

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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plpc.org



May 17, 2026

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

It is Well with My Soul

Eleanor Whitsett

Choral Introit

Surely the Presence

Lanny Wolfe

Call to Worship (Psalm 68)

Let the righteous be joyful!

Sing to God; sing praises to God's name;

lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11

pew Bible, NT pg. 105

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Christ our Savior, as You ascended, You left the work to us.

You called us to keep the movement going,

to witness to the ends of the earth,

to pray, to heal, to glorify You through our thoughts, words, and deeds,

to show the world a glimpse of the goodness You have given us.

We have too often despaired that the way is hard, the work is harder, that we do

not know the way. Forgive us when we have hidden ourselves in fear, when we

have sought our own comfort, when we have confused what the world wants with

what You want. Call us once again, giving us strength so that we may be signs of

Your coming reign.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus prayed to God on our behalf, "Protect them in Your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

This tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is—
the One who hears our prayers,
responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn of Response No. 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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

Go With Them Lord

Tune Tallis Canon

**Go with them Lord, and guide their way,
Through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
their lives may be a gift to you.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

pew Bible, NT pg. 110

Sermon

Moving the Tassel

Rev. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

pg. 17, Glory to God, Hymnal

**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

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart

Denny Cagle

Postlude

The Trumpets of Heaven
Will Benton, organist

David Paxton

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

The Sanctuary flowers this day are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of my parents, Bernice and Welch Bremer and my brother Karl. Given by Teresa Eddy.



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: Dewayne Bevil, Aaron Hull, John Jenkins, Jim McEwan, John Rachey, Mark Sonderman.
Deacon at the Door: Barbara Martin



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.



Please support the Birthday Offering so that organizations like the ones selected for 2026 will continue to celebrate in God's abounding hope and power in the world.

2026 PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING RECIPIENTS

City Mission of Findlay
 Women and Children's Crisis Shelter
 Findlay, Ohio
findlaymission.org

Haywood Christian Ministry
 Rural Food Assistance Project
 Waynesville, North Carolina
hcmnc.org

4Pledged 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	
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	
Madagascar	Dan and Elizabeth Turk
Mozambique	Sebber Banda
	Rev. Carlos Faquione

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 volunteers from churches like our own send letters, call, and email their legislators, urging them to restore, protect, and strengthen domestic and international nutrition and health programs, such as: the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**, the **WIC** program for Women, Infants and Children, the **School Lunch** program, **Feed the Future**, and the **GAVI Vaccine Initiative**. Park Lake's own **Offering of Letters** will take place from **May 10 to 17**.



According to Bread for the World, more than 47 million Americans, including nearly 14 million children, struggle to put food on the table. Unfortunately, legislation signed into law last July makes \$186 billion in cuts to SNAP over 10 years, but our voices and prayers can make a difference. Bread is asking us to call on our elected officials in Congress to fully fund and strengthen global food, health and development programs that allow vulnerable people around the world to have the food and nutrition they need and, also, to pass a strong, bipartisan Farm Bill that supports farmers, strengthens communities and helps end hunger at home and overseas. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, contact Susan Frith, John Walker, or Nancy Warlick with 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.

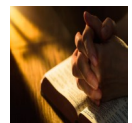
Please join us next month in June as an ally or LGBTQ+ person, We meet at Panera Bread at Orlando Fashion Mall. Come break bread with us and learn more about supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake and the LGBTQ+ community as an ally or LGBTQ+ orientation. To learn more about supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake 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.



FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
GayStraight@Park Lake

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.





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

Register online at plpc.org

VBS Decorating Prep
(Struble Fellowship Hall)
Wednesdays, May 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!

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 28

10:00 am

Downstairs Koinonia Room, Sanctuary Building.

Our May book is "Heartwood" by Amity Gage.



For more information, contact Sherry Riley.

May Birthdays

11 Karen Lowdermilk
11 Ann Wallace
12 Matt Cook
12 Carly Wray
12 Mila Jones
14 Shawn Moloney
15 David VanBrackle
15 Britton Bertram

19 Dennis Salmon
20 Harry Carls
20 Victoria Vargas
21 Susan Kaney
22 James Peseah
23 Helen DeBevoise



FAVO ARTISTS AT CITY HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



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.

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.



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