

**PARK LAKE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801  
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December 8, 2024      **Order of Worship**      10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Minute for Mission

Christmas Caroling

Prelude

Creator of the Stars at Night

David Cherwien

Choral Introit

Advent Introit

Chancel Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Prayer

Alison Walker, Sarah Walker, Megan DiSalvo

\*Hymn No. 82

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Pew Bible, OT pg. 838

Call to Confession

In Jesus Christ God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin. With humility and hope, let us confess our need for God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Renewing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we are often slow to respond. A whisper tells us to turn around, but we are stubborn in our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ. (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. 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet 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. 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 1:67 –79

pew Bible NT, pg. 54

Sermon

Finding Your God-given Voice

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;**

**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

Prepare Ye the Way

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

\*The Doxology No. 606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Advent Introit

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Postlude on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Will Benton, organist

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



**The Sanctuary flowers today**, are given to the glory of God,  
by Lauren Poore, in honor of her son Thomas Poore's 13th Birthday, on  
December 8 and in loving memory, of her husband, Craig Poore on his  
birthday, December 11.

and

by Paula Nowell, in loving memory of her son, Harold J. Cates.

**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:** Cheryl Woods

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.



Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru October 2024		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$399,233	Budget	\$37,853
Actual	382,046	Actual	\$61,722
Difference	(\$17,187)	Difference	\$23,869
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru October, 2024			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$568,114	\$580,938	(\$12,824)
Actual	\$550,820	\$546,994	\$3,826

**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

# Join Us for a Festive Afternoon of Building Your Own Gingerbread House



**Sunday, December 8, 2024, 11:45 a.m., Struble Fellowship Hall**

**Children and Adults of all ages**

**Lunch: \$5 per person / Gingerbread House: \$10 per kit**

**Please R.S.V.P.**

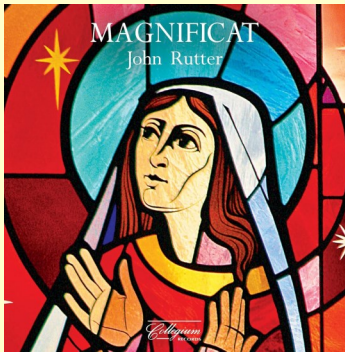
**to [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com) by December 4, 2024**

**Include: Name, Number of Adults/Children and Number of Gingerbread House kits  
(\$5 per person for lunch; \$10 per Gingerbread House kit)**

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## **ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL GO TO FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ORLANDO**

Family Promise of Greater Orlando helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community based response. Creating a future in Central Florida where all families have stable housing and no child experiences homelessness.



## **John Rutter's Magnificat**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**6:00 pm, Park Lake Sanctuary**

- Park Lake Chancel Choir
- Guest soloist, Elizabeth Ingram
- Robb Ross, Director
- Will Benton, organ/piano
- Chamber Orchestra

## **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](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com)** if your children or youth are able to participate.



This year, Park Lake is sponsoring Christmas gifts for children at two nonprofits, [Grace Medical Home](#) and [Hope CommUnity Center](#). Donations are being accepted to provide Christmas stockings and Christmas books to the pediatric patients at Grace Medical Home, one of Park Lake's mission partners. Grace reflects the heart of Christ by offering the highest level of health care to the low-income, uninsured in Orange County including immigrant families.

Donations are also being accepted to sponsor toys for the children served at the Hope CommUnity Center in Apopka. Hope is a service learning community dedicated to the empowerment of Central Florida's immigrant and working poor communities through education, advocacy, and spiritual growth. Please find the "Angel Tree" in the west transept and choose how you can help bless a child this Christmas.



### **GAY/STRAIGHT@ PARK LAKE GROUP** **CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

Our December meeting will be a **Christmas Gathering on Friday, December 13**, hosted by **Sandy and Jim Bogner. 5:30 pm.**

Please contact John Jenkins at [gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com) for more information.



**PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB**, meet at the home of Lynda Hinckley on **Friday, December 13, 11:00 am**, for a covered dish luncheon. We will be sharing titles of books for possible reading next year.

For more details, email Anne Gardepe, [annegard64@gmail.com](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:Helenparklake@gmail.com) to participate.



**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](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com) so we know how much pizza to order and if you need gluten free pizza.

**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.

**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.



**Celebrating this Week!**

**Birthdays**

- 8 Laura Moloney
- 8 Thomas Poore
- 9 Mike Bookhardt
- 12 Gwyneth Ingram
- 13 Doug Lawton

**Anniversaries**

- 08 Ann and Bill Wallace - 73 years
- 11 Maria and Robert Larr - 42 years

# Advent

## Schedule of Events



### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Sunday, December 1**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

#### **Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7**

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

#### **Sunday, December 8**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

11:45 am Esther Circle, Gingerbread House Event (Struble Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Rutter's Magnificat, presented by Park Lake Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

#### **Friday, December 13**

6:00 pm Youth Group—Friday Night Live

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

#### **Sunday, December 15**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

Time tba—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