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engaged in compassionate service.***



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A Service of Lessons and Carols

10:30 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

GREETINGS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from John Chapter 1)**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word.

All: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

All: And we have seen his glory!

HYMN #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: As we gather this day to hear again the story of the miracle of grace poured upon us in the birth of the Christ Child, let us confess our need for His rebirth in our hearts.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O living Christ, as you first came among us on a dark, cold night, unwelcomed except for shepherds, we confess our preoccupation with the business of our daily lives that causes our failure to hear your message of hope and comfort. As we listen once again to the message of the angels, may our hearts be softened to receive and express your love, and may our minds be more alert to your persistent message of peace on earth. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: May Almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***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.")

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH CAROLS, SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

HE COMES IN THE MIDST OF POVERTY, HUMILITY, AND REJECTION

She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

***HYMN #115**

Away in a Manger

THIS GREATEST OF ALL NEWS: FIRST TOLD TO SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy....to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10,11)

HYMN #119

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

SUCH ASTOUNDING NEWS STIRS THE HEART

The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place. So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. (Luke 2:15,16)

HYMN #145

What Child Is This

HE COMES TO AN OBSCURE VILLAGE WITH A HISTORY AND A DESTINY

And you, Bethlehem of Judah; are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” (Matthew 2: 6)

*HYMN #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

HE LIVES AND GROWS AS ONE OF US

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them...And Jesus increased to wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. (Luke 2:51,52)

HYMN #126

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

THE GREAT GOOD NEWS IS FOR ALL, INCLUDING THE WEALTHY AND THE POWERFUL.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came asking, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews, for we observed his star in the East, and have come to pay him homage....they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2: 2, 11)

*HYMN #136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

WE RESPOND WITH SPIRIT AND TREASURE

ANTHEM

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

You’re Not Alone

Norah Jones

*DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(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.*

*HYMN #134

Joy to the World

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Special thanks to Alex Hamilton, Angel Rhodes, and Amelia Wroblewski for sharing their gifts of music with us today!

In the event of a 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, Mario Eugene, who will be available after worship.

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

Please sign in on 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 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and then the service (which is being recorded as we worship in person) will be available by Sunday afternoon 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.**

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.

WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP as together we are the whole people of God. **WORSHIP BAGS** are available in the Reception Room. There is **NO PRAY & PLAY or NURSERY today**. Both will be open again on Sunday, January 4.

Linda Babcock is on **VACATION** and will return on Sunday, January 4.

FAMILY, FAITH & FOOD - Epiphany Edition! **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall for families with children. Join the CE Ministry Team for a delicious breakfast followed by crown and fragrant orange making! Please RSVP via the weekly Constant Contact.

ADULT EDUCATION resumes next **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 at 9:30 AM**. Join adults in a Sermon Discussion style format facilitated by Dave Brummer in The Meeting Place.

Thank you to everyone who brought in sandwiches last week for **SANDWICH SUNDAY**. The total of **187 sandwiches** were taken to St. Luke's by Deb Galloway and Barb Olandt. **THANK YOU** to the Daisy Scouts who made 76 sandwiches! Our grand total for the year of sandwiches was **1,612**. **The next Sandwich Sunday will be January 18.**

OPPC's Mission Ministry Team has our faith community's **2025 IMPACT REPORT** located in the binder on the credenza under the flat screen in the Reception Room. Take a few moments to browse through it to see where the mission dollars have been spent.

Our **PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** go out to the Somerville family on the death of Lynda. Her memorial service will be held on January 31, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. Christine will be out of the office on Friday, January 2. The office will reopen on Monday, January 4.

We have open dates available on the **2026 Communion Table FLOWER CALENDAR**. The cost per arrangement is \$50.00 and will be provided by *Expressions Florist*. Please sign up on the calendar in the Welcome Center to reserve your date or call Christine in the church office at 716-662-9348. Thank you.

If you made a **MONETARY PLEDGE for 2025** and would like to confirm your contribution status before the end of the year please email jessica@oppchurch.org. Jessica Merry will be happy to update you.

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.**





Or at least it will be once we get the holiday decorations taken down and put away... again.

Happily we get to share a few hours of fellowship as we work together doing it. We'll be gathering at **9:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, January 3rd** to undecorate and disassemble OPPC's beautiful Christmas tree and pack up the ornaments and other festive items that bring so much joy to our hearts, our church home and the community every holiday season.

If you would like to take part in this labor of love, you can **sign up in the OPPC Welcome Center** or call the Hospitality-Fellowship Ministry Team's Chair **Doug Carpenter** at **716-206-4753**. We hope you can join us on the 3rd... and thanks!

