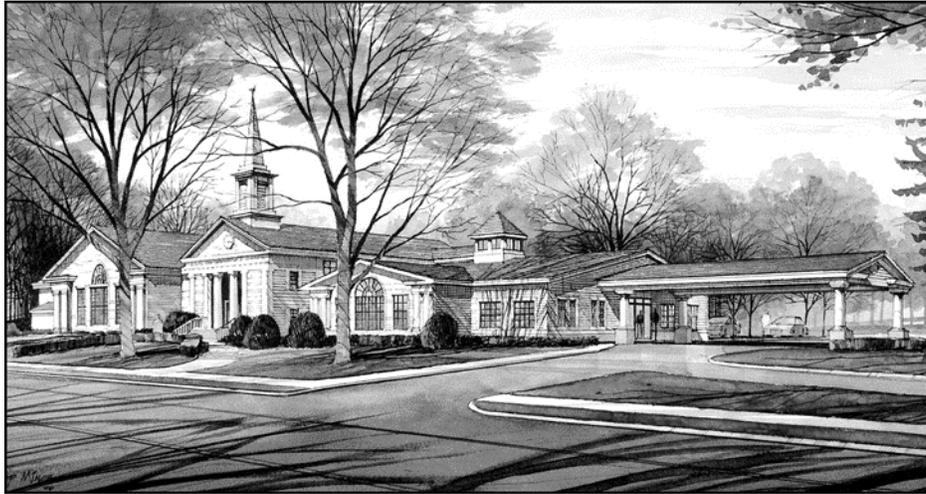




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March 1, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Order of Service

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude Dances from *Suite in d* Matthew Locke, 1621–1677
Royall Consort

Greetings

Introit Fantazie from *Suite in d* Matthew Locke, 1621–1677
Royall Consort

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

Leader: Come into God's fellowship, you who are broken and blessed, you who show mercy, as God has first been merciful to you.

All: In Christ, we gather in blessing.

Leader: Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice; bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

*Opening Hymn #214

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

*Invitation to Confession

Leader: Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, for God knows our weaknesses and our choices, and yet imagines for us a life of wholeness and peace. God, who delivers people from their suffering, you sent Jesus to show us that our ways are not your ways.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You told us to bless the poor, to make peace with our neighbors, to share what we have with others, and to live our faith through quiet actions. Yet we often fail this calling. Forgive us, God, where and when we have slipped into the world's ways of hate, greed, and violence. Guide us into faithfulness once again, for your ways are loving, just, and compassionate. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved, God knows our tendency to prioritize ourselves and our groups, but God calls us to think bigger, to see all of humanity as our neighborhood. God will help us grow and mature into loving followers of Jesus who treat our neighbors with love. Receive God's free gift of grace and be at peace. Amen.

People: 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

Special Music *Pavan à 5* John Jenkins, 1592-1678
Royall Consort

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:17-38, N. T. pg. 64

Sermon

Navigating Change

Rev. Allyn Foster

**The Offering
Offertory**

Sonata à 4
Royall Consort

Johann Rosenmüller 1619-1684

***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**

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: Therefore, we give thanks to you, joining in the chorus of praise that transcends time – connecting us to generations past, present, and future:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Hymn #552)

Words of Institution

**Partaking of the Bread and Cup
Communion Hymn**

Fantazia from Suite in F
Royall Consort

M. Locke 1621-1677

Prayers of the People

Leader: For all whose cupboards are sparse, all whose tummies rumble in the evening, all who work to stretch limited resources, Gracious One,

All: We pray for all who are experiencing hunger.

Leader: For all whose tears keep coming, all whose grief seems only to multiply, all who feel the pain of the world in their bones, Gracious One,

All: We pray for all who mourn.

Leader: For all who are shut out or turned away, all who bear the brunt of others' ignorance, all who are treated with contempt or cruelty, Gracious One,

All: We pray for all who are excluded.

Leader: God, where we have been the cause of poverty, hunger, grief, and exclusion, we repent and turn anew toward you.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: Where our compassion, generosity, comfort, and care might be a source of blessing, we offer them up and turn anew toward one another.

All: Compel us.

Leader: We know all of this lives within all of us, and so we pray for friends and neighbors, for strangers and for ourselves, for this church, and for your kin(g)dom here. Amen.

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.

*Closing Hymn #694

Great God of Every Blessing

Affirmation of Faith

One: Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination.

All: We believe in the ways of Jesus. We believe in sharing food, water, shelter, and healing care with everyone. We believe in freedom for captives, justice for victims, and deliverance for all who are enslaved. We believe peace comes from justice, not violence. We believe everyone is our neighbor, without exception. We believe children are precious and worthy of care. We believe, as Jesus did, that we find God among the poor, the marginalized, the weak, the imprisoned, and the rejected. We believe Jesus came, not merely to point to heaven, but to teach us how to bring heaven to earth. We believe and pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Benediction

Postlude

Dances from *Suite in F*
Royall Consort

M. Locke 1621-1677

We **THANK** the Royall Consort for sharing with us their gift of music this morning.

Alto Recorder: Alex Hamilton

Viola da Gamba: Nancy Nuzzo

Treble Viol: David Abbott

Theorbo: Roland Hayes

Viola: Leanne Darling

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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, Anne Helfrich, who will be available after worship.

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 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.**

Important Notice to Our Congregation

We have been made aware that scam emails are once again being sent to members of our congregation by someone pretending to be the pastor. These messages are fraudulent and are not coming from our church.

Please remember: **official church emails will only come from an address ending in @oppchurch.org.**

If you receive an email claiming to be from the pastor or the church that does not include our [@oppchurch.org](mailto:oppchurch.org) email address, do not respond, do not click any links, and do not provide any personal or financial information.

If you are ever unsure about a message, please contact the church office directly to verify.

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 Charles and Dolores Battle in memory of their parents, William and Sylvia Matthews and Flossie and Henry Battle.

Please join us in **CELEBRATING** the love and appreciation we all have for Rev. Allyn Foster, **immediately following worship this morning**. He has made so many contributions to our church family over the many years he has been with us.

The **Presbyterian Women's Spring Program** will be held on **March 21, 2026** at 1 P.M. in the Reception Room. Orchard Park's Village Mayor and Town Historian, Jo Ann Litwin-Clinton will present "**Orchard Park: Past, Present and Future**". Come and discover some of the history of Orchard Park, learn about current happenings and gain insights into future plans.

We will be making our own ice cream sundaes and the cost of the program is \$3.00. Reservations can be made today at the table by the church office or by calling Sue Sager at 716-662-9413. We hope to see you there!

A **LENTEN SUPPER** is planned for March 18. More information to follow.

Rev. Tom Yorty will arrive in Orchard Park early this coming week to begin his time with us as Temporary Pastor. Plan to join us in welcoming him next Sunday as he will be preaching.

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.**

