

Worship and Work

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100th Anniversary Architectural Tour

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.

Refreshments following in Struble Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendar as we explore the origins and meanings of the architectural design of our Spanish Mission Style Sanctuary Building.

We will review the original floor plan, along with later additions that we see today.

A fun children's activity will be available, so they can follow along and enjoy the tour too.

R.S.V.P. online through the weekly Up2Date email or the Sunday Worship bulletin R.S.V.P. form, just fill out and drop it in the offering plate.

Come learn how God has blessed this campus!



Thank you to the Elders (3 year term) and Deacons (2 year term) who have completed their term of office. Park Lake has been blessed by their dedicated work and commitment to make this church a faithful witness to Christ!



SESSION (Class of 2024)

- ♦ Janie Black, Church Life and FAVO
- ♦ Nancy DiSalvo, Child Care Center, Chair
- ♦ John Rogers, Treasurer, Finance
- ♦ John Walker, Worship and Music

DEACONS (Class of 2024)

- ♦ Doug Lawton, Evie Park, Cheryl Woods.

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2025: Jim Bogner, Erin Cook, and Susan Gantt, Linda Shrieves.

Class of 2026: Mackenzie Bertram, Alice Fortunato, Aaron Hull, Vicky Nicoll.

Class of 2027: John Jenkins, Nancy Jones, Doug Lawton, Sue Thompson.

Clerk of Session: Linda Shrieves

Treasurer: John Rogers

DEACONS (Class of 2026)

John Hunter, Barbara Martin, Cindy Schmidt

DEACONS (Class of 2025)

Angela Chesser, Billie Jo Elliott, Anne Vercheski

100th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Architectural Tour (Sanctuary)

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Ice Cream Social & Games (Small Parking Lot)

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Fellowship Luncheon (Struble Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 30, 2025, after worship.

Mission in May 2025 (to be announced)

Fellowship Luncheon (Struble Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 7, 2025, after worship.

Art Show (Sanctuary)

October 2025

Celebration Dinner (to be announced)

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Celebration Worship Service and Reception

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 10:30 am

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Co-pastor's Corner

As we enter a new year, we are entering an anniversary year for Park Lake. 100 years! We've got a lot to celebrate and there's a committee of very creative people at work to help us to do just that. We've received our first anniversary gift in the form of a dedication hymn written by the Reverend John Dallas. John is a colleague and friend of Dan and myself, having served the Wekiva Presbyterian Church for 20 years. John has a previous published hymn, "Come Celebrate the Journey," and many other hymns to his credit.

Park Lake Presbyterian Church
turns 100 in October 2025!
A Century of Community in Christ!

John offered to write a hymn for Park Lake's 100th about two years ago. Last year, the 100th Year Anniversary Committee was brainstorming about themes and we submitted all our brainstorming ideas to John and he came up with these words. We're excited with what John came up with. The first verse honors Park Lake's founding and hopes and dreams; the second verse honors the people who were part of the beginning days of the church; the third verse is about 'here and now'; and the fourth verse dreams a new dream of tomorrow.

The text can be sung to the tune of Two Oaks, which can be found in our Glory to God hymnal #301. You'll be hearing and singing, and we hope loving this hymn throughout our anniversary year!

Helen DeBevoise, co-pastor

We Will Sing to God Our Songs of Praise

Park Lake Presbyterian Church

100th Anniversary Hymn

Suggested Tune: TWO OAKS

Found in Glory to God hymnal, hymn No. 301 "All Are Welcome"

We will sing to God our songs of praise, For all who came before,
And all who gather here this day, And all that is in store!
A church built on this corner, On the cornerstone of Christ,
God builds us up, as living stones:
God is faithful! God is faithful! God is faithful, evermore!

We will sing a song of long ago, When our dear church was new;
In love and faith they gathered here, And trusted what God would do.
With gifts of hope and honor, Their talents and their dreams,
Their lives are landmarks of commitment:
God is faithful! God is faithful! God is faithful, evermore!

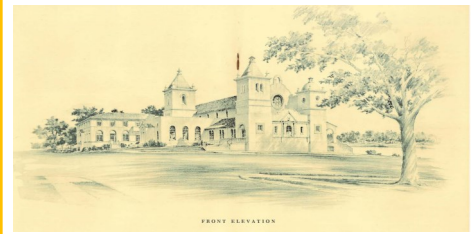
We will sing a song of here and now. The church we know today.
Let everyone rejoice and sing, And follow in Christ's way!
Like a tree that's firmly planted, And has grown to what we see,
Branching, reaching, serving, teaching:
God is faithful! God is faithful! God is faithful, evermore!

We will sing a song of what's to come, New wonders yet to be!
As God reveals the future's plans, The visions that we shall see.
Who may know where God will lead us? But of this we all are sure!
It is God's grace that leads us onward:
God is faithful! God is faithful! God is faithful, evermore!



*In Loving Memory of those
who have joined the Church Triumphant*

Beverly Moore Smith Puccio	9/5/1943	-	2/13/2024
Jerry Kern	6/7	-	2/23/2024
Dick Butler	5/1/1940	-	4/6/2024
Robert McKnight	9/2/1933	-	4/23/2024
Mary Louise Trescot	7/12/1932	-	6/22/2024
Bettye Highsmith Miller	2/7/1938	-	7/7/2024
Ron Radden	3/24/1947	-	7/9/2024
Nancy Pate	9/25/1952	-	7/13/2024
Chet Burriss	9/30/1941	-	7/16/2024
Lorraine Schneider	11/14/1930	-	8/4/2024
Kitty Osburn	7/7/1928	-	8/15/2024
Patricia Stalder	5/13/1928	-	8/22/2024
Dorothy Mitchell	3/14/1924	-	8/27/2024
Barbara Morris	12/10/1934	-	11/24/2024
Ann Meengs	8/20/1942	-	12/10/2024
Larry Welker	12/26/1935	-	12/25/2024



**“A Century of Community in Christ”
100th ANNIVERSARY**

Park Lake’s Original Church Organ

The original 1925 church organ was a 13 rank instrument, installed by the Pilcher Organ Company. Each rank had 61 pipes, so the organ system included 793 pipes made of metal and wood. In the 1970s, another 32 ranks (1952 pipes) were added. Later updates included purchasing a digital organ and connecting it to the pipe organ. Maintenance is ongoing.



Park Lake’s current Organ

CHILDREN’S NATIVITY PAGEANT

The children and youth read and acted out the Christmas drama with shepherds, sheep, angels and magi welcoming the Holy Family.

Thank you to the children and youth, parents, our co-pastors, Helen and Dan DeBevoise; Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist; Park Lake Chancel Choir for a wonderful telling of the Christmas Story.

Nativity Readers: Tatumn Bertram Connolly, Daetwyler Bertram, Shenley Bertram, James Ingram, Thomas Poore, Grayson Trauger and Megan DiSalvo.



Nativity Players: **Mary** - Finley Trauger, **Joseph** - James Ingram, **Gabriel** - Piper Bertram Connolly, **Angelic Host** - Eva Hampton, Claire Ingram, Gwyneth Ingram, Mila Jones, Arya Jones, Sydney Patterson, **Shepherds** - Tucker Hampton, Jeremiah Call, Murphy Bertram, **Magi** - Knox Bertram, Jensen Bertram Connolly, Grayson Trauger, **Star** - Campbell Bertram Connolly.



If you would like to help with any of the Events celebrating Park Lake’s centennial, please contact co-chairs, Erin Cook at erincook987@gmail.com or Susan Gantt, sgantt2@cfl.rr.com.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ESTHER CIRCLE GINGERBREAD



Presbyterian Women's Esther Circle hosted it's Annual Gingerbread House Build Fundraiser. All proceeds this year benefited [Family Promise of Greater Orlando](http://www.fporlandofl.org/) who helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community-based response. Over \$1,000 was raised. Thank you for supporting this wonderful, fun event and this amazing organization!



Go to: www.fporlandofl.org/ to learn more about Family Promise of Greater Orlando.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday, December 15, after a pizza dinner in Struble Fellowship Hall, a group of PLPC members and friends went caroling to four Park Lake families. Thank you to our carolers who sang joyfully and to Erin Cook, Meredith Hampton, Anne Vercheski our pastors, Dan and Helen DeBevoise for organizing carolers, ordering pizza, printing song books, arranging our caroling schedule of families to sing to.



WASHINGTON SHORES FOOD PANTRY

Through the generosity of our Park Lake members and friends, we delivered one and sometimes two carloads of food and hygiene items every other Tuesday without fail in 2024. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we were able to provide money for a total of 60 canned hams to singles, couples, and families who otherwise would not have had one for those holidays. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and faithfulness. We will do it again in 2025.



SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, church members and friends helped serve lunch at Daily Bread, a ministry of the Christian Service Center. We will do that again in 2025. If you haven't had a chance to help, please do. It takes such a small amount of time. Thank you to everyone for your service.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." (Matthew 25:35)



**2025 ZEBRA YOUTH
GIFT CARD COLLECTION**



The **Gay Straight@Park Lake** group will be collecting gift cards and monetary contributions for **Zebra Youth** (formerly known as Zebra Coalition) as a “gift of love” this Valentine’s Day . Zebra Youth is a network that provides services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and all youth (LGBTQ+) ages 13 – 24. Zebra Youth assists young people facing homelessness, bullying, isolation from their families, and physical, sexual, and drug abuse, with individualized programs to guide them to recovery and stability.

Please consider helping our youth in the Orlando area by giving a gift of love. Needed are gift cards of \$5 and \$10 for economical meals (McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Subway, etc.) or somewhat larger amounts (\$20, \$25-\$50) for clothing, school supplies, and other goods (Walgreens, CVS, Target, Walmart, etc.). We can also convert your monetary gifts into gift cards. Please give or send your gift cards or cash to any member of Gay Straight@Park Lake between **Sunday, January 5 and Sunday, February 9**. Monetary contributions can also be made by mailing your check to the church office at Park Lake Presbyterian Church, 309 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL 32801. Please make checks payable to **Zebra Youth**. To learn more about the Zebra Coalition visit: <https://www.zebrayouth.org> Thank you for your continued support. Any questions please contact John Jenkins at gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com.

5 CENTS A MEAL: Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)

Thank you to all who contributed to the 5 Cents a Meal collection in 2024.



P.A.T.H. supports these partners:

- The Society of St. Andrew Gleaning Network (www.endhunger.org)
- The Second Harvest Food Bank (feedhopenow.org)
- A.I.R. Guatemala (www.airguatemala.org)

Madagascar Fruit, Vegetable, Environmental Education (FVEE)/[Dan and Elizabeth Turk](#) (PCUSA Mission Workers)

Go to www.cfpresbytery.org/path.html for more information.

PARK LAKE STOCK DONATIONS

If you are interested in donating stock to PLPC, please contact Linda Castle, Park Lake’s Finance Administrator in the church office at lindaparklake@gmail.com or 407-841-6550 to obtain the form that will assist you in this process.



IRA/Stock
Make a gift via IRA
distribution or stock

FINANCIAL GIVING DIRECTLY FROM YOUR IRA

If you are 70½ or older you can donate up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA. Call your IRA provider and request a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) check payable to Park Lake Presbyterian Church. Have the check mailed to you to put in the offering plate or mailed to the church at 309 East Colonial Drive Orlando, Florida, 32801, attention Financial Administrator.

The QCD is not deductible; however, it is excluded from taxable income, which reduces your adjusted gross income (AGI). AGI affects Social Security benefits and Medicare premiums. You do not have to itemize to make a QCD donation. If you are 72 or older, the charitable distribution can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution.

Upcoming Events



First Fridays and First Saturdays ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)



Friday, January 3 and
Saturday, January 4
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

and

Friday, February 7 and
Saturday, February 8
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Come stroll through the artist studios, kids art activity table, listen to live music and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends.

The **GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE** group invites their friends and allies to our monthly luncheon at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. This event is a ten-minute drive from the church. The next two meetings will be **Sundays, January 19 and February 16, 2025, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**. 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

Look for upcoming Potter's Hand gathering details to be announced in the Sunday worship bulletins and Park Lake Up2date weekly emails for January and February. Contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

10:00 am

Koinonia Sunday School room, downstairs in the Sanctuary Building

- ◆ **Thursday, January 23, 2025** selection is Big Trouble, by Dave Berry.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 27, 2025** book is to be determined. Check upcoming bulletin announcements and the Park Lake Up2date weekly email for more details.

For more information, email Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com.



TACKLE HUNGER

*Thank you for supporting our community
and local charities!*



Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday February 9, 2025

As an annual mission project in 2025, the Park Lake Youth will be collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations in the month of February. Look for details in upcoming church bulletin announcements and the weekly Park LakeUp2date emails.

- Non-perishable Food items will be donated to **Washington Shores Food Pantry**.
- Monetary donations will be used to purchase items for the **Blessing Bag Ministry**.



january

01 Julian Baadu
03 Sarah and Brent Trauger
08 Thomas Poulton
11 Esther Gaboriault
12 Jackson Beaty
12 Celeste Garcia
13 Salar Mokari
13 Finley Trauger
14 Larry Fisher
14 Dominic Boitano
15 John DiSalvo
17 RC Delany
18 Leesa Bainbridge
18 Elizabeth Ingram
20 Arya Jones
20 Amanda and Scott Trauger
22 Mary Carls
22 Raymond Burris
23 Mackenzie Bertram
23 Campbell Bertram Connolly
24 Beverly Reynolds
26 Dana Schmidt
26 Charles Gabrielson
26 Michael Foley
28 Will Benton
30 Susan Henry

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PARK LAKE



- ◆ **Dorcas: Monday, January 6**
1:30 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative
Anne Gardepe, annegard64@gmail.com
Bible Moderator
Sandy Bogner, sandybogner@cfl.rr.com
- ◆ **Sarah: Monday, January 6**
2:00 pm, Westminster Towers, Town Hall
Circle Representative & Bible Moderator
Marian Price, marian@tompricearchitects.com
- ◆ **Joanna: Monday, January 6**
7:00 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative
Sherry Riley, sheray27@gmail.com
Bible Moderator
Helen DeBevoise, helenparklake@gmail.com
- ◆ **Esther: Tuesday, January 7**
7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall
Circle Representative
Erin Cook, erincook987@gmail.com
Bible Moderator
Anne Vercheski, avercheski@cfl.rr.com

FEBRUARY

01 Glenda Jo LeFever
01 Sierra Vickers
01 Jensen Bertram Connolly
02 Alice and Dana Schmidt
02 Nancy Jones
02 Casey Cox
02 Sarah Walker
03 Sarah Huff
04 Frank Kaney
08 Elaine Szymankiewicz
13 Kwame Aniapam, Jr.
16 Knox Bertam
18 Gayle Schmidt
19 Sara Abel
22 Eric Simmons
26 Karen Cox
26 Will DiSalvo
28 Bill Warlick
28 David Gaboriault
29 Vic Evans

Save the Date

Presbyterian Women of Central Florida Presbytery

Our Love for God's Creation



Annual Gathering ~ February 1, 2025
El Redentor Presbyterian Church
Oviedo, Florida



8:45 - 9:15	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30 - 10:30	Annual Meeting and Worship Service
10:45 - 11:45	Workshops
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Workshops

Registration - \$20.00 includes light breakfast and lunch

El Redentor Presbyterian is located at 6971 Red Bug Lake Road in Oviedo

For more information contact Julie Hill at julie2025pw@gmail.com

More details coming soon!

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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025



Visit Park Lake's Little Free Library, take a book and leave a book!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN 2025

At Park Lake, we encourage you to give generously and directly to social service agencies that we support.

Go to the websites of these Park Lake's ministry partners to find out how to help.

- ◆ **The Christian Service Center**
christianservicecenter.org
- ◆ **Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida**
centralfloridahomeless.org
- ◆ **Grace Medical Home**
gracemedicalhome.org
- ◆ **Society of St. Andrew**
endhunger.org
- ◆ **United Against Poverty**
unitedagainstpoverity.org
- ◆ **Zebra Youth**
www.zebrayouth.org

