

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*A Century of Community in Christ
1925-2025*



December 28, 2025

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose

John Schwandt

Dr. Carla Edwards, guest organist

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Isaiah 63)

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of God most high,

Because of all that the Lord has done for us, according to the abundance of God's love.

It was your presence that saved the house of Israel, your love and pity redeemed them.

We join with them as your people, O God, your children who sing you our praises.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 134

Joy to the World

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

pew Bible OT, pg. 550

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress.

In all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others,

in all the ways we feel neglected and all the ways we neglect others,

in all the ways we cry out and all the ways we cause others to cry,

you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account.

In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy,

as you have throughout the generations. (Time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The angel said to Joseph, "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Indeed, he did and still does. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. For to us is born a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn No. 120

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Recognition and thanks to Rev. Linda Wright Simmons, D. Min.

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. 136

Go Tell It on the Mountain

***Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.***

***v3. Down in the lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.***

***Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 2

Sermon

Somewhere in My Memory:
Looking Back to Move Forward

Scott Trauger

**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 Follow the Christmas Star / Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
 Russell Stephens, soloist
 Music and Lyrics by Alan Gray M. Campbell
 and R. Fisher Boyce, Arranged by Russell G. Stephens

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 127 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 (Jesus, the Light of the World)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Sussex Carol Gary Smoke
 Dr. Carla Edwards, guest organist

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

The Sanctuary flowers today, are given to the glory of God memory of Violet and Ray Burford our parents, grandparents and great grandparents. By their loving family, John & Robin Burford, Erika Burford Brooks, Matt and James, Megan Burford Artis, Mike, Alice and Ian, Stephen Burford, Melissa Tucker and Jackson. Fred & Jane Burford, Mandy Burford Ferguson, Danny, Caroline and William, and Chandler Burford.



Worship Leaders today are:

Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise and Rev. Dr. Dan DeBevoise, co-pastors; Scott Trauger, guest preacher; Robb Ross, choir director; Dr. Carla Edwards, guest organist.

December Ushers: Pam Coburn, Andre Davis, Aaron Hull, John Hunter, Doug Lawton, Barbara Martin, Scott Peterson, John Rogers, Cindy Schmidt, John Jenkins.

Deacon at the Door: Angela Chesser

Scott Trauger is our guest preacher today. Scott is a studying for a Masters of Divinity degree through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, preparing for ministry. Scott, Amanda and children Grayson and Finley are members of Park Lake, where Scott sings in choir.

Church Holiday Office Hours



Holiday Hours

- ◆ **Wednesday, December 31 - 9:00 am—12noon**
- ◆ **Thursday, January 1 - Church office closed**

Park Lake Child Care Center

- ◆ **Closed December 23, 2025 - January 2, 2026**

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
Choir Director	Robb Ross
Organist, Director FAVO	Will Benton
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

BIRTHDAYS

- 28 Ademide Malabu
- 29 Cindy Schmidt
- 29 Christopher Gantt
- 30 Tatumn Bertram Connolly
- 31 David Foley, Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry and Carol Fisher - 52 years



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. Their goal is 40 bags of food items and 40 of hygiene items once a month, every third Wednesday.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can place your check 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

Please continue to support **The Christian Service Center**. Their "Stock The Night" food drive continues now until **December 31st**. We will have a large box or two in the west transept for donations. The needs continue to grow.



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!!

