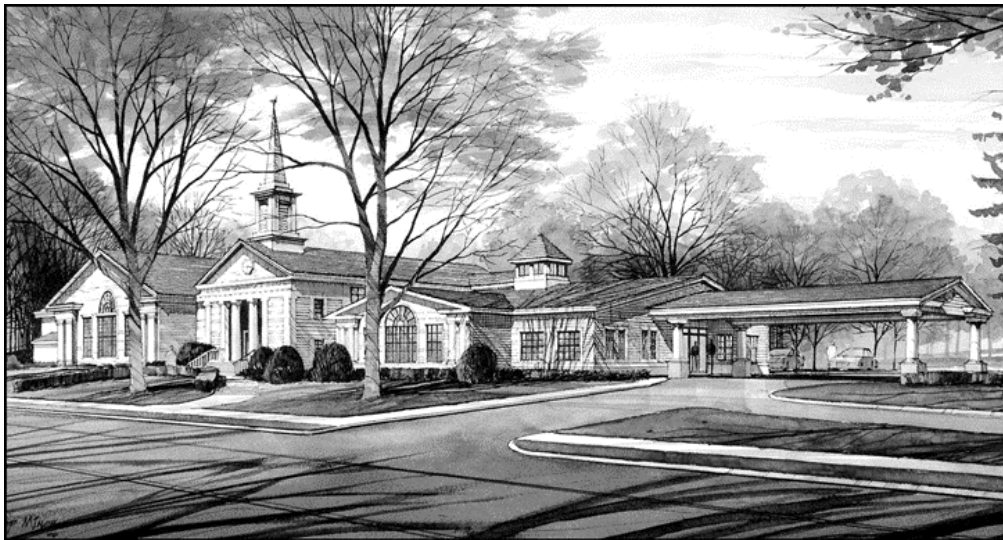




***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



August 30, 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**

The world around us is full of noise, hurry, and distraction.

But we come seeking the stillness of God's presence.

In times of sorrow, confusion, and transition, God continues to call.

We come with open hearts, ready to listen for the voice of love.

Come, let us worship God together in hope and peace.

We give thanks for God's steadfast grace that never lets us go!

***Opening Hymn #401**

Here in This Place

***Invitation to Confession**

No matter how far we wander, God's porch light is always on, and the front door is wide open. Trusting in the steadfast love that welcomes us home, let us confess our sins together and in the quiet of our hearts.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of mercy and grace, we confess that when life feels overwhelming and disorienting, we often lose our way. We let the loud anxieties of the world drown out your still, small voice. We cling to our comfort zones when you invite us to step out in faith, and we stay silent when you call us to speak words of comfort, justice, and love. Forgive our doubts, heal our hurting hearts, and quiet the storms within us. Renew our spirits so that we may recognize your loving presence and follow where you lead. Amen.

(A moment for silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon Thanks be to God!**

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new and 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

Holy Spirit, quiet our minds and open our hearts today. As your holy Word is read and proclaimed, grant us the ears to hear your truth, the wisdom to receive your grace, and the courage to live out your love in our daily lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:24-29 O. T. pg. 129

Special Music

Simple Gifts arr. John Coates, Jr.
Bonnie Arnold, Heather & Barry Dietsch & Allyn Foster

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-5, 14-16, N. T. pg. 103

Sermon

The Voice in the Fog, The Spirit in the Camp Mark Aquino

Hymn of Response #69

Here I Am, Lord

Unison Affirmation of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

The Offering

His Eye Is On the Sparrow Charles Gabriel
Offertory Allyn Foster

***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 - Unison**

Generous God, you have poured out your blessings upon us in abundance. We dedicate these tithes, our gifts, and our very lives to your service. May they bring healing to the broken, comfort to the grieving, and your light to our neighborhood and the world. Amen.

***Hymn #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Wonderful Words of Life Bliss/Curry

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, Jim Wilson, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Wil Weiss with the Woodard Family; Paul, Kaitlyn, Noah and Emma as the **GREETERS and 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.

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 20. 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 YouTube 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 Mark Aquino** today. A lifelong Presbyterian, Mark is finalizing his status as a Commissioned Pastor to the Presbytery of Western New York. He is passionate about youth empowerment, having spent years nurturing young people through the Presbytery and active involvement in the Montreat Youth Conference and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. In the pulpit, Mark is committed to preaching that utilizes simple, accessible language and relatable storytelling to bring scripture to life.

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.

Next Saturday, September 5, there will be the **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Lou Long at 10:00 am.

Next **Sunday, September 6**, immediately following worship, there will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to vote on the filling of two vacancies on the Board of Deacons.

The office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 7** in observance of Labor Day.

OPPC will again be supporting **Churches In Action** with the “**Undies Sundays**” clothing drive, every Sunday in September. Undies Sunday is a way for us to participate in the ministry of care for our neighbor. 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.



Blessing Box  **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 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!



Sixth Annual
Rejoicing
IN RECOVERY



Music by
Jade Giambrone

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS - RECOVERY RESOURCES

11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
FAMILY-FRIENDLY | LUNCH PROVIDED

Sparks of Hope
Recovery Support Center

Sparks of Hope Recovery Support Center
107 Main St, Hamburg, NY 14075

Faith Formation for All Ages beginning Sept 20!

Check out our new Church School Times!

9:15am Sermon Discussion in The Meeting Place	High School Stay tuned for details about our new weeknight gathering!
10:30am (after Children's Time) Pray & Play for 4-year-olds - First Grade Church School for Second Grade - Middle School	

***The Nursery will be open for parent-supervised play, with the service livestreamed.**

