

**PARK LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

December 15, 2024 **Order of Worship** 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements
Time of Silence

Prelude Kings of Orient Fred Bock

Choral Introit Advent Introit
Chancel Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Prayer
Elementary Sunday School Class

*Hymn No. 96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-29 Pew Bible, OT pg. 826

Call to Confession (Romans 13)

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,

for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,

for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh,

for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord we focus on difficulties and inconveniences in our lives and fail to see the moments of joy in each day. Forgive us, we pray.

We are captive to the news of hateful and destructive powers at work in the world and we fail to rejoice at the promise of your coming to redeem the

world. Forgive us, we pray. We grow weary and lose patience waiting on you.

Forgive us, we pray. (silent prayers of confession)



Declaration of Forgiveness

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:78). This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn Response No. 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

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. 115

Away in a Manger verses 1 & 3

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

**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

Luke 3:1-18

pew Bible NT, pg. 56

Sermon

Christmas Intruders

Rev. Dan 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;

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

In the Bleak Midwinter
Chancel Choir

arr. B John Bertalot

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Advent Introit
Chancel Choir

Postlude

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
Will Benton, organist

arr. Noel Goemanne

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



The Sanctuary flowers this day are giving to the glory of God,
 by Carol and Larry Fisher, in honor of our 51st wedding anniversary on the
 29th. And much love and joy to our children and their families!

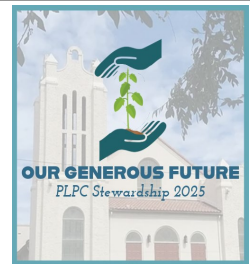
Worship Leaders today are:

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

December Ushers: John Bowers, Aaron Hull, John Hunter, Dan Johnson, Thomas Poore
 Cindy Schmidt, Mark Sonderman.

Deacon at the Door: Billie Jo Elliott

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wants to express its gratitude to the church members who have submitted pledges for 2025. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We also want to encourage those who have not yet pledged to do so as soon as possible. The church depends upon our pledges in order to plan financially for the year ahead, when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Park Lake's ministry and service to our local and global communities.



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 November 30, 2024		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$439,156	Budget	\$41,638
Actual	\$427,574	Actual	\$68,471
Difference	(\$11,582)	Difference	\$26,833
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru November 30, 2024			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$624,923	\$639,475	(\$14,552)
Actual	\$643,991	\$582,212	\$61,779

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

Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 15
5:15 pm
Pizza and Caroling



Meet for pizza dinner at 5:15 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 POTTER'S HAND: Stress and the Arts
Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm (Struble Fellowship Hall)

Too much to do? Don't have time to take a creative moment during the holiday season? Think again. We will explore the practice of recognizing and relieving stress through expressive art and transforming how stress affects us so that we can release it. You are always welcome. Please contact Helen DeBevoise at Helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.



THE LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER AND REFLECTION
Prayer and Readings Service
Saturday, December 21, 5:30 pm

For many people, the approaching Christmas holiday does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is advertised. We may be facing a holiday after the death of a loved one or after a relationship crumbles. We may be in the midst of devastating loss or the upheaval of life's transitions. Perhaps we simply feel pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations. For anyone who is grieving or who is in pain, **The Longest Night service** provides a sacred place for grieving and a word of hope.



Calling all angels, shepherds, Magi and sheep...

Our Park Lake Children and Youth will present the Annual Nativity Pageant (costumes are provided) during worship on **Sunday, December 22, 10:30 am.**



Nativity Pageant rehearsal will be on **Saturday, December 21, 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary. All children and youth, are invited to participate. No experience necessary. Please email **Helen DeBevoise helenparklake@gmail.com** if your children or youth are able to participate.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Angel Tree! Christmas stockings and Christmas books were delivered this week to Grace Medical Home for their pediatric patients, and a \$900 check was sent to Hope CommUnity Center to purchase bicycles and toys for the children they serve. Thank you for showing these children the love of Christ and blessing them this Christmas!

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

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



- If you would like to make an end of the year contribution, please place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, December 29, 2024.**
- Or mail to **Park Lake Presbyterian Church, 309 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, 32801 and postmarked by Tuesday, January 31, 2024.**
- Or in person, must be received in the church office between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 31, 2024.
- You may also donate through **Tuesday, January 31, 2024** via "Online Giving" on our website, plpc.org.



Holiday Office Hours

Open: Monday, December 23, 9am - 2pm
Tuesday December 24, 9am -12noon - Christmas Eve
Monday, December 30, 9am-2pm
Tuesday, December 31, 9am -12noon - New Years Eve
Thursday, January 2, 9am - 2pm

Closed: Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Thursday, December 26
Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Celebrating this Week!

Birthdays



15 Melahn Murphy
15 Linda Shrieves
16 Ron Hummert
17 Gayle Sherrod
17 Kyle Butler
19 Stacia Hujik

Advent

Schedule of Events

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
5:15 pm —Christmas Caroling/pizza

Wednesday, December 18

6:00 pm The Potter's Hand: Stress and the Arts

Saturday, December 21

9:30 am Nativity Pageant rehearsal, Children and Youth (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Longest Night Prayer service (Sanctuary)

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Poinsettia Sunday

Sunday, December 22

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Children's Nativity Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

9:00 pm—12noon - Church Office Hours
5:30 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Church Office and Child Care Center closed

