

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 26, 2026

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

Choral Introit

He Arose Triumphantly

Call to Worship

We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us,
and so we find peace and give thanks.

The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.

Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy,
we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,
and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 187 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

pew Bible, NT pg. 97

Call to Confession

Christ is the good shepherd, who leads us to safety and peace
no matter what we have done. Christ's voice calls us to repent and return;
Listen! Let's go to God in prayer.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of community, you call us to a world radically different
from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours."
You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved,
and faithfulness is shown through generosity.**

**But we cling to our ways and our things, trusting them more than we trust you.
Forgive us, merciful God. Your way is life giving. Help us to truly believe in your
just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness (from 1 Peter 2:19-25)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that,
free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

**For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have
returned to the Shepherd and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!**

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn of Response No. 282 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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. After the sermon, the Children will return to sit with their families.

Hymn No. 188

Jesus Loves Me

**v.1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
(refrain) Yes Jesus loves me!....**

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

pew Bible NT, pg. 97

Sermon

Tending Jesus's Sheep
Rev. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 23 (RSV)

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He makes me to lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside the still waters;
He restores my soul.
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Mack Wilberg

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 741

Guide My Feet

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Postlude

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Jason Payne

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

The flowers this day are given to the glory of God, for the many opportunities Park Lake Presbyterian Church offers to grow in faith and to the dedicated Park Lakers who make it all happen. Given in gratitude, by Sherry Riley.



Worship Leaders today are Rev. Drs. Helen DeBevoise and Dan DeBevoise

Music: Robb Ross, director; Will Benton, organist/pianist

Audio/Visual: Matt Cook, John Bowers, Mike Bookhardt

Ushers: John Rachey, Casey Cox, Andre Davis, Aaron Hull, John Hunter, John Jenkins, Scott Peterson, Cindy Schmidt, Mark Sonderman.

Deacon at the Door: John Hunter

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.



Celebrations!

Birthdays

- 27 John Rogers
- 27 Matthew Denniston
- 28 Matilda Peasah
- 29 Wilifred Peasah



5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING, Sunday, May 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 members to contribute 5 cents for each meal during the month on Communion Sundays. This is a reminder that as we have been fed at the Lord's table we are called to feed others. **To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: cfpresbytery.org**

5 CENTS
A-MEAL
DON'T FORGET TO GIVE



Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru March 31, 2026		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$123,705	Budget	\$20,375
Actual	\$141,219	Actual	\$13,574
Difference	\$17,514	Difference	(\$6,791)
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru March 31, 2026			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$182,404	\$189,898	(\$7,494)
Actual	\$194,056	\$168,796	\$25,260

Church Staff

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Co-pastors | Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise |
| | Rev. Dr. Dan DeBevoise |
| Choir Director | Robb Ross |
| Organist, Director FAVO | Will Benton |
| Child Care Center Director | Karen Abell |
| Financial Administrator | Linda Castle |
| Church Secretary | Carol Bookhardt |
| Maintenance | Keith Bridges |
| Librarian | Alice Schmidt |
| Nursery Staff | Barbara Boyce |

Church Missionaries

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| Madagascar | Dan and Elizabeth Turk |
| Mozambique | Sebber Banda |
| | Rev. Carlos Faquione |



SAVE THE DATE!

2026 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Birthday Offering

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may *abound in hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit."
—Romans 15:13*



Learn more about the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women by visiting presbyterianwomen.org/birthday

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PW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON and BIRTHDAY OFFERING SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
after worship
(Struble Fellowship Hall)
Entrée and cake provided,
please bring a side dish to share.

Imagine a world without hunger. For half a century, **Bread for the World**, a bipartisan Christian advocacy group, has been working to make this a reality. Each year thousands of people of faith reach out to their lawmakers through letters, emails and calls, urging them to pass crucial legislation that funds domestic and international nutrition programs. Park Lake's own **Offering of Letters** will take place from **May 10 to 17**. Stay tuned for information on how we can use our voices together to end hunger. In the meantime, contact Susan Frith, John Walker, or Nancy Warlick with any questions, or visit bread.org.



GayStraight@ParkLake lunch gathering will not be meeting in **May** so that we are able to participate in the PW Birthday Luncheon and offering on Sunday, May 17th.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT [GayStraight@Park Lake](mailto:GayStraight@ParkLake)

Please join us next month in June as an ally or LGBTQ+ person, We meet at Panera Bread at Orlando Fashion Mall. Come break bread with us and learn more about supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake and the LGBTQ+ community as an ally or LGBTQ+ orientation. To learn more about supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake and the LGBTQ+ community as an ally or LGBTQ+ orientation contact John Jenkins or use the QR code to view our page on the plpc.org website.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER: Matching Gift Challenge

Donations made to the Christian Service Center for the Homeless **through June 1** will be matched, doubling your generous contributions.

The Christian Service Center, a mission partner of Park Lake Presbyterian, serves individuals experiencing homelessness in Central Florida, providing meals, laundry and shower services, medical care and so much more. You can make your donation at ChristianServiceCenter.org.



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



2026 PERU MISSION TRIP : JUNE 7 - 16, 2026

Thank you all so much for your generous donations for the upcoming Peru

Mission trip! As a result, we have enough pens, pencils and glue. Below are items still needed, including items from the missionaries' wish list:

- Pencil sharpeners
- Fiskars Scissors (both right and left handed)
- Colorful beads and bead string
- Toothpaste & floss
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Deodorant (boys & girls or generic)
- Bars of soap & soap containers
- Nail clippers
- Feminine pads

There are still a few spots left if you want to join us on the mission trip. Contact Barbara Sayles for an info packet.

Thank you in advance, Barbara Sayles,
Hunger Action Advocate, Central Florida

FAVO ARTISTS AT CITY HALL

**Faith Arts Village Orlando (FAVO):
Motel Studios,
The Acclaimed Exhibition
Friday, April 10—Sunday, June 7**
Terrace Gallery, at Orlando City Hall
400 S. Orange Ave., Orlando

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come and see the FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando) Artists

City of Orlando announces the opening of Faith Arts Village Orlando (FAVO): The Acclaimed Exhibition at the City of Orlando's Terrace Gallery on Friday, showcasing the vibrant work of FAVO's resident and participating local artists. The exhibition will be on view through June 7, 2026.

Go to faithartsvillage.com to learn more about our amazing artists and FAVO First Fridays and First Saturday Art Stroll.



Park Lake's Vacation Bible School

**Monday, July 13 through
Friday, July 17, 2026**

**9:00 am - 12noon
(Park Lake Education Building)
Ages PreK- 4
through 5th grade**

**Music Games Bible Stories
Science
Snacks Crafts**

**Registration opening soon
online at plpc.org**

VBS Decorating Prep
(Struble Fellowship Hall)
**Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27
and June 3, 10, 17**
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
(Bring a bag dinner)



All are welcome for fun, fellowship and creativity as we start our VBS decorating prep. No experience necessary, we will be cutting and coloring decorations for VBS. Please contact Anne Vercheski to R.S.V.P.

**ATTENTION ALL VBS ADULT AND YOUTH
VOLUNTEERS!**

VBS Volunteer Kick-off Luncheon
Sunday, May 31
(after worship)
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Please come to share a meal with the VBS team and learn about the VBS theme **"Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God"**.

**Does your Middle
school or High
school Youth need
Volunteer hours
for school?**



Youth Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible school! Youth who are rising 6th graders - 12th grade are welcome. Go to plpc.org to find the youth volunteer form to print, fill out the form and return to the church office.

**DONATION REQUEST FOR VBS
DECORATING**

Our VBS theme this year is *Snowball Mountain Challenge - Find Your Strength in God!* We know we live in Florida, but we are looking for snow skis, ski poles, ski boots, snowboards, inner tubes, snowshoes, etc. to use for decorations. If you have such things that we could borrow, that would be terrific! Please Contact Anne Vercheski. Thank you for your consideration!

