

**PARK LAKE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*A Century of Community in Christ  
1925-2025*



November 23, 2025

**Order of Worship**

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Gingerbread / Angel Stocking Tree  
Concert announcement

Leesa Bainbridge  
Russell Stephens

Time of Silence

Prelude

Prelude - Einleitung Franz Liszt 1811-1886  
(formation, emergence, origin, genesis, birth)

Choral Introit

God Welcomes All

(GTG #399)

Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains  
shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth."

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise No. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

pew Bible NT, pg. 188

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we call you Lord, but follow our own ways.**

**You speak to us in truth, but we listen to other voices.**

**You bless us with abundance, but we are not grateful.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Release us from sin, restore our lives, and rule in our  
hearts, this day and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Time of silent prayer)**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Response No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

## 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

Luke 23:33-43

pew Bible, N.T. page 83

Sermon

Christ the King

Rev. Dan 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

Jesus Shall Reign  
Chancel Choir

arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

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

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Christ, Be Our Light

(Refrain) GTG 314

Postlude

Fantasie  
Will Benton, organist

Franz Liszt 1811-1886

*\*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 Anne and John Gardepe, in memory of our parents and in honor of our daughter and grandchildren.

**Worship Leaders today are:**

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

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

**Deacon at the Door:** John Hunter

**Birthdays**

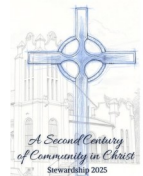
24 Daetwyler Bertram  
25 John Bowers  
26 Rosie Bearden

**Anniversaries**

24 Evangeline and Charles Gabrielson—41 years



**The Stewardship and Finance Committee** wants to express its gratitude to the church members who have submitted pledges for 2026. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We also want to encourage those who have not yet pledged to do so as soon as possible. The church depends upon our pledges in order to plan financially for the year ahead.



Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru October 31, 2025		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$279,463	Budget	\$34,869
Actual	\$275,804	Actual	\$51,402
Difference	(\$3,659)	Difference	\$16,533
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru October 31, 2025			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$447,416	\$472,588	(\$25,172)
Actual	\$492,833	\$461,021	\$31,812

**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	Karen Abell
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



## CALLING ALL ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, MAGI AND SHEEP...

### ANNUAL NATIVITY PAGEANT Sunday, December 21st



All children and youth, are invited to participate.  
No experience necessary.

- ♦ **Our Park Lake Children and Youth** will present the **Annual Nativity Pageant** (costumes are provided) during worship on **Sunday, December 21, 10:30 am**.
- ♦ **Nativity Pageant practice** will be on **Saturday, December 20, 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary. Please email **Helen DeBevoise** at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com) if your children or youth are able to participate.

### ANGEL TREE



During this Advent Season, Park Lake Presbyterian is sponsoring Christmas gifts for children at two nonprofits, [Grace Medical Home](#) and [Hope CommUnity Center](#).

GRACE  
MEDICAL HOME



Donations are being accepted to provide Christmas stockings and Christmas books to the pediatric patients at Grace Medical Home, one of Park Lake's mission partners. Grace reflects the heart of Christ by offering the highest level of health care to the low-income, uninsured in Orange County, including immigrant families.

*The angel tree stocking for Grace Medical Home pediatric patients includes a Christian Christmas book, quality candy, kids' toiletries, small toys and games and a Wild Republic lovey.*

Donations are also being accepted to sponsor toys for the children served at the Hope CommUnity Center in Apopka. Hope is a service learning community dedicated to the empowerment of Central Florida's immigrant and working poor communities through education, advocacy, and spiritual growth.

Please find the "Angel Tree" in the west transept and choose how you can help bless a child this Christmas. We hope you feel led to help as the stockings cost \$60 this year, a good \$10 more than last year, and we depend on your donations, **which we'll accept through December 14**. Donations may be sent to the church office, placed in the collection plate, made online at the [plpc.org Giving Page](http://plpc.org/GivingPage), see the Angel Tree option, or given to Anne Vercheski or Leesa Bainbridge. **Thank you for helping make a child's Christmas special and giving them the blessing of feeling Christian care.**

**WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN  
FOOD PANTRY**

***Update from the Park Lake Mission Committee***



Washington Shores Presbyterian is in need of food and hygiene items for their food pantry. We've been very faithful at Park Lake over the years, and the Mission Committee reminds everyone to please continue giving. Canned items such as tuna, corn, fruit, and sweet peas are needed, also cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and crackers. Hygiene items needed: bar soap, toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, etc. Their goal is 40 bags of food items and 40 of hygiene items once a month, every third Wednesday at Washington Shores.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming, we have been donating money to purchase small canned hams for them to add to the food bags as holiday treats. Each ham is about \$10. If you would like to donate a little money, the need is certainly there. You can give in the offering plate on Sundays, mail a check to Park Lake, or give the check or cash to Leesa Bainbridge or John Bowers. ***Please make your check out to Washington Shores Presbyterian Church.***

**STOCK THE NIGHT FOOD DRIVE**

We are also supporting the Christian Service Center's **Stock the Night food drive**, which continues through December 31. They, too, request canned and boxed goods, including powdered or boxed milk and bottled water. Please place your food donations in the boxes in the west transept. Thank you for blessing these families!

**FOOD DRIVE NEEDS**

**Canned or Boxed Goods:** Chicken, Tuna, Soups, Fruits, Vegetables, Beans, Powdered or Boxed Milk.

**Dry Goods:** Instant Potatoes, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Rice, Oatmeal, Bottled Water, Juice, Cereal.



***Thank you to everyone who continues to support Washington Shores Presbyterian Church and the Christian Service Center through your pantry donations.***

*Thank You for your Support!!*

## 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.
- \* Advent Devotional, emailed daily.
- \* Esther Circle sponsored Gingerbread House build.
- \* The Longest Night Prayer Service.
- \* Children's Nativity Pageant and special choral music.
- \* 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.*

*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).*



### 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!





**Join Us for a Festive  
Afternoon  
by Building Your Own  
Gingerbread House**

Sponsored by Esther Circle

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**11:45 a.m.**

**Struble Fellowship Hall**



**ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL GO TO  
FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ORLANDO**

Family Promise of Greater Orlando helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community based response. Creating a future in Central Florida where all families have stable housing and no child experiences homelessness.

**Children and Adults of all ages**

**Lunch: \$5 per person**

**Gingerbread House: \$10 per kit**

**Please R.S.V.P. go to [PLPC.org](http://PLPC.org) Giving page, click events or**

**email [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com)**

**by December 4, 2025**

**Include: Name, Number of Adults/Children and Number of Gingerbread House kits  
(\$5 per person for lunch; \$10 per Gingerbread House kit)**

***\*If you would like to donate money for candy for the Gingerbread House toppings,  
please contact Anne Vercheski***

