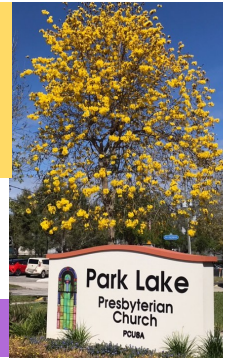


# Worship and Work

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## Holy Week at Park Lake

**\*Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday**, 10:30 am worship  
(Sanctuary) *All children and youth, infants through high school ages are invited to participate in the palm processional, laying palms at the cross.*

**Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday**, 7:00 pm,  
Communion and Worship service (Sanctuary)

**Friday, April 3 - Good Friday, Community Worship Service**  
12noon, hosted at College Park Presbyterian. Communities from College Park, Grace Covenant, Washington Shores, Park Lake, Westminster Towers, and Westminster Plaza will be participating. Lunch follows.

**Saturday, April 4 - Annual Park Lake Children's Egg Hunt**  
9:45 am-11am (Struble Fellowship Hall / patio)

### **Sunday, April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service  
(outside Struble Fellowship Hall on the patio)  
8:00 am - Youth Pancake breakfast fundraiser  
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Menu: pancakes & syrup, sausage, bacon and fruit. Park Lake youth, parents, youth leaders will be serving.

9:00 am - Sunday school, all ages (Education Building)  
10:00 am - Coffee Fellowship  
\*10:30 am - Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)

\*Child Care provided during regular 10:30 am worship  
(Infant-toddlers)

## “PRESBYTERIANS READ THE BIBLE”

**Discussion and Lunch**  
**Sunday, April 12 and 19**  
**Rev. Dr. Paige McRight,**  
**discussion leader**

Lunch provided  
(After worship, Struble Fellowship Hall)



Presbyterians read the Bible in many ways, for spiritual enrichment, learning and guidance in making decisions. When we make decisions together we read like some Christians have since the Reformation.

Come look at the questions Presbyterians use to understand and apply Scripture to important choices we make – and have lunch **Sunday, April 12 and 19** after worship in Struble Fellowship Hall.

Please R.S.V.P., contact Paige McRight at [pmcright@cfl.rr.com](mailto:pmcright@cfl.rr.com).

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I don't remember a cold snap as severe as the one we had this winter, which has left so many of the plants and shrubs in our yards brown and lifeless. Birds of paradise, bananas plants, philodendrons, elephant ears, and crotons, have turned brown, and now hang straight down like battered scarecrows in a wilted cornfield. I've seen large clusia hedges that look like old brown woolen mittens around newly landscaped homes. Just in time to adorn the Open House/For Sale signs.

Many of the palms have taken a hit too. Especially the willowy majesty palms, which are good palms to clip for the children to wave on Palm Sunday. This made for an interesting emergency late Saturday before Palm Sunday, when the pastors were driving around, trespassing church members yards, looking for green palm fronds, without too many thorns, that could be clipped for Sunday's Hosana processional.

This could be the year when resurrection ferns are actually waiting for the resurrection to transform from moldy brown back to their fuzzy green leaves. Biologos shared an interesting devotion reflecting on how the resurrection fern, even though curled up like the wicked witches black shoes and socks, after years of draught, can come back to life with a little water. Choices about where we are planted, support from surrounding friends, and resilience can prepare us to be spiritually renewed by the promise of Christ's resurrection. [https://biologos.org/articles/a-lenten-reflection-drought-water-and-the-resurrection-fern?mc\\_cid=0cbb44d4db&mc\\_eid=4358279208](https://biologos.org/articles/a-lenten-reflection-drought-water-and-the-resurrection-fern?mc_cid=0cbb44d4db&mc_eid=4358279208)

It seems to me a gentle grace that Easter coincides with the arrival of Spring. (At least for those in the northern hemisphere.) The green shoots popping out of dead bark, signs of new growth and life, have their way of prying open the dry hard places in our own lives to God's promise to bring forth life. No matter how many times we have heard it before, the Easter story always hinges on a surprise. When we face the end of what is possible in our eyes, God can and does something new. When the world looks brown and lifeless, God is always creating new life.

Easter is the time and place where we are rooted in God's promise to bring us to new life and to bring new life into our lives through our confidence in God's promise. We can live confidently in the Easter proclamation, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. As Jesus promised, "Because I live, you also will live". (John 14:19) "Stay rooted in me as I am rooted in you. Those who are rooted in me and I in them will bear much fruit." (John 15:6)

May your Easter roots be deep!

Dan DeBevoise

Co-pastor





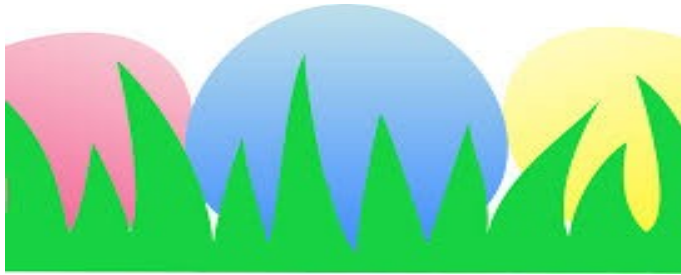
### Children's Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 2026  
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Struble Fellowship Hall &  
Outside patio/playgrounds

Fun for Families!  
Crafts, Easter story, games, egg hunt  
Infants - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

*Remember to bring your Easter basket!*



### You are Invited to the EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5, 2026  
(immediately following the Sunrise Service)

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Struble Fellowship Hall / Education Building

*This is a fundraiser for summer the Montreat Youth  
Conference and mission trip to Camp Cedarkirk.*

All are welcome!  
Park Lake youth, parents, youth leaders will be  
serving pancakes & syrup, sausage, bacon and fruit.



### PARK LAKE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM

Park Lake Presbyterian Church has a lovely memorial garden on the east side of our campus next to the lake. In it are niches to hold ashes of those who have chosen this church as their final resting place. The garden also offers a Memory Wall with the names of loved ones whose bodies have been placed elsewhere.

The design creates an area providing a holy place, a restful garden of remembrance, enhanced by a beautiful view of the lake.

For more information, please contact the church office, our pastors at 407/841-6550 or Helen DeBevoise at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com).



### Gifts Given in Memory of

*Cleamon Downs*

By  
*Chris Stalder*  
(Music Fund)

*Christina Price*

*Kent*  
By  
*Anne and John*  
*Gardepe*  
and  
*Liz Welker*

*Dr. Gayle Schmidt*

By  
*Anne and John*  
*Gardepe*  
(Memorial Fund)

*Marilyn Simmons*

By  
*Anne Vercheski*  
and  
*Dan Johnson*



**LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS**

Susan Frith, Mission Committee



*He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. - Deut. 10: 18-19*

Two Park Lake events in March highlighted recent hardships faced by immigrants in Central Florida and some ways that people are answering the call to be good neighbors.

At a **Lunch and Learn** on March 15, two of our Presbyterian siblings, Ruth and Dil, highlighted the immigration ministry of **Iglesia Presbiteriana El Redentor** in Oviedo. They said heightened enforcement operations have hurt school and church attendance, and church giving has dropped significantly. Even people with documentation are afraid to report to work in many cases, making donations critical for the church's food pantry and assistance programs. A high-school senior and young-adult nursing student from El Redentor also spoke movingly about the pain of family separation, sharing stories of their mother's deportation after living in the U.S. for more than two decades.

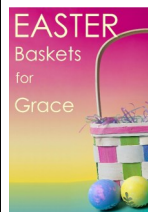
Ruth emphasized that most immigrants are law-abiding, often forced by circumstance to leave behind homes and livelihoods and journey here at great risk. Among the hurdles that follow: paying costly legal fees, \$5,000 or more for representation at a single hearing.

At **Potter's Hand** on March 22, Park Lakers painted more than one hundred colorful clay butterflies as symbols of hope and encouragement for those going into immigration appointments. Jill Heroux from the **Faith Leaders Network of Immigrants Are Welcome Here** led the event. She explained how volunteers set up a hospitality tent outside the local immigration office, offering refreshments, prayers, and butterflies, which are small enough to fit in one's pocket or hand. Tiny reminders that people are not alone.



As Ruth from El Redentor states, such acts of kindness have a Biblical context: "When [Jesus] says, 'I was a stranger and you invited me in,' he teaches that welcoming outsiders is like welcoming him. The stranger is not just someone who needs help, the stranger can help us experience God's presence."

**To donate, get involved, or learn more** about the PLPC Mission Committee's Immigration Ministry Sub-Committee, email/text Cindy Schmidt at [cynthiaschmidtesg@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaschmidtesg@gmail.com)/or Anne Vercheski at [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com).



**THANK YOU EASTER BASKET TO GRACE MEDICAL HOME CHILDREN**

Park Lake sponsored 20 Easter Baskets for the pediatric patients at [Grace Medical Home](#), one of Park Lake's mission partners. The baskets contained shampoo, sunscreen, and other needed items, as well as candy, small toys and books on the story of Easter.



Thank you for donations for Easter baskets for Grace Medical Home children.



## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### 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 [bsayles@cfpresbytery.org](mailto:bsayles@cfpresbytery.org) for an info packet.

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

### SAVE THE DATE!



**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

Check for upcoming registration information  
online at [plpc.org](http://plpc.org).

### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING Sunday, April 5



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.

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

One day = 15 cents  
One week = \$1.05  
One month = \$4.20

### 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.

*Please check expiration dates on food items before donating.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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



*Come stroll through the artist studios, listen to live music and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends.*

### THE POTTER'S HAND Combining Art and Faith



Look for upcoming workshops in the bulletin announcements and Park Lake Up2date weekly emails. Contact Helen DeBevoise at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com) to participate.



**APRIL**

#### Anniversaries

02 Kaley & Clay Shropshire

#### Birthday

- 01 Eva Hampton
- 04 Lynne Long
- 04 Sandra Burris
- 07 Chandler Schramm
- 08 Virginia Porter
- 08 Angela Chesser
- 11 Julia Downs
- 11 Casey Cox
- 11 Howard Jaffe
- 12 Rosalyn Russell
- 13 Nathan Krasno
- 14 Woody Reynolds
- 17 Alice Fortunato
- 17 Hunter Branstetter
- 19 Kelsey Francis
- 21 Barbara Sayles
- 22 Anne Vercheski
- 23 Lisa Loucks
- 24 Jonathan Aniapam
- 27 John Rogers
- 27 Matthew Denniston
- 28 Matilda Peasah
- 29 Wilifred Peasah

**The GayStraight@ParkLake Group** will not be meeting in April after worship for our regular third Sunday meeting so that we may host the "Presbyterians and the Bible" gathering. Sundays of **April 12 and 19**. Paige McRight will lead the discussion. Lunch is provided. To R.S.V.P. please contact Paige McRight at [pmcright@cfl.rr.com](mailto:pmcright@cfl.rr.com) or fill out the R.S.V.P. form in the Sunday worship bulletin and place in the offering plate on Sunday.



FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT  
GayStraight@Park Lake

To learn more about supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake and the LGBTQ+ community as an ally or LGBTQ+ orientation contact John Jenks, [gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com) or use the QR code to view our page on the [plpc.org](http://plpc.org) website.

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, April 23

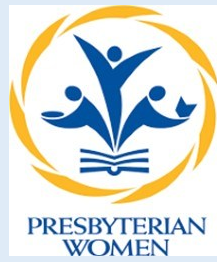
10:00 am

Downstairs Koinonia Room, Sanctuary Building.



Our April book is "Daughters of the Bamboo Grove", by Barbara Demick. For more information, email Sherry Riley, [sherry27@gmail.com](mailto:sherry27@gmail.com).

**PW Circle Members** and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.



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

2026 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
*Birthday Offering*

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

"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](http://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**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.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN 2026**

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](http://christianservicecenter.org)
-  **Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida**  
[centralfloridahomeless.org](http://centralfloridahomeless.org)
-  **Grace Medical Home**  
[gracemedicalhome.org](http://gracemedicalhome.org)

-  **Society of St. Andrew**  
 GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS  
 FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY  
[EndHunger.org](http://EndHunger.org)
- Society of St. Andrew**  
[endhunger.org](http://endhunger.org)
-  **United Against Poverty**  
[unitedagainstopoverty.org](http://unitedagainstopoverty.org)
-  **Zebra Youth**  
[www.zebrayouth.org](http://www.zebrayouth.org)

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**2026**



**COME WORSHIP WITH US!  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**9:00 AM—10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**From Infants - Adults  
(Education building)**

**10:00 AM—10:30 AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**(Struble Fellowship Hall)**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**(Sanctuary)**



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

Located at the Education building entrance off of Highland.