

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2026

Park Lake Presbyterian Church

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

407-841-6550 plpc.org

November 29, 2026 Order of Worship 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Prelude Creator of the Stars at Night David Cherwien

Lighting the Advent Candles

Handbells O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Reading

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Advent Song This Light Will Bring Us Through Will Benton
Chancel Choir

Advent Antiphons

O Adonai, Ruler of the House of Israel,
you appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come with outstretched arm to save us. Come, Lord Jesus.
O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of Eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
Come, shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Reading Mark 13:24-37 pew Bible, NT pg. 47

Call to Confession
We wait for the one whose grace is already with us. Confident in God's mercy, let us humbly confess our sin, praying together,

Unison Prayer of Confession

Coming God,
you ask us to keep vigil, but we are too busy. You ask us to prepare the way, but we ourselves are wandering. We confess we have not leaned upon your promise. We have not loved with open hearts. We are quick to fear and slow to hope. Forgive us and restore us, O God. Turn your face toward us that we may learn and receive your grace. (silent prayers of confession)



Declaration of Forgiveness

The One who calls us is the One who restores and forgives us.
Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are being made new.
Thanks be to God!

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

*Hymn of Response No. 92 While We are Waiting, Come

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 of Response No. 765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Scripture Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9	pew Bible, OT pg. 652
Sermon	Come, O Come	Rev. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith pg. 17 The Apostle's Creed

**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;
On 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 Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes Hal H. Hopson

Chancel Choir

*The Doxology No. 606

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Choral Benediction What Can I Give Him? Don Cason

Postlude Of the Father's Love Begotten

*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, in memory of Chester E. Burris, Jr., by his loving family.

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: Susan Gantt, Sara Abel, Jane Callahan, Linda Shrieves, Susan Frith, Nancy Jones, Nancy Hunter.
Deacon at the door: John Hunter

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wants to express its gratitude to the church members who have submitted pledges for 2027. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We also want to encourage those who have not yet pledged to do so as soon as possible. The church depends upon our pledges in order to plan financially for the year ahead.



Pledged Income Y.T.D. Thru October 31, 2026		**Non Pledged Income Y.T.D.**	
Budget	$412,350	Budget	$67,917
Actual	$397,926	Actual	$55,525
Difference	($14,424)	Difference	($12,392)
Park Lake Operating Budget Thru October 31, 2026			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Budget	$608,009	$632,982	($24,973)
Actual	$575,572	$573,389	$2,183

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



FAVO Art Stroll (Faith Arts Village Orlando)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- **Friday, December 4**

Live music presented by Orlando Children's Choir

- **Saturday, December 5**

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



Join Us for a Festive Afternoon
of Building Your Own Gingerbread House
Sponsored by Esther Circle



Sunday, December 6, 2026
11:45 a.m.
Struble Fellowship Hall

ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL GO TO
FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ORLANDO

Family Promise of Greater Orlando helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community based response. Creating a future in Central Florida where all families have stable housing and no child experiences homelessness.

Children and Adults of all ages
Lunch: $5 per person
Gingerbread House: $10 per kit

Gingerbread House Build - RSVP

Please R.S.V.P. using the QR Code
OR Email erincook987@gmail.com by December 2
Include: Name, Number of Adults/Children and Number of Gingerbread House kits ($5 per person for lunch; $10 per Gingerbread House kit)

*If you would like to donate money for candy for the Gingerbread House toppings, please contact Anne Vercheski.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!

BIRTHDAYS

1 Cheryl Woods
1 Aaron Sanchez
2 Clay Shropshire
3 Kristine Fluker
4 Camden Jones
4 Andrew Jones



ANNIVERSARIES

5 Rose and Camden Jones

ANGEL TREE



During this Advent Season, Park Lake Presbyterian is again sponsoring Christmas gifts for children at two nonprofits, Grace Medical Home and Hope CommUnity Center. Donations are being accepted to provide Christmas stockings and books to the pediatric patients at Grace Medical Home, one of Park Lake's long-time mission partners. Grace reflects the heart of Christ by offering the highest level of health care to the low-income, uninsured in Orange County, including immigrant families.

GRACE MEDICAL HOME

HOPE CommUnity Center Building Community. Enriching Lives.

Park Lake Angel Tree Donations

Donations are also being accepted to sponsor toys for the children served at the Hope CommUnity Center in Apopka. Hope is a service learning community dedicated to the empowerment of Central Florida's immigrant and working poor communities through education, advocacy and spiritual growth.

Please find the "Angel Tree" in the west transept and choose how you can help bless a child this Christmas. We hope you feel led to help as the stockings cost $60 this year, more than in previous years. Donations accepted through December 14. Donations may be sent to the church office, placed in the collection plate, made online at the plpc.org Giving Page by using the QR code, see the Angel Tree option, or given to Leesa Bainbridge or John Bowers. Thank you for helping make a child's Christmas special and giving them the blessing of feeling Christian care.

ANNUAL NATIVITY PAGEANT
Sunday, December 20th



Calling all angels, shepherds, Magi and sheep...

Our Park Lake Children and Youth will present the Annual Nativity Pageant (costumes are provided) during worship on **Sunday, December 20, 10:30 am.**

Nativity Pageant practice will be on Saturday, **December 19, 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary. All children and youth, are invited to participate. No experience necessary. Please email Helen DeBevoise if your children or youth are able to participate

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THE LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER AND REFLECTION
Prayer and Readings Service
Sunday, December 20, 5:00 pm
(Sanctuary)



When Christmas feels heavy, the church can offer a place to rest. For many, Advent and Christmas are seasons of joy — family gatherings, celebrations, carols, and feasting. But for those experiencing grief, illness, loneliness, anxiety, or major life transitions, this time of year can stir up feelings that don't fit the season's script. Park Lake will hold a **Longest Night Service on Sunday, December 20, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary**. Bring a friend.

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!

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?



Do we have your updated mailing address? Please contact the church office to let us know your current address if you have recently moved, contact carolparklake@gmail.com or call 407-841-6550.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



Check out the Park Lake Presbyterian Church website at **PLPC.org**.

View the Church calendar, upcoming events, online giving, listen to previous worship services, connect to the upcoming worship service and more!