



The Pharisees Question Jesus (Les pharisiens questionnent Jésus)
James Tissot between (1886-1894)
(Brooklyn Museum)

September 27, 2026

Park Lake Presbyterian Church

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

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Order of Worship

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Mission Committee - Upcoming Event

Prelude

Voluntary on "Hymn to Joy"

Lloyd Larson

Choral Introit

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

(GTG 628)

Call to Worship (with reference to Psalm 78)

Listen, people of God!

Hear the wonders of our Creator!

When God split the sea;

walls of water towered above.

God guided our ancestors in faith:

clouds by day, lightning by night.

When God split open the rock;

water flowed like rivers.

Now in Christ, God has split open the heavens and met earth.

God meets us still.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Remeemer Art
(verses 1-3)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

pew Bible, NT pg. 186

Call to Confession

We call ourselves seeking the mind of Christ.

We try to stand firm in God's spirit, but our human self-interest

gets the better of us. In humility and faith,

let us confess

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we confess to you:

We are often not of the same mind as Jesus.

We do not share the same love.

**We act selfishly and do not regard others as good as,
much less better than, ourselves.**

**We too often set aside the interests of others. We struggle with the
humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to work with us,
so that we might care for each other as you have cared for us.**

And show us how to reflect your glory in this world.

(silent prayers of confession)



Declaration of Forgiveness

The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.

Receive God's gift of forgiveness in Jesus Christ and be open to the Spirit's power to transform our lives.

Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn of Response #624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(verses 4-5)

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!

***(v1) Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

***(v2) Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."
(refrain)***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

pew Bible, NT pg. 22

Sermon

For the Bible Tells Me So

Rev. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity**

**that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Blessed Trinity
Chancel Choir

Gregg Sewell

"Song of Praise" offered by the family of Matilda Peasah

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

(GTG 547)

Postlude

Trumpet
Will Benton, organist

Gilbert Martin

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

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The Sanctuary flowers on this day are given to the glory of God, by Elizabeth Collins, in loving memory of her husband Bronson. Elizabeth and Bronson were married for 60 years.

Worship Leaders today are Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise and Rev. Dr. Dan DeBevoise
Music: Robb Ross, director; Will Benton, organist/pianist.
Audio/Visual: Matt Cook, John Bowers, Mike Bookhardt.
Ushers: Justin Ingram, Vicky Nicoll, John Walker, Aaron Hull.
Deacon at the Door: Cindy Schmidt

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!

BIRTHDAYS

- 27 Donald Palmer
- 27 Andrea Choquette
- 28 Billie Jo Elliott
- 29 Lauren Poore



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 4

Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru August 31, 2026		Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.	
Budget	\$329,880	Budget	\$54,334
Actual	\$314,393	Actual	\$43,383
Difference	(\$15,487)	Difference	(\$10,951)
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru August 31, 2026			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	\$486,414	\$506,392	(\$19,978)
Actual	\$462,739	\$473,827	(\$11,088)

Church Staff	
Co-pastors	Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise Rev. Dr. Dan DeBevoise
Choir Director	Robb Ross
Organist, Director FAVO	Will Benton
Child Care Center Interim Director	Kimberly Gibson
Financial Administrator	Linda Castle
Church Secretary	Carol Bookhardt
Maintenance	Keith Bridges
Nursery Staff	Barbara Boyce
Church Missionaries	
Madagascar	Dan and Elizabeth Turk
Mozambique	Sebber Banda Rev. Carlos Faquione

MISSION UPDATE PRESENTATION

**Park Lake Mission Partners
Elizabeth and Dan Turk
Wednesday, September 30
7:00 pm**
(Struble Fellowship Hall)



You are invited to hear from our missionary partners Dan and Elizabeth Turk at 7:00 p.m. September 30, in Struble Fellowship Hall. They will share about the exciting work that Park Lake is helping to support in Madagascar, including training farmers in growing fruit trees, fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS and much more. We'll serve dessert and refreshments.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

A fun Park Lake tradition is to have a variety of "world Breads" on the communion table for world communion Sunday. If you are a baker and would like to contribute, please contact Helen DeBevoise, helenparklake@gmail.com.



Sunday, October 4 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Each month, on Communion Sunday, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH). Thank you for giving.



PERU MISSION PRESENTATIONS In Central Florida September 25-October 12

Phoebe Clark Drew-Bell, Project Manager of the Kusi Village, Peru will be giving a presentation at **Park Lake on Wednesday, October 7 at 7pm**. Please bring a dessert and come hear about the recent mission trip, upcoming mission opportunities, and the exciting things happening in Kusi Village, Peru. If you are unable to attend on October 7, below are some additional dates/churches you are welcome to attend:



- Wednesday, September 30 - 5:30pm** - Family Night Dinner, Oakland Presbyterian Church.
- Sunday, October 4 - 9:30am** - Winter Park Presbyterian, room 301; Minute for Mission in the 10:45 Service.
- Sunday, October 11 - 10am** First Presbyterian, DeLand.

Barbara Sayles, Hunger Action Advocate
[Central Florida Presbytery, cfpresbytery.org/](http://cfpresbytery.org/)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER UPDATE

The Christian Service Awards and Annual Banquet is **Friday, October 9, 2026** at First Baptist Orlando, 8:00 am -10:00 am. The annual banquet is the primary fundraising event for the CSC. Please see Leesa Bainbridge or John Bowers to reserve a spot.



**Cookies and Lemonade
Sunday, October 11**
after worship, on the lawn



Hosted by the
Deacons of Park Lake

TENDING THE FIRE FOR GENERATIONS Park Lake Stewardship 2027

Join us **Sunday, October 18**, following worship for our **Stewardship Dinner and 101st church birthday**. The Stewardship theme this year is “Tending the Fire for Generations”.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday will be **Sunday, November 15**. Stewardship materials will be distributed in October.



SAVE THE DATE!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**MICAH 6:8 COMMITTEE and PARK LAKE PRIDE
DESSERT AND PRESENTATION**
On White Christian Nationalism

Wednesday, October 21, at
6:30 pm Fellowship & Dessert
7:00 pm Presentation



The Office of Public Witness of the PCUSA urges members of the PCUSA to contact their senators and ask them to protect Haitians at risk by supporting Temporary Protective Status (TPS). Senate Bill 4814 is proposed legislation that would extend TPS to 2029. The US House of Representatives has already passed legislation extending TPS to 2029.

Please see the PCUSA website for other links to contact your senators and other resources. [pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/7/10/urge-us-senate-protect-haitians-risk-supporting-temporary-protective-status-legislation](https://www.pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/7/10/urge-us-senate-protect-haitians-risk-supporting-temporary-protective-status-legislation).

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB
Thursday, October 22
10:00 am
Downstairs Koinonia Room,
Sanctuary Building.



Our October book is “The Book Club for Troublesome Women”, by Marie Bostwick.
For more information, contact Sherry Riley.

WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

The Food Bank at Washington Shores Presbyterian Church continues to be in great need of items.

Updated request: canned green beans, corn and sweet peas, deodorant, toothpaste and other toiletries.

Please check Expiration Dates!

Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase needed items. Please bring your pantry donations to church on Sundays before or after worship to the West transept of the Sanctuary. Thank you for helping your neighbor!



Park Lake PRIDE
A Ministry of Inclusion



The Park Lake PRIDE group (formerly GayStraight@Park Lake) will not have a meeting in October because of our participation in the Pride Festival. We hope to see you there!

Park Lake PRIDE will have booths at the Pride Festival on **October 17** to hand out information about Park Lake PRIDE and have a Blessing of the Pets booth (see details in the bulletin insert).

Use the QR code above to find out more information about the Park Lake PRIDE group on the Park Lake website.



**SAVE THE DATE
PARK LAKE TRUNK OR TREAT!**

Date: Saturday, October 24

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**We are in need of non-scary decorated trunks for Trunk or Treat.
Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating.**

**We ask that each participating trunk provide one (or more) of the following:
Candy, allergy free treats, non-food treats, crafts or games, and lots of smiles!**