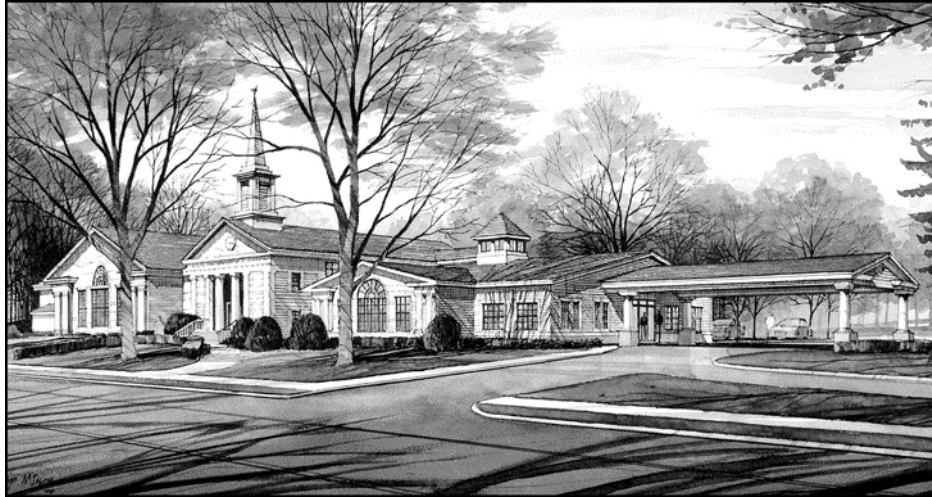




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***January 25, 2026***

**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** *The Heavens Are Telling* Haydn

**Greetings**

**Introit** *Open to Me the Gates* Thiman

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus walks along the shoreline of ordinary lives.

**People: He calls us where we are, as we are.**

Leader: Jesus says, “Follow me.”

**People: The Kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Leader: God’s reign interrupts our routines and reshapes our priorities.

**ALL: We come ready to follow. Let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Hymn #157** *I Danced in the Morning*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

Leader: The call to discipleship is a call to honesty. Before we can follow faithfully, we must tell the truth about where we have stood still, where we have clung to our nets, and where we have resisted God’s reign. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin together.

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of the Kingdom, you call us to follow, yet we hesitate. You invite us into lives of courage, yet we choose comfort. You proclaim good news for the world, yet we shrink that good news to what benefits us alone. Forgive us when we cling to what feels safe instead of trusting where you lead. Forgive us when we hear your call but delay our response. Turn us again toward your reign. Free our hands to release what binds us and strengthen our feet to walk in your way. We confess our sin, and we receive your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news: The Kingdom of heaven has come near. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called anew.

**ALL: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

**\*Passing the 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**

**Announcements**

**Anthem** *Give Me Jesus* Larry Shackley  
Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 4:12-23, N. T. pg. 3

**Sermon** *Following Christ* Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Leader: Listen now as we pray in the way Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Prayer Response	Amen	Beethoven
The Offering Offertory	Ave Maria Sanctuary Choir	Bach/Gounod
*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.	
*Closing Hymn #69		Here I Am, Lord
*Sending		
*Choral Benediction	God Be With You till We Meet Again Sanctuary Choir	Rankin & Tomer
Postlude	Rejoice, the Lord Is King!	Arr. Craig 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 Deacon of the Day, Kathy Houghton, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is David Brummer with the Saintz Family; David, Nora, Violet, Belle, Will and Celia as **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.

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

The **FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given by the Breth Family in memory of John T. and Evelyn Breth.

Thank you to everyone who brought in sandwiches last Sunday! We collected 91 for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Thanks to Deb Galloway and Barb Olandt for staffing the table and driving them to St. Luke's and to the Littles who sent cookies as well. **The next SANDWICH SUNDAY will be FEBRUARY 15.**

**OPPC BOOK GROUP** will be meeting **Tuesday, January 27** (changed due to the weather) at 7:00 p.m. discussing the book ***Wayward Girls*** by Susan Wiggs. Come and join their lively discussion in the Irene Irving Room whether or not you have read the book.

Lynda Somerville’s memorial service will be next **Saturday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m.**

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.

**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.**

