

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*A Century of Community in Christ
1925-2025*

*The First Sunday
of Advent*



November 30, 2025 **Order of Worship**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. By Diane Bish

Choral Introit Creator of the Stars of Night

Call to Worship (Psalm 25)

Lift up your souls to the Lord.

To you, O Lord, we lift them up.

Put your trust in God.

O God, in you alone do we trust.

For you, O God, are our Savior.

In you do we hope, all the day long.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 1,2,6,7)

Scripture Reading Romans 13:11-14 pew Bible NT, pg. 152

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**While we ask, Lord, for an Advent season filled with your Spirit,
we sadly confess to having done so little with so much.**

**Forgive us Lord, for walking in ways of darkness, for choosing fear over love,
for not searching our hearts and facing our sins.**

Deal with us according to your tender mercies, O God!

**Grant us a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live to glorify
Christ. (Time of silent prayer)**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear this good news: "Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers" (Romans 13:11) In Jesus Christ, God forgives us.

Friends, the nearer we draw to God the more our lives shine with God's purpose.

Thanks be to God. Let us walk in the light of Jesus Christ.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn No. 85 (v.1) Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hope

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. 114

Away in a Manger

***(v.1) Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.***

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

pew Bible, O.T. page 594

Matthew 24:36-44

pew Bible, N.T. page 26

Sermon

Watch

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

Wake, Awake
Chancel Choir

John Horman

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

This is the Savior of the World

(GTG 545)

Postlude

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Will Benton, organist

Phil Lehenbauer

**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 gratitude for the beautiful flower arrangements provided by the Park Lake Flower Guild team. Flower Guild team: Teresa Eddy, Cheryl Woods, Cindy Schmidt, Linda Wright Simmons, Carol Bookhardt, Renee Riegler, Nancy Hunter, John Jenkins and Linda Castle. Thank you to Renee Riegler who has faithfully organized and scheduled the flower arrangers each week for the past few months.

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: Barbara Martin

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** if your children or youth are able to participate.

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

ANGEL STOCKING TREE

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



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.

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.

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING , Sunday, December 7

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.***



UPCOMING *Events* IN DECEMBER

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB, meet at the home of Carol Fisher on **Thursday, December 4, 11:00 am**, for a covered dish luncheon. We will be sharing titles of books for possible reading next year. Contact Sherry Riley at sheray27@gmail.com.



Christmas Caroling **Sunday, December 14, 5:30 pm,**

Meet for pizza dinner at 5:30 pm in Struble Fellowship Hall, then we will caravan/carpool to carol to homebound members. Please R.S.V.P. to **Erin Cook at erincook987@gmail.com** so we know how much pizza to order and if you need gluten free pizza.



THE LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER AND REFLECTION: **Prayer and Readings Service** **Sunday, December 21, 5:00 pm (Sanctuary)**

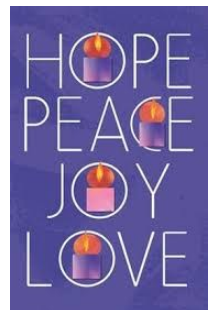
When Christmas feels heavy, the church can offer a place to rest.

For many, Advent and Christmas are seasons of joy — family gatherings, celebrations, carols, and feasting. But for those experiencing grief, illness, loneliness, anxiety, or major life transitions, this time of year can stir up feelings that don't fit the season's script.



CHRISTMAS WEEK WORSHIP

- ♦ **Sunday, December 21 - Poinsettia Sunday**
10:30 am Children's Nativity Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Longest Night Prayer service (Sanctuary)
- ♦ **Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**
5:30 pm – Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)



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!!



**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, click **events or**

email 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)

Or

Fill out the Form Below and Place in the Offering Plate

Name: _____

#Adults _____ #Children _____ \$5 per person for lunch

#Gingerbread House Kits _____ \$10 per kit

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