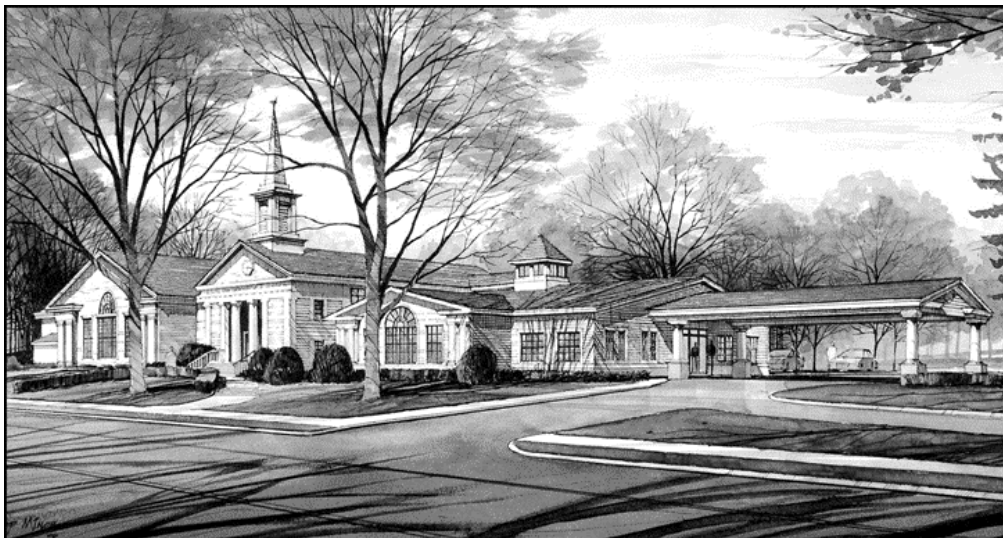




***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



August 23, 2026

9:30 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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter/Wolaver

Greetings

***Call to Worship**

Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

We are here and we are ready.

Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

***Opening Hymn #634**

To God Be the Glory

***Invitation to Confession**

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.

(A moment for silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon** (based on Isaiah 51:4 and Matthew 16:19)

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me." Jesus promised, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom."

We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, "You are my beloved!" May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness.

God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole!

Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 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

God of light, your wisdom is right here, speaking truth to us in love. We pray for you to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so we may drink in all that you have for us to learn today.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 124, O. T. pg. 572

Special Music

Way Over Yonder
Heather Dietsch

Carole King

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8, N. T. pg. 161

Sermon

No one Cares How Much You Know..... Elder Scott McBride
Show Them Your Heart!

Affirmation of Faith (The Confession of 1967, inclusive language ed.)

9.24 The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

9.25 The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

9.26 Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

Through Jesus, you have shown us the way of love: to feed, heal, welcome and serve. Grant us the courage to lean on you as we answer your call to come alongside those who are hurting, offer comfort and pray without ceasing. Guide us in your ways as we pray the prayer you taught us:

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.

The Offering

If This World

Jaci Valesquez

Offertory

Barry & Heather Dietsch

*Doxology #606

(Melody)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,
all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune
God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of Abundance, we have received blessings from you and today we hear your call to share our time, our talent and our treasure with your beloved community. May these gifts bring your light, love and hope to all who need them.

***Hymn #286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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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, Mike Cid, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Deb Galloway with Mike Cid, Carolyn DeLucia and Mike and Claudia Rodems as **GREETERS and USHERS**.

The **FLOWERS** on the communion table are given by Don and Sandy Schmid in gratitude for our church family.

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.

Today we **WELCOME** Elder Scott McBride. Scott has been a long time member and is currently serving on Session. He has lived in Orchard Park for 15 years, father of three and works at M&T Bank.

On **Sunday, September 6**, immediately following the 9:30am worship service there will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, to approve the filling of the two vacancies on the Board of Deacons.

WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP as together we are the whole people of God and today all the children are staying in worship as our regular CE programming is done until September. Worship Bags are always available in the Reception Room at the CE table. The Nursery will be open, and the service will be live streamed, so if a Little One gets restless, a parent may take them there to play and still see the service.

THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP! In Person, live streamed at 9:30 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.

If you are in need of **PASTORAL CARE**, please contact Rev. Laura Norris Buisch, Pastor at Riverside Presbyterian Church. You can reach her directly at (716) 713-6365. **PRAYER REQUESTS** can be submitted to the office. Please remember that our worship service is livestreamed, so discretion should be used when sharing requests involving others.

Thank you to everyone who brought sandwiches for St. Luke's last week. Thanks to Deb Galloway and Barbara Olandt from the Mission Ministry Team for staffing the table and delivering **100** sandwiches. **The next SANDWICH SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 20.**

Thank you for your contribution to the feeding ministry of Sandwich Sunday over the past year. From July 2025 through August 2026 OPPC has delivered **1,253** sandwiches to **St. Luke's Mission of Mercy**. That is remarkable! Let's keep this ministry going and even increase the number for the balance of this year. Again, thank you for your support, from the Mission Ministry Team and the friends who benefit from this feeding ministry.

On **Saturday, August 29th**, the **Presbyterian Women of WNY Coordinating Team** will be presenting an introduction to the **bible study** for 2026-2027. The topic of the study is "United in Christ: Bound to Each Other". The gathering will be held in The Meeting Place from 10 AM to 12 PM. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling Sue Sager at 716-662-9413. All women are welcome.

OPPC will again be supporting **Churches In Action** with the **"Undies Sundays"** clothing drive, every Sunday in September. Undies Sunday is a way us to participate in the ministry of care for our neighbor. Bring your donation of NEW socks and underwear, of any type and size is welcome. Please bring in your donations and place them in the **Undies Sundays Bin** in the Reception Room. Church members, Meredith and Jim Wilson will deliver the items on September 27 to the **Churches in Action** location. Thank you for your participation.

Christine will be **out of the office tomorrow**.

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 now available.** Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our Online Giving Site. You can also give by Text as well: **844-980-1625**, enter your dollar amount and hit enter.





Items of the Week

Help us stock the Blessing Box! Leading up to our September Food Drive, we're highlighting a few much-needed items each week.

August 23	Canned fruit & cereal
August 30	Pasta sauce
September 6	Canned tuna & chicken

Love Your Neighbor.

Live Your Faith.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Welcome Back Sunday

September 13, 8:30am & 10:30am

Welcome Back Breakfast @ 9:30am

- **RSVP with Christine for breakfast by 9/9** so we have plenty of food for everyone!
- **Pick up a bag on 9/13** for the Welcome Back Food Drive!

See you September 13!

