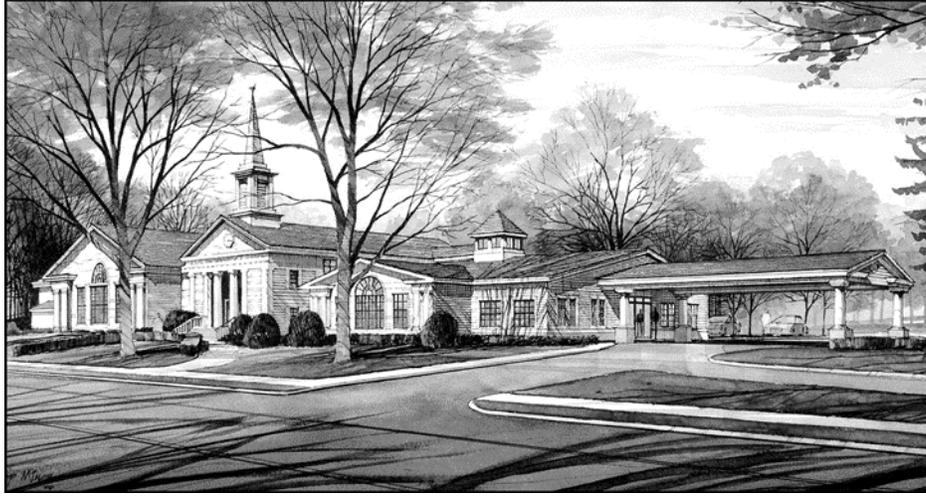




***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

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 Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

***Palm Sunday Procession**

Prepare Ye

Stephen Schwartz

***Call to Worship**

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

To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

***Opening Hymn #197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Prayer of Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God, for God knows how we become distracted by flashy, impressive production quality, and we forget the simple, humble foundation of our faith in Jesus. God of the manger, the hillside, the farmer's field, and the sheep's pasture, you are no stranger to humble beginnings and simple places. We know the stories. We hear you calling us away from the hypocrisy of external shows of piety, and toward the quiet places of prayer and service. But our hearts remain divided.

Forgive us for being so easily impressed with the trappings of power and wealth, and for turning our backs on your quiet, persistent working among those on the margins. Forgive us for accepting worldly standards for beauty and status that rely so heavily upon racist and classist tropes. Forgive us for perpetuating lies of worth and value that exist outside your righteous economy of kin(g)dom justice. We focus our endeavors, our appreciation, and our worship around that which you find beautiful and praiseworthy. Help us expand our imaginations to see beauty where you are most glorified. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved in Christ, God knows we are vulnerable to the glitter and glamor of empire. God sent Jesus to show us a different way to live so we might not be shackled to standards and behaviors that do not reflect Christ's love. Receive God's grace and pardon, and be at peace.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

As we walk through the wild wilderness of Lent, we imagine a world where all creation is at peace. We imagine a world without war, where creation flourishes and children are safe. Let these dreams of peace begin here as we share the peace of Christ with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

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

Children's Time

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

God who breathes meaning and inspiration into our sacred scriptures, who crafts stories of redemption, liberation, and love, may these words help us imagine the world you intended. May we receive the challenge to

join you in this holy work, bringing heaven to earth as we follow Jesus in love and justice. Amen.

Readings

Philippians 2:5-11, N. T. pg. 197

Mark 11:1-11, N. T. pg. 47

Choir Anthem

Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me

Larson & Williams

Sermon

All Together Now

Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Prayers of the People

God, this world gets us down on our knees and up on our feet. We bow our heads and we beat the pavement. We call for peace and we march our prayers. We remember the story of your procession, and in this silence, we ask that you would guide our steps today.

(time for silence)

You who journey with us,

lead us on paths of justice and liberation.

We remember the story of your turning over tables, and in this silence, we ask that you would harness our passion today.

(time for silence)

You who kindle the flame in our hearts,

make us burn for truth and righteousness.

We remember the story of your faithfulness to your friends, and in this silence, we lift to you our prayers for those we love.

(time for silence)

You who never give up on any of us,

deepen our faith in each other.

We remember the story of your love that knows no bounds and in this silence, we lift to you our prayers for all the world.

(time for silence)

You who took it all into your heart,

send us out to serve and heal the world you so love. Amen

Holy one, shock and save us with the terrible goodness of Jesus' Passion

The Lord's Prayer

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

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

Ring for Joy

Douglas Wagner

Wilson Memorial Bell Choir

***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**

***Hymn #223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***Benediction**

Go out into the world with peace in your hearts to love and serve all.

Amen.

***Choral Benediction**

7-Fold Amen

Lutkin

Postlude

O Sing Hosanna

Dave & Jean Perry

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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, Mary McKinley, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Glenn Begert with the Quinn Family; T. J., Lisa, Nora and Tommy as the **GREETERS/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. **Please be aware that the worship service is being recorded as well as live streamed and will be broadcast via the internet.**

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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 in honor of Allyn Foster and Linda Babcock.

The **SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP/ADULT EDUCATION** will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in The Meeting Place.

There will be **NO Christian Education Classes** at 9:30 next week - April 5 - as well as no Pray & Play or Staffed Nursery. The Nursery (Green Room) has the service live streamed and parents may supervise their children while they watch the service. **All three return to their regular schedule on APRIL 12.**

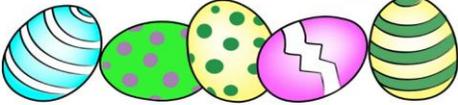
RUMMAGE SALE (Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25) – **WANTED:** your gently used “stuff” for the sale and volunteers to sort, price and sell the “stuff.” Donated items may be dropped off in the hallway behind the Fellowship Hall stage **BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 11 UNTIL SUNDAY, APRIL 19.** The Clark Street entrance will be open Sunday (11a.m – 6 p.m.), Monday- Friday (1 p.m. - 6 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) .Also, please check the volunteer opportunities at the table near the church office. Questions? Call Sue Sager at 716 - 662-9413.

The "German Organ Mass": A Recital Mini-Series

At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays March 31 and April 7, Alex Hamilton will present an organ recital mini-series with vocalist Dr. Holly Bewlay, professor of voice at Buffalo State University. This mini-series will feature Johann Sebastian Bach's 1739 *Clavierübung III*, also known as the "German Organ Mass." The March 31 recital (45 minutes) will consist of the more introspective one-manual settings, appropriate for the penitential atmosphere of the Tuesday during Holy Week. The April 7 recital (80 minutes) will feature the more extroverted full-organ settings suited to the brighter Easter season. Together, these two recitals take the form of musical worship services, with vocal statements of the hymns given before the corresponding organ arrangements.

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 available.** Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our Online Giving Site.



<p><i>Holy Week Schedule</i></p> <p>Palm Sunday March 29, 8:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Good Friday April 3, 7pm</p> <p>Easter Sunday April 5, 8:30am & 10:30am</p> <p><i>All are Welcome</i></p>	<p>HIPPITY HOP TO OUR FREE ANNUAL COMMUNITY</p> <p>Easter egg hunt</p> <p>Saturday, April 4th • 10:00am. — Rain or Shine —</p> <p>Orchard Park Presbyterian Church 4369 South Buffalo Street at Clark</p> <p>Refreshments and Treat Bags for the Kids! Everyone Welcome! Bring the Whole Family and Invite Your Friends and Neighbors!</p> 
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