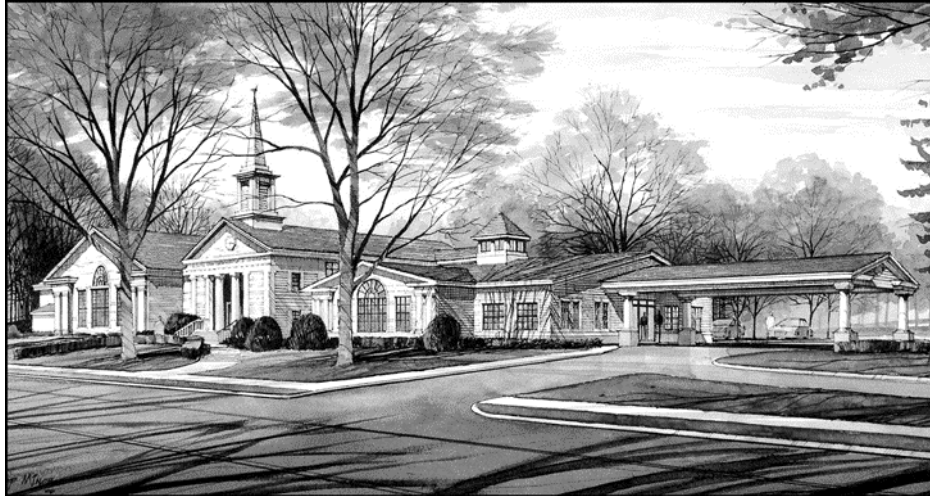




***A thriving faith community  
engaged in compassionate service.***



***August 31, 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**

Leader: Come, beloved of God, the table is prepared.

**People: We come, not by our own merit, but by the invitation of Christ.**

Leader: Here, the proud are humbled, and the humble are lifted up.

**People: Here, the poor, the broken, and the forgotten are honored guests.**

Leader: This is the banquet of grace, the feast of God's kingdom.

**ALL: We come with joy, for all are welcome at the Table of God.**

**\*Opening Hymn #14**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Friends, when we scramble for honor, when we close our tables to others, when we forget that God's grace is a gift, we fall short of God's love. Yet God's mercy is wider than we can imagine. With humility and trust, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we often seek the places of honor, desiring recognition more than service. We confess that we invite those who can repay us, while ignoring the stranger, the poor, and the forgotten. Forgive us, Lord. Humble our hearts, widen our welcome, and seat us once again at your table of grace. Through Jesus Christ, our host and our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made whole.

**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**

*Fantasie, Op. 79*

Fauré

Alex Hamilton, Flute and Amelia Wroblewski, Piano

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 14:7-14, N. T. pg. 77

**Sermon**

*Sit Here!*

Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

## 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

*Greensleeves*

arr. Walsh

#### Offertory

Alex Hamilton, Recorder and Amelia Wroblewski, Piano

### \*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 #721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

### \*Affirmation of Faith - Unison

**We believe in God, whose kingdom is a banquet without end, where the humble are lifted up, the poor are fed, and all are welcome. We believe in Jesus Christ, who lived with humility, who dined with sinners and saints, who opened wide the table of grace, and who calls us to do the same. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gathers us from the streets and the margins, who gives us gifts to serve, and who makes us one body in Christ. This we believe: At God's table there is room for all, and by grace we have a place prepared. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Postlude

Excerpt from Mozart *Sonata in D Major for Four Hands*

Mozart

Alex Hamilton and Amelia Wroblewski, Piano

**Thank you to Alex Hamilton for sharing his gift of music with us today!**

**In the event of fire or other emergency requiring prompt exit from the Sanctuary, please leave your seat and proceed immediately to the nearest door to exit the building. The exit doors are in the front, side and rear of the Sanctuary.**

**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, David Brummer, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** this morning is Dolores Battle. The **USHERS/GREETERS** this morning are the Eugene Family; Mario, Dorcas, Mike, Dave, Molly and Joy.

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](http://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 program year begins SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 when Pray & Play returns and the Nursery is staffed.** See the CE table in the Reception Room for calendars and family registration forms to complete (and return!)

Please note the flyer about the **Faith Traditions Field Tour next SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.** If you are interested in attending and/or wish to carpool; please send Mrs. B an email @ [lindab@oppchurch.org](mailto:lindab@oppchurch.org).

The Church Office will be **CLOSED tomorrow** in observance of Labor Day.

**MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:** September 27, Labyrinth Walk with Deerhurst Presbyterian Church. More information to follow.

**OFFICE HOURS** the **week of September 8<sup>th</sup>** are 9:30am-11:30am Monday through Friday and 12:30-2:30pm Tuesday through Friday.

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Frank and Kay Dickey in memory of Betty Birch.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, two services will start again; 8:30 a.m. with communion and 10:30 a.m. worship with communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Next week is **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 after Children's Time) plus an **ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST at 9:30** in Fellowship Hall. Look for bags at the Welcome Center to fill with Blessing Box groceries 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.**

**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. 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.



*Fifth Annual*  
**Rejoicing**  
IN RECOVERY

Special Musical Guest:  
Jade Giambrone

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2025**  
12 - 3:00 PM | A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT | LUNCH PROVIDED  
Sparks of Hope Recovery Support Center  
107 Main St, Hamburg, NY 14075

MUSICIANS, DYNAMIC SPEAKERS,  
LOCAL RECOVERY RESOURCES, FREE NARCAN TRAINING

**Sparks of Hope**  
Recovery Support Center

**Sparks of Hope**  
Faith Community Network

**Welcome Back Sunday**  
**Sunday, September 7**

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

RSVP for Breakfast  
with the QR Code  
or call the church office  
at 716-662-9348

ORCHARD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES  
YOU FOR A **FREE**

# HANDBELL CHOIR WORKSHOP

Whether you are a seasoned ringer or curious about bell choir, prepare for the new program year with a **free** workshop covering the physics of a bell, special techniques, and more!

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**SUITABLE FOR ALL  
EXPERIENCE LEVELS!  
BEGINNERS WELCOME!**  
All materials/bells are provided.

**RSVP BY  
SEPTEMBER 5**  
Limited Spots Available  
Call the OPPC Office:  
**(716) 662-9348**  
Or scan the QR Code to RSVP! ➔

**WORKSHOP  
FACILITATOR**  
**JIM YORK**  
Performer with the  
Buffalo Bells  
Handbell Director at  
Baker Memorial United  
Methodist Church

**LOCATION:**  
**ORCHARD PARK  
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**It's Back!**  
**A Real, Old-Fashioned**  
**Potluck**  
& Recipe Swap

**Saturday, September 20 • 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Bring a Family-Size Helping of  
Your Favorite Main Dish or Side**  
(Vegetarian, Vegan and Gluten-Free Choices Welcome)  
**And Please Bring a Copy of Your Recipe  
to Share and Post for Allergy Safety**  
Beverages, Desserts & Serving Utensils Provided  
**Sign Up in OPPC's Welcome Center or Call 716-662-9348**  
Presented by the Hospitality-Fellowship Ministry Team

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

Food  
Tastings

Kids  
Activities

### **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.



Registration  
is preferred

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



Network of Religious Communities Youth  
Alliance of World Religions & Cultures

