October 18, 2026

Park Lake Presbyterian Church

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

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October 18, 2026 Order of Worship 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission Stewardship Luncheon

Prelude Sicilienne Maria Theresia Von Paradis

Choral Introit Lead Me, Lord Hymn #695

Call to Worship

In this place,
friends and strangers meet,
the broken are mended,
and the weary welcomed.

In this moment,
the ordinary becomes miraculous,
and life is on pause.
This is God's time.

In this sanctuary,
God's goodness is revealed.
Our doors open with kindness.
Our lives join together.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22 pew Bible, NT pg. 23

Call to Confession

God has chosen us, but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives.
Let us go before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and truth, You ask us to give to You the things that are Yours.
If we are honest, we know we hold so much back.
We have promised You our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first.
We have promised You our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead.
We have promised to do Your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts You have given us.
(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

*Hymn of Response No. 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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.839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! (v.1)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purhase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my stary; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Scripture Reading	Exodus 33:12-23	pew Bible, OT pg. 76
Sermon	Tending the Fire for Generations	Rev. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith pg. 37 A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created
the world good and makes everyone equally
in God's image, male and female,
of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God;
we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet
entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice
and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose
a covenant people to bless
all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ
of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her
nursing child, like a father who runs
to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Grace Alone arr. by Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir

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

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction Make Me a Servant Hymn #669

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Will Benton, organist

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

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TENDING THE FIRE FOR GENERATIONS
Park Lake Stewardship 2027

Join us today for the Stewardship Lunch
Sunday, October 18 (following worship)

Everyone is welcome!

Menu:
Lemon and rosemary roasted chicken
Seasoned brown rice
Greek salad
Iced tea and cherry lemonade
Assorted desserts

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

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: Dewayne Bevil, Doug Lawton, Jim McEwan, Scott Peterson, John Rogers, Mark Sonderman.
Deacon at the door: Andy Cale

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in celebration of Carol and Mike Bookhardt's 40th Wedding Anniversary which was on Sunday, October 4th.

Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru September 30, 2026		**Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.**	
Budget	$371,115	Budget	$61,125
Actual	$348,247	Actual	$52,524
Difference	($22,868)	Difference	($8,601)

Park Lake Operating Budget Thru September 30, 2026			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	$547,212	$569,694	($22,482)
Actual	$513,868	$519,969	($6,101)

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!

BIRTHDAYS

19 Carolyn Ragans
19 Shenley Bertram
20 Shamba Warlick
20 Veronica Fortunato
21 Forrest Cheek
21 Susan Frith
24 Katherine Kelley

ANNIVERSARIES

17 John Franklin & John Rachey

Park Lake PRIDE
A Ministry of Inclusion

AN EVENING OF LEARNING

The Park Lake Micah 6:8 Committee and Park Lake PRIDE
invite you to an evening of learning about the recent
PCUSA General Assembly (GA) Policy Statement on
White Christian Nationalism (WCN).

What: Discussion of PCUSA GA Policy Statement on White Christian Nationalism.
Who: Rev. Omar Gonzalez and Rev. Dr. Maynard Pittendreigh,
College Park Presbyterian Church; Cindy Schmidt, Park Lake.
Where: Park Lake, Struble Fellowship Hall.
When: Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:30pm Fellowship and Dessert
7:00pm Presentation

We hope you can come.

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.

Thank you for remembering your tithes and offerings to Park Lake Presbyterian Church!

Please **PLACE** your offering in the offering plate or **MAIL** your financial contributions to the church office, Park Lake Presbyterian Church, 309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

or go to **PLPC.org** and **CLICK** the Giving tab

or **USE** the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App to give.

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!

You are invited to the Park Lake Family Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 24

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: Park Lake Parking lot

Who: Children

(ages infant to 5th grade)

Families and Friends of Park Lake!

Children are welcome to wear their non-scary costumes!

Candy, allergy free treats, non-food treats, crafts and games!

Would you like to provide a Trunk?

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!

UPCOMING in NOVEMBER at PARK LAKE!

Sunday, November 1
- Daylight Savings - turn clocks back

Monday, November 2
- Dorcas Circle, 1pm, Westminster Winter Park
- Sarah Circle, 2pm, Westminster Towers
- Joanna Circle, 7pm, Parlor

Tuesday, November 3
- Esther Circle 6:30pm, Struble Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 5
- Night of Spirituals, 7:00 pm, Community Choral Concert, Sanctuary

Friday and Saturday, November 6 & 7
- 5pm - 9pm - FAVO-Art Stroll, live music

Friday-Sunday, November 6-8
- Camp Cedarkirk Fusion - Youth Group Mission Retreat

Sunday, November 15
- Stewardship Dedication Sunday
- Annual Youth Thanksgiving Lunch, after worship

Sunday, November 29 - **First Sunday of Advent**
- Advent Devotionals available
- Daily Advent Devotional emails