soon! Look in the November Worship & Work Newsletter, worship bulletins and the weekly Park Lake Up2date emails for upcoming events in happening in December. Dates and times to be announced in November.

- * The First Sunday of Advent, November 30th.
- * Hanging of the Greens, help decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season.
- * Advent Devotional, emailed daily.
- * Esther Circle sponsored Gingerbread House build.
- * Park Lake Chancel Choir special music.
- * The Longest Night Prayer Service.
- * Children's Nativity Pageant.
- * Poinsettia Sunday, dedicate a poinsettia plant in memory or in honor of your loved one.
- * Christmas Caroling to shut-ins and Westminster Towers.
- * Christmas Eve, Carols and Candlelight Worship Service.

*Go to **plpc.org** to view the church calendar and find out more about Park Lake.*



WASHINGTON SHORES FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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

