

**PARK LAKE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**October 27, 2024**

**Order of Worship**

**10:30 am**

Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation annually on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Stewardship Testimony

John Bowers

Time of Silence

Prelude

Festival of Praise

Phil Lehenbauer

Introit

Make Me a Servant  
Chancel Choir

Kelly Willard

Call to Worship (Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 46)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Amen.**

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.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;**

**God will help it when the morning dawns.**

"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**

Let us worship the living God!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

M. Luther

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Pew Bible, OT, pg. 690

## Call to Confession

In our worship, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith in God before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

Prayer of confession (a prayer by Martin Luther)

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

**I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You.**

**In You, I have sealed the treasure of all I have.**

**I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

**I am a sinner; You are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with You, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**

(silent moment for prayer)

Assurance of pardon (a prayer by John Calvin)

Let us never forget You, O Lord, nor Your goodness. Let the remembrance of Your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

**We hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Hymn No. 649          Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (verses 1-3)

\*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## 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 10:46-51

Pew Bible, NT pg. 44

Prayer for illumination (a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

*Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Sermon

A Wall, A Threshold and A Way Forward

Rev. Helen DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of faith (from The Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In Christ Alone  
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

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

Offering and Prayer of dedication (a prayer by Martin Luther)

*O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (adapted from prayers by John Knox)

# SENDING

\*Hymn No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Charge and Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26, as used in John Calvin’s Strasbourg Liturgy)  
*The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance, and give you peace. Amen.*

Choral Response

Grace, Love and Fellowship

Tom Fettke

Postlude

Fanfare  
 Will Benton, organist

William Mathias

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

**Worship Leaders today are:**

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

**October Ushers:** John Bowers, Andre Davis, Aaron Hull, John Hunter, Dan Johnson, Cindy Schmidt and Mark Sonderman.

Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru September 2024		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$359,310	Budget	\$34,068
Actual	\$321,898	Actual	\$50,961
Difference	(\$37,412)	Difference	\$16,893
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru September, 2024			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$511,305	\$521,901	(\$10,596)
Actual	\$488,392	\$488,593	(\$201)

**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



**The Sanctuary flowers on this day**, are given to the glory of God

In loving memory of Ben Nicoll, from Vicky and family.

and

By Robb Ross and Ryan Trapp in celebration of their 7th wedding anniversary, on October 28th.



#### **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.



### ***Calling All Creatures Great and Small*** **Park Lake's** **SECOND ANNUAL BLESSING** **OF THE PETS**

Sponsored by GayStraight@Park Lake

The Second Annual Blessing of the Pets will be held on Sunday, **October 27, at 3:00 pm** in Park Lake Park (next to our small parking lot). GayStraight@Park Lake is sponsoring this event for our congregation, friends, and neighbors. All pets are welcome; they must on a leash or in a carrier. Or, if your pet doesn't travel well, bring their photo for a blessing! Stuffed animal friends are welcome, too! There will be water bowls aplenty, and each pet will receive a personalized Certificate of Blessing. To extend God's love for pets who are awaiting their "forever" homes, please bring an offering of canned dog or cat food. These will be donated to Pet Alliance of Orlando's Pet Food Pantry after the event. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact John Jenkins at [Gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:Gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com) or Linda Simmons, [lwsdmin@gmail.com](mailto:lwsdmin@gmail.com).

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Please check your address in the online Church Directory to update  
your mailing address and contact information go to [Instant Church  
Directory](#), or contact Carol Bookhardt at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com).***

5 CENTS  
A-MEAL

DON'T  
FORGET TO  
GIVE!



### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING, SUNDAY, November 3

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. The first Sunday of each month, Park Lake asks the congregation to contribute 5 cents for each meal during the month on Communion Sundays.

**To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: [cfpresbytery.org](http://cfpresbytery.org).**



Is your  
**Church Pledge**  
up to date?

Dear Park Lakers,

We would like to bring your attention to where we stand so far this year on Pledged Income. Through 10/20/24 pledged income budgeted from 2024 pledges is \$389,253. Through (10/20/24) we have received \$349,258. This is \$39,995 ,(10.2 %) less than we budgeted year to date.

You recently received your third quarter pledge statement. If you are able to “catch up” please do so. If you will not be able to catch up please let Linda Castle, the Financial Manager know to adjust your 2024 pledge. If you have a question regarding your pledge or the church budget please contact Linda Castle, the Financial Manager at [lindaparklake@gmail.com](mailto:lindaparklake@gmail.com).

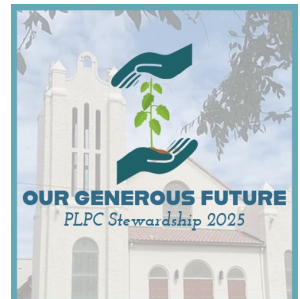
The Lord’s blessings be upon you all,  
*The Stewardship and Finance Committee*

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### Sunday, November 10 “OUR GENEROUS FUTURE”

#### STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

Stewardship Packets will be mailed out by the end of October. Please make plans to attend worship, **Sunday, November 10**, when you will have the opportunity to bring your pledge card forward during worship.



## Celebrations!

### Birthdays

- 27 James Ingram
- 28 Piper Bertram-Connolly
- 30 Eleanor Hummert
- 30 Elizabeth Abel
- 30 Dawn Neff

### Anniversaries

- 28 Robb Ross and Ryan Trapp - 7 years



### CENTRAL FLORIDA PLEDGE SPECIAL PRESENTATION

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thursday, November 14, 6:00 pm

Struble Fellowship Hall

Hosted by GayStraight@ Park Lake

*You are invited to the...*

**Park Lake Youth Fundraiser**

**Thanksgiving Lunch**

**Sunday, November 17**

**11:45 am, after worship**

**In Struble Fellowship Hall**

**All are welcome to come and enjoy  
fun, food and fellowship!**

***Donations will be accepted to help support the Park Lake Youth on their 2025 Church retreats and Mission Trips. We are very thankful for your support this year and in years past!***



## FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

Please bring non-perishable donations to the West transept entrance of the Sanctuary on Sundays before or after worship.

**We are no longer collecting donations on Tuesdays.**



(low stock items in **bold**)

### Hygiene items:

Soap

Deodorant

Disposable razors

Socks (especially women's)

Toilet paper

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Dental floss

Shampoo

Sanitary supplies

Women's Incontinence items

### Food items:

Food with pop tops

Rice

Canned corn

Crackers

Peanut butter

Jelly

Cereal

*\*please check expiration  
dates on food items  
before donating.*

*Please pick up a  
blessing bag or two  
to give to those in  
need in our  
community.*