

**PARK LAKE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*A Century of Community in Christ*  
*1925-2025*



December 21, 2025     **Order of Worship**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Choral Introit

Come, Come Emmanuel

(GTG 91)

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Love

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise No. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible, OT pg. 600

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We confess we are not the people You hope us to be, Advent God. The very ones You favor, we too often ignore or ridicule. The ones You knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate. We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty.**

**Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us. We want to live securely in Your love; we want be the ones of peace for our world, we want to seek Your will, just as Jesus did, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.**

Assurance of Pardon

Even now - yes, even in this very moment, God comes to us, bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.

**May we open our hearts to the God who is with us, and receive the gifts which have been offered to us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory

We Three Kings

arr. Diane Bish

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5

pew Bible, OT page 602

**THERE IS A ROSE: A CAROL CANTATA**  
**by Robert Sterling and John Parker, 2025**

*"I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys." (Solomon 2:1)*

**Christmas Intrada**

*Allelu! Alleluia! Lift up your voices! All creation this night rejoices!  
Come and raise joyful songs to the heavens; Let us sing of his marvelous worth,  
For our God has delivered his people. Give a shout to the ends of the earth!  
With our eyes we behold his great beauty. Like a flower, his loveliness grows,  
Ever blooming throughout all the ages. God has sent down to us Heaven's Rose!*

**Suite I. Restore Our Joy**

Choir:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
Comfort Ye My People  
Like a Flower

Children and Youth:

Luke 1:26-38	The Angel Gabriel comes to Mary
Matthew 1:18-25	The Angel Gabriel comes to Joseph
Luke 2:1-7	Joseph and Mary journey to Bethlehem

**Suite II. Christ is Born!**

Choir:

Il Est Ne, le Divine Enfant  
There Is A Rose Of Such Virtue

Congregation:

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Choir:

He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child

Congregation with choir:

**Through long ages of the past,  
prophets have foretold his coming;  
through long ages of the past,  
now the time has come at last!**

**He is born, the divine Christ Child.  
Play on the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the divine Christ Child;  
sing we all of the Savior's birth.  
Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us;  
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heavenly peace.**

Choir:

Pat-a-Pan

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

I Saw Three Ships

Children and Youth:

Luke 2:8-20

Shepherds Hear the Good News

**Suite III. Proclaim the Joy**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Women of congregation with choir:

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.**

The First Noel

All Congregation:

**The first Noel the angels did say was  
to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.**

Choir:

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Congregation:

**Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Congregation:

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King, the newborn King."**

Children and Youth

Matthew 2:1-12

Magi are led by the Star

#### **Suite IV. When Love Was Born**

There Is A Rose

Women of Congregation:

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

All Congregation:

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin, and enter in. Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.**

Prayer for all at the manger of the Christ and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Response No. 119    Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

This is the Savior of the World

GTG 545



**The Sanctuary flowers this day are giving to the glory of God**, by Carol and Larry Fisher, in honor of our 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on the 29th. And much love and joy to our children and their families!

### Special Thanks

#### **Musicians and Choir**

Robb Ross, Director  
Will Benton, Organist  
Park Lake Chancel Choir  
Kristin Hicks - Flute  
Jesus Lopez - Oboe  
Kattie Rudzik - Horn  
Ethan Triplett - Cello

#### **Worship Leaders**

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

**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:** Cindy Schmidt

### Nativity Readers and Players

Daetwyler Bertram  
Knox Bertram  
Murphy Bertram  
Shenley Bertram  
Campbell Bertram Connolly  
Jensen Bertram Connolly  
Piper Bertram Connolly  
Tatum Bertram Connolly  
Jeremiah Call  
Charlotte Chesser  
Eva Hampton  
Tucker Hampton

Claire Ingram  
Gwynnie Ingram  
James Ingram  
Arya Jones  
Mila Jones  
Ademide Malabu  
Aaron Sanchez  
Finley Trauger  
Grayson Trauger  
Ali Walker

### December Birthdays

24 Delaney Bookhardt  
26 Madison Cox  
27 Phyllis Dotherow  
27 Florence Baadu  
28 Ademide Malabu



## *2025 Poinsettia Dedications*

### *In Loving Memory of:*

Col. William T. Clark, who loved Christmas  
above all things.

Maynard Sikes

Andrew Shaw  
Shirley and Alfred Bowers

My husband Gary

Patt Devitt, Pastor Helen's mother

Jim Montgomery, Patt Devitt  
Don and Joye DeBevoise  
Andy DeBevoise

Our parents, Ed and Janet Fisher  
Harold and Mary Ruth Corbet

David W. Foley, Sr.  
and Lisa Foley

Mildred VonBehren, mother  
George Siolas, father

Emma McDonald  
Our grandparents

Brian Moloney

Betty L. Reynolds and Susan L. Reynolds

Loving parents,  
Shirley and Warren Sparks,  
Helen and Lou Goodman

### *Donor*

Sandy Bogner

The Bookhardt Family

John Bowers

Linda Castle

Pam Coburn

Helen and Dan DeBevoise

Carol and Larry Fisher

Warren Foley

Jean Kasotakis

Elizabeth and Justin Ingram

Laura and Shawn Moloney

Woody Reynolds

Sherry Riley

***Honor of:***

Our mothers, Ruth P. Rogers  
and Mary Bookhardt Sikes

Our children and grandchildren

Children's Sunday School Teachers  
Logos - Young Adult Sunday School Class  
Our 100 Year old church

The Advent Devotional Writers

***Donor:***

Carol and Mike Bookhardt

Carol and Larry Fisher

Elizabeth and Justin Ingram

Elsie Oberst

***Gifts in Lieu of Plants***

***In Loving Memory of:***

Our fathers, Arthur W. Heath and  
Jesse (Jack) Bookhardt (Music Fund)

Chet Burris, Jr. (Building Fund)  
Chet and Florence Burris  
Idamae LaVoie

Peg Myers (P.A.T.H)

Christoper Marc Chesser and Stephen Chesser  
Angela's mother, Dorris Grace Caton (Music Fund)

***Donor:***

Carol and Mike Bookhardt

Becky Burris

Judy and Stix Cook

Angela and Marc Chesser

***In Honor of:***

Marguerite Reid, Hazel Weitzel  
Sceney Jackson, Rosalind Yarbrough (Building Fund)

***Donor:***

Woody Reynolds

Larry Welker and  
daughter, Linda (Building Fund)

Liz Welker

***Special thanks to contributors to Poinsettia Sunday.***



**We are grateful for any year end donations you are able to make to Park Lake Presbyterian Church.** Many people also make special year end gifts as a part of their financial plans.



- ◆ Place in the offering plate, **on or before Sunday, December 28, 2025.**
- ◆ If mailing, **donations must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, 2025.**
- ◆ You may also give through **Wednesday, December 31, 2025** via “Online Giving” on our website, [plpc.org](http://plpc.org).
- ◆ If you wish to drop your donation off at the church office, **received in the church office by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.**



### Church Holiday Office Hours

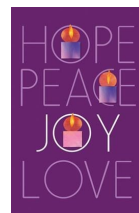
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 24** - 9:00 am—12noon
- ◆ **Thursday, December 25** - Church office closed
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 31** - 9:00 am—12noon
- ◆ **Thursday, January 1** - Church office closed

### Park Lake Child Care Center

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

### **WEEK OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

- ◆ **Sunday, December 21**  
5:00 pm Longest Night Prayer service (Sanctuary)
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**  
5:30 pm – Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)



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