

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801
407-841-6550



September 15, 2024

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Largo in G

G.F. Handel

Introit

Bless the Lord
Chancel Choir

Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship

We have been gathered in this place for this time,
**that we might hear the good news
we can't help but share.**

On this day and each one to come,
**may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts,
and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 19

God of Great and God of Small

Scripture

James 3:1-12

Pew Bible, NT pg. 216

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess to You, Living Word, that our own words fall short of Your desire for our lives. We are hasty with our speech and careless with the feelings of others. We have hurt Your children by what we say, and caused pain even for those we love with our words. Forgive us for recklessly speaking without stopping to measure out a spirit of love. Jesus's words give us pause to think about our own. O God of grace and mercy, forgive us of our sinful words and heal our spirits that we might build up and encourage Your children with our words.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved in Christ, hear the words of the Psalmist, "*Gracious is the Lord... Our God is merciful ... Return O my soul to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.*" Trust in Christ and believe the good news that in him we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn No. 693

Though I May Speak

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome New Members

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

Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible, NT pg. 41

Sermon

The Words of My Mouth and the Mediation of My Heart

Rev. Helen DeBevoise

**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;
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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir

arr. John Ferguson

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace
Chancel Choir

James Quinn

Postlude

Toccata Giocosa
Will Benton, organist

Gilbert Martin

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



The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Clay Sherrod, given by his wife Gayle Sherrod and daughter Carolyn Hudson.



NEW MEMBERS AT PARK LAKE

Faith Graves	Renee Riegler
Jess Lemons	Gayle Sherrod
Tanner Mewborn	Amanda Trauger
Julie Paset	Scott Trauger

Worship Leaders today are:

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

September Ushers: Justin Ingram, John Bowers, Vicky Nicoll, John Walker.

Deacon at the door: Evie Park

POST-WORSHIP PRAYER TIME

Come pray with us after worship, all are welcome! Meet in the East Transept from 11:45 am - 12:15 pm.



Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru July, 2024		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$279,463	Budget	\$26,497
Actual	\$268,997	Actual	\$40,357
Difference	\$ (10,466)	Difference	\$13,860
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru July, 2024			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$397,680	\$406,644	(8,964)
Actual	\$390,534	\$356,940	\$33,594

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

UPCOMING IN September



GAYSTRAIGHT@ PARK LAKE

Our next meeting will be **September 15** after worship at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. We hope to see you there! *For more information, please email John Jenkins at gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com.*



THE POTTER'S HAND: Combining Art and Faith, Wednesday, September 18 , 6:00 pm, (Struble Fellowship Hall)

We will be "Painting with a Purpose, Without a Plan"
Contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.



ORLANDO SINGS CONCERT AT PARK LAKE

LYYRA IN CONCERT | SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 | 5:00 PM

LYYRA (Voces8 Foundation) | ORLANDO SINGS HARMONIA |
Sandra Shafer, conductor. **Go to orlandosings.org/** for ticket purchase information and season performance schedule.



**CHRISTIAN
SERVICE CENTER**
40 years of faithful hands

**SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER , Tuesday, September 24,
10:45 am, See John Bowers or email jbowers4@cfl.rr.com for details.**



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, September 26, 10:00 am

Meet in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Our September book is "Have You Seen Luis Velez?" by Catherine Hyde. *For more information, email Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com.*

PCUSA PEACEMAKERS AT PARK LAKE



Friday, September 27, 6:00 pm
Struble Fellowship Hall
Guest Peacemaker,
Marielis Barreto-Hernandez,
Puerto Rico

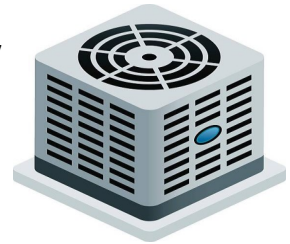
Sunday, September 29, 9:00 am.
Combined Adult Sunday School
Guest Peacemaker,
Peter Michael Egwudah, Nigeria



The Congregational Nominating Committee is beginning its work to put together a slate of names for Church Officers, Elders, for the class of 2027, and Deacons for the class of 2026. The Book of Order states, "congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit". You are invited and encouraged to submit names to the nominating committee. Submission form on back of bulletin. **Deadline to submit names September 22, 2024**

NEW AIR CONDITIONER OFFERING

We have to replace the air conditioner that serves the sanctuary building basement area, which includes all meeting rooms, classrooms, front office, hallways, and foyer entrance. The new air conditioner will cost \$45,148. The session has approved the replacement and authorized **a special offering to be held Sunday, September 15**, to help fund this non budgeted building expense. \$30,000 has already generously been given for this expense. **Please consider a special gift on September 15, to help cover the remaining costs.** Be sure to mark all contributions for "air conditioner fund".



2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONS

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS:

Experiencing Once Again the Mystery of Jesus' Birth

We expect children to hear the Christmas story in fresh ways, but there are a lot of adults for whom the incarnation is unknown. A lot of people don't know who Jesus is; don't know the story of Christmas as the Incarnation of God, the coming of the Savior, the birth of Jesus. I wonder if we might make space to ask the questions of Christmas, to make room for Wonder, for "not-knowing", for Mystery. We invite you to dig into wondering this Christmas. Perhaps there is something you always wanted to know about the stories of the incarnation. Perhaps you could learn the story of Jesus' birth from a new perspective or new eyes or in a new language or from a non-Christian. Park Lake members and friends are the writers for our yearly devotions. If you would like to submit a devotion, contact Helen DeBevoise helenparklake@gmail.com



Celebrations this Week!



Birthdays

16 Ellie Callahan

Anniversaries

18 Marian and Robert Saxton

20 Susan Frith and John Walker

GUEST SPEAKER, SEBBER BANDA

Holistic Evangelism in Tete Province

THE OUTREACH FOUNDATION

Wednesday, October 16



We are excited to welcome Sebber Banda of Tete Province, Mozambique, back to Park Lake Presbyterian in October.

Wednesday, October 16 at 10:00 am at Westminster Towers, 70 W

Lucerne Circle, Orlando: Sebber will attend the weekly chapel service and afterward share lunch. It's open to Westminster residents as well as others. **Please R.S.V.P. to Alice Schmidt at alicerschmidt@aol.com, by Wednesday, October 9.**

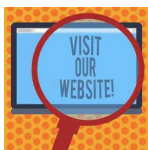
Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 pm in Struble Fellowship Hall: Please join us for a potluck dinner as Sebber catches us up on her work. We will provide the main course of fried chicken and ask that everyone bring a side dish or dessert. Also speaking will be long-time friend of Park Lake, Berry Long of the Outreach Foundation.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Go to theoutreachfoundation.org/partnerships for more information.

PARK LAKE CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

During Worship, following the time on the steps, children are invited to PRAYground located in the east transept. In PRAYground, children will be provided a lap desk, a children's bulletin, coloring and activity pages, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message. 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.



PLEASE 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!

Church Officer Nomination Form Elders and Deacons

You are encouraged to recommend individuals to the Congregational Nominating Committee for the office of Elder and Deacon. **List nominations for Elder and Deacon on the bottom of this form and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.**

Any communing member is eligible to serve an Elder or Deacon. Church officers should be people of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel both within the church and in the world.

Duties of Elders:

1. Strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation through regular attendance at worship.
2. Encourage the people in the worship and service of God.
3. Equip and renew the people for tasks within the church which fulfill the mission of the church.
4. Serve as representatives to the Presbytery and the General Assembly, if appointed.
5. Oversee the governance and life of the congregation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ELDERS: (PLEASE PRINT NAMES)

Duties of Deacons:

1. Visit, comfort, and care for the people, with special attention to the sick, lonely, poor and any who may be in distress.
2. Deacons shall assume other duties delegated to them by the session.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DEACONS (PLEASE PRINT NAMES)

Please place this form in the offering plate or return to the church office.