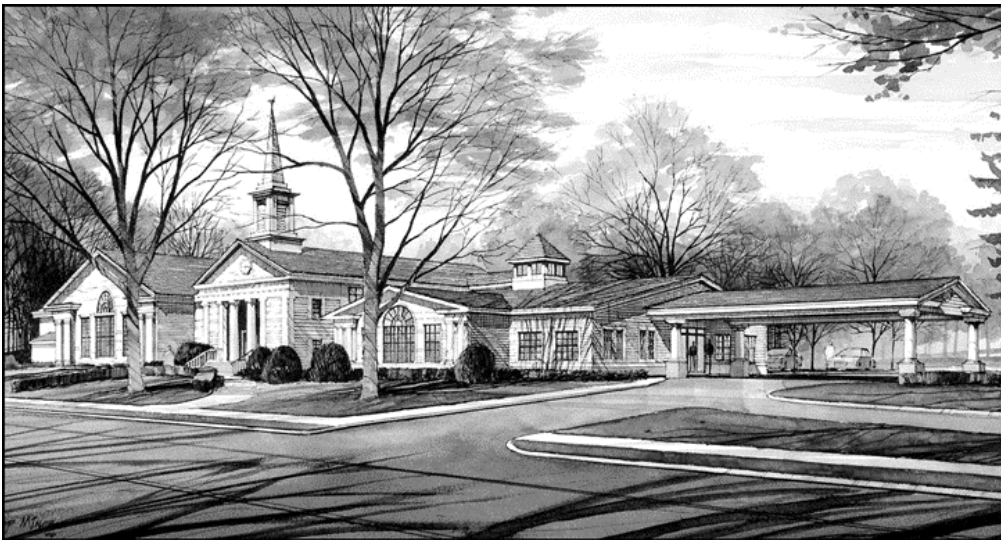




***A thriving faith community
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April 26, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Live Streaming on Facebook plus On Demand on YouTube

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Order of Service

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude Fanfare on “Lyons” Kraus, arr. Edwards

Greetings

Choral Introit *Open To Me the Gates* Thiman

A Minute for Mission

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.

***Opening Hymn #81**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

***Invitation to Confession**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God’s grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trust in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us now share the signs of that reconciliation with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying “Peace be with you”.)

Children’s Time

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings Ezekiel 34:11-15, O. T. pg. 803
1 Peter, 2:19-35, N. T. pg. 233

Choir Anthem *Upon This Rock* Pepper Choplin

Sermon *Commendable Suffering* Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

Hymn #187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *Amen* Beethoven

The Offering
Offertory *Idyll of Praise* C. Courtney

***Doxology #606** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,*
(Melody) *all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune*
God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** *From the Rising of the Son* Dietsch

Postlude *Soon and Very Soon* Andrea Crouch

WELCOME! We are glad you have joined us to worship God. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Elder of the day, Lynn Morgan, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Paul Woodard with Carolyn DeLucia, Robert Mustard, and Noah and Paul Woodard as **GREETERS/USHERS**.

Please sign the **WELCOME PAD** as it makes its way down your row. If you are a visitor or have recently changed your address, please include this and any other information you wish to share.

THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP! In Person, live streamed at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and then the service (which is being recorded as we worship in person) will be available beginning Sunday afternoons on the OPPC You Tube channel which can be accessed directly from YouTube or our webpage: www.oppchurch.org. **Please be aware that the worship service is being recorded as well as live streamed and will be broadcast via the internet.**

The **PRAYER BOARD** is located in the Reception Room at the name tag table. You are invited to use a slip of paper to write or draw your prayer and clip it to the board. The Prayer Board will be brought into worship; however, the prayers will not be read aloud or shared. This is a unique and special opportunity for children and adults to be able to express their joys and/or concerns.

WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP as together we are the whole people of God.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the Reception Room at the CE table. The **NURSERY** will be staffed **AFTER** Children's Time for infants through 3 year olds. **PLAY & PRAY** for kids 4 years old through First Grade also begins **AFTER** Children's Time. Volunteers will lead the children out and to their classroom. If you have any questions about either of these two programs; please speak to the volunteer at the CE table in the Reception Room. If you are a visitor and would like to accompany your child to see the classroom and meet the teachers; you are very welcome to do so!

The **FLOWERS** on the communion table are given by the Banas Family in appreciation for all our church members who work so faithfully to carry on our church's mission.

The **SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP/ADULT EDUCATION** will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in The Meeting Place.

Thank you to everyone who brought sandwiches for St. Luke's last week. Thanks to Barb Olandt and Deb Galloway from the Mission Ministry Team for staffing the table and delivering **77** sandwiches. **The next SANDWICH SUNDAY is MAY 17.**

If your family would like more information about sending your child/teen to **Camp Duffield** this summer; please see Mrs. B in the Reception Room after worship.

If you have a **GRAPEVINE** article, please email it to Xanda Weiss at Xanda@oppchurch.org. The **DEADLINE** is Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, please join us immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for the **DEDICATION** of the Alma Scully Memorial Garden.

If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST** you would like shared during the Prayers of the People in worship; please send an email to Pastor Tom at pastor@oppchurch.org. Please remember we live stream our service and so discretion and confidentiality should be respected if requesting for other people. The Prayer Board is a great option for those types of prayers that are not read aloud.

If you would like to get in touch with Pastor Tom, please feel free to reach him on his cell phone at 716-830-8596 or his email pastor@oppchurch.org.

We have open dates available on the **2026** Communion Table **FLOWER CALENDAR**. The cost per arrangement is \$50.00 and will be provided by *Expressions Florist*. Please sign up on the calendar in the Welcome Center to reserve your date or call Christine in the church office at 716-662-9348.

THE OFFERING is one way of many ways for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. **Secure online giving is available.** Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our Online Giving Site.

