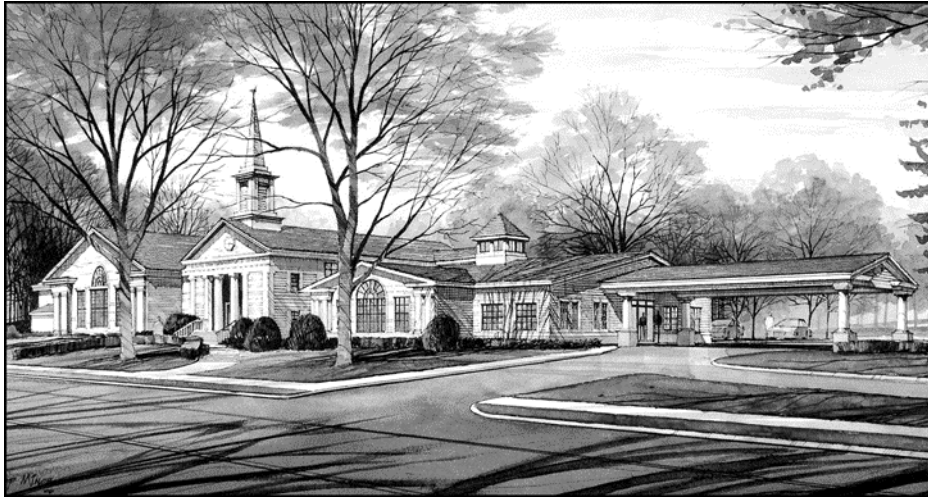




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Chime Intonation**Greetings and Announcements*****Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord,

People: For He is our healer and our salvation.

Leader: Like the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, we come with expectancy, seeking restoration and renewal.

People: We fix our gaze upon Jesus, our hope and strength.

Leader: The God of wonders is among us, ready to work miracles in our midst.

All: Let our hearts be open and our spirits receptive as we worship the Lord who transforms lives and makes all things new, Amen.

Hymn 244This Joyful Eastertide****Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Friends now is the time to confess our shortcomings, our doubts, and our need for healing and restoration. In the presence of our compassionate Savior, let us lay bare our hearts, seeking forgiveness and renewal.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

ALL: As we come before You today oh Lord, we acknowledge our brokenness and need for Your healing touch. We confess that we have been crippled by our sins and shortcomings. We confess that at times we have been blind to Your presence and deaf to Your voice. Forgive us for the times we have walked past opportunities to share Your love and grace with those in need. Lord, just as Peter and John reached out with compassion and faith, help us to extend the same mercy and grace to others. Open our eyes to see the hurting and marginalized around us and give us the courage to step out in faith, trusting in Your power to transform lives. Renew us, O God, and make us whole. Heal our hearts, cleanse our minds, and strengthen our spirits, that we may walk in Your ways and bring glory to Your name. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Just as the lame are raised in the name of Jesus, so too does our Lord extend forgiveness and grace to all who turn to Him in repentance. Through the saving work of Christ, our sins are washed away, and we are made new. Remember that you are forgiven, loved, and accepted in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends, Amen!

***Peace of Christ**

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

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

People: Thanks be to God, AMEN!

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Acts 3:1-10, N.T. pg. 120

Sermon

No Magic Feather Needed

Rev. Dr. Wylie V. 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

Offertory

Communion in E-Flat

Frank Treat Southwick

***Doxology 606
(Melody)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**

Member Recognition

***Hymn 727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (vv. 1-4)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Praeludium in F

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, Trevor Grabau, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** today is Michael Cid. The **USHERS** today are Scott McBride, Doug McFarland, Jim Wilson and Meredith Wilson.

The **FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given by the Saintz Family.

Please sign in on the **FRIENDSHIP PAD** as it makes it 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 10:00 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 YouTube channel which can be accessed direct 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 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 also available on our website.**

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!

EFFECTIVE April 10, the CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The office will be open on Friday's from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION classes **continue to meet** at 9:30 a.m. in The Meeting Place picking back up with the book study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis and will continue through the end of the program year. Contact the facilitator, Dave Brummer (dgbrummer@gmail.com), with any questions.

Please join Pastor Hughes **this Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Irene Irving Room for a service of **MEDITATION ON THE POWER OF PEACE**, to focus on peace and caring.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to serve the meal at **THE GENESIS CENTER on FRIDAY, APRIL 19** from 3:30 - 6:05 pm. Please sign up via the Constant Contact or reach out to Mrs. B.

Service Project for Youth in Grades 6-12! The **Buffalo Niagara WATERKEEPERS Spring Sweep** will be held on **Saturday, April 20 from 10 am until Noon**. OPPC is signed up to clean up Hamburg Town Park Beach. We will meet at the park and stay together for the cleanup until Noon. Please contact Mrs. B. at lindab@oppchurch.org to secure your spot and be sent the Google Registration Form, as well as the Waterkeepers form.

Next **SUNDAY, APRIL 21 is SANDWICH SUNDAY**. Please bring your individually wrapped sandwich(s) to worship with you and deposit them at the table staffed by a member of the Mission Ministry Team at The Welcome Center.

RUMMAGE SALE S.O.S. (Staff Our Sale) – Please join us next Sunday, April 21, before or after the 10:30 a.m. service to start unpacking bags and boxes of items donated for the sale. Also, many volunteers are needed to organize and price items starting on Monday, April 22. Would you be willing to help at the sale (Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27) or to pack up the unsold items on Saturday? Stop by the table in the hallway near the church office and sign up to volunteer. Reminder: Donated items may be dropped off at the Clark St. entrance from Saturday, April 13 until Sunday, April 21. If you have any questions, please call Sue Sager at 716-662-9413.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28** immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service, for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons and approving the creation of a new Strategic Plan for the future of OPPC.

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Saturday, April 27th • 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

OPPC Reception Room

We'll Have

Games Available for All Ages

or

Bring Your Favorite to Share!

It's a Great Chance to Introduce Friends or Neighbors to OPPC!

Sign Up in the Welcome Center

or

Call 716-206-4753 for Details!

Presented by the Hospitality-Fellowship Ministry Team



Music Notes

Praeludium in d

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Communion in E-Flat

Praeludium in F

Andreas Kneller

Robert J. Powell

Frank Treat Southwick

Andreas Kneller

Prelude

Andreas Kneller (1649–1724) was a North German organist and composer who worked much of his career in Hamburg and tested new organs in the region; he reviewed J.S. Bach's application for a 1720 organist position in Hamburg before Bach ultimately decided against the position, despite being accepted. Only four or five works by Kneller survive. This prelude is typical of the sectional format of 17th-century North German organ works: improvisatory statements open and close the piece while providing relief between structured fugal sections of learned counterpoint.

Anthem

This anthem uses the hymn melody "Ellacombe," a German tune from the late 18th century. The first verse begins in choir unison before splitting into parts while the second verse is arranged 'a cappella' in a new key. Finally, the choir returns to the original key while passing the melody back and forth between the upper and lower choir sections.

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.*

*He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.*

*O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing, and all blest.
The tide of time shall never,
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever,
that name to us is love.*

Offertory

Frank Treat Southwick (1857–1948) was a New-England organist and composer who began his church music career at age 15. A handful of rather obscure hymns and a few organ pieces survive, including this communion offertory, painting an ethereal mood with chromaticism and shifts into the parallel minor key.

Postlude

This prelude (a term used to describe North German sectional works broadly, not just literally) is in the relative major key compared to the prelude for the service. After a declamatory introduction, a mischievous fugue ensues and leads into several further sections of improvisational relief and subsequent related fugal passage, a common feature for such works from this region and period.