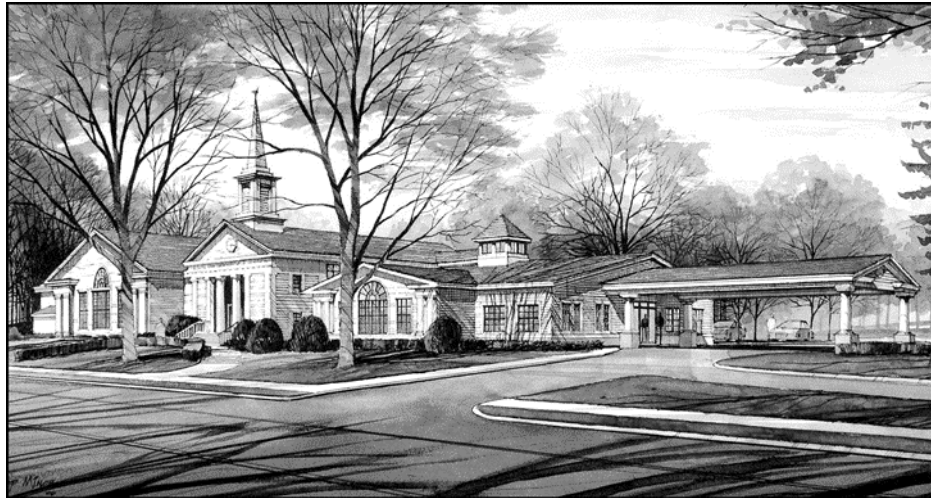




***A thriving faith community
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August 24, 2025

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

Songs Without Words, Op. 19 No. 1

Mendelssohn

Chime Intonation

Greetings and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 119:33-40)

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,

People: And we will keep it to the end.

Leader: Give us understanding, that we may keep Your law,

People: And observe it with our whole hearts.

Leader: Turn our eyes from worthless things,

People: And give us life in Your ways.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Living God,

ALL: Who unsettles, teaches, and transforms us.

***Opening Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

***Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Friends, when we read Scripture honestly, we see where we have followed our own desires instead of God's truth. Let us come before God with honesty, that we might be corrected and renewed.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of all wisdom, we confess that we read Your Word too quickly, seeking comfort but not correction, seeking affirmation but not transformation. We twist Your truth to fit our desires, and ignore the voices that challenge us. Forgive us when we close our ears to what makes us uncomfortable. Forgive us when we turn away from Your living Word. Renew in us a holy curiosity, that we may listen deeply, study faithfully and follow wherever You lead. In Christ we pray, Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Hear the good news: God's Word is not given to condemn us, but to free us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, corrected, and renewed.

People: Thanks be to God, AMEN!

***Peace of Christ**

Leader: 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.

All: And also with you. (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying "Peace be with you".)

Children's Time

Special Music

What a Wonderful World

Weiss & Thorpe

April Dunlap, Keyboard, Heather Dunlap & Michelle Rombola-Jackson, Voice

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 13:1-6, O. T. pg. 170

Sermon

Exegesis vs. Eisegesis

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

Prayers of the People

***The Lord's Prayer**

Leader: Now let us pray the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught us saying:

People: 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

Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Hartman

***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**

***Closing Hymn #275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Affirmation of Faith** (Adapted from the *PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith*)

Leader: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

People: God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in God's image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

People: Who proclaimed God's reign, teaching with words that disturbed, telling stories that unsettled, and welcoming those the world rejected.

Leader: We trust in the Holy Spirit, who blows where it will.

People: The Spirit opens our hearts to Scripture, pushes us to ask questions, and calls us into new understanding.

Leader: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice.

All: That the Word of God challenges, convicts, and comforts. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Polonaise

Szymanowska

Thank you to April Dunlap, Heather Dunlap and Michelle Rombola-Jackson for sharing their gifts of music and voice with us today!

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, Dolores Battle, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** this morning is Pastor Hughes.

Please sign the **FRIENDSHIP 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.

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.

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 Sunday afternoons on the OPPC You Tube channel which can be accessed directly from You Tube 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.**

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.

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Barbara Olandt in memory of Eric Olandt.

Thank you to those who brought the 73 sandwiches last Sunday. Those who arrive at the door of the Good Shepherd House at St. Luke's looking to be fed, are grateful for your contribution. The next **SANDWICH SUNDAY** will be **SEPTEMBER 21**.

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 1** in observance of Labor Day.

Mark your calendars **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7!** We will have two services of worship with communion at both at 8:30 and 10:30 (Pray & Play + Nursery is open) plus an **ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST at 9:30** in Fellowship Hall. Look for bags to fill with Blessing Box groceries to fill for the **WELCOME BACK FOOD DRIVE**. Please RSVP for the All Church Breakfast when you see it in the Constant Contact. Faith Formation Classes for most ages begin the following Sunday, September 14.

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR: September 20, OPPC Potluck Dinner and September 27, Labyrinth Walk with Deerhurst Presbyterian Church. More information to follow.

TODAY we welcome Rabbi Jonathan Freirich. Rabbi Freirich was ordained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1999. He holds dual affiliation with both Reconstructing Judaism and the Reform Movement. He earned an Executive Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University in 2023. His work blends rigorous scholarship, pastoral wisdom, and a lifelong commitment to justice and healing with a compassionate understanding that we all need to be seen for who we are.

Do you give online to OPPC? If so, be sure to check out the **"I give online"** cards available at the Name Tag Table on Sunday mornings! Pick up one of the cards and when the offering plate goes around place your **"I give online" card** in as an act of worship. If you would like to learn more about online giving, contact Jessica Merry our Business Manager.

THE OFFERING is one way of many ways for us to respond to God. support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. **Secure online giving** Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our **You can also give by Text as well: 844-980-1625, enter your dollar hit enter.**



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Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 7

8:30am Worship with Communion
9:30am All Church Breakfast
10:30am Worship

RSVP for Breakfast in the Constant Contact or call the church office



Rejoicing
IN RECOVERY

Special Musical Guest: Jade Glambone

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
(12 - 5:00 PM) | A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT | LUNCH PROVIDED
Sparks of Hope Recovery Support Center
107 Main St. Hamburg, NY 14075

Free Events **Family Friendly**

Join the NRCYA for a
Tour of Faiths & Cultures

September 6- Masjid Mahdi
@ 12:00-1:30 pm (Muslim)
9610 Colvin Blvd, Niagara Falls

September 20- Temple Beth Zion
@ 3:00 pm (Jewish)
805 Delaware Ave., Buffalo

October 5 - Orchard Park Presbyterian
@ 10:30-11:30 World Communion Day
4369 S. Buffalo St., Orchard Park, NY

Watch the Network of Religious Communities Facebook Page or scan the QR code for information about future "stops" at the Tuscarora Nation, and Sikh and Buddhist places of worship.

These events are open to the public. Please dress modestly.

Click here or scan the QR code for more details and to register.

Donations of nonperishable foods to the NRC Food Pantry are appreciated.

Registration is preferred




Network of Religious Communities Youth Alliance of World Religions & Cultures

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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All materials/bells are provided.

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