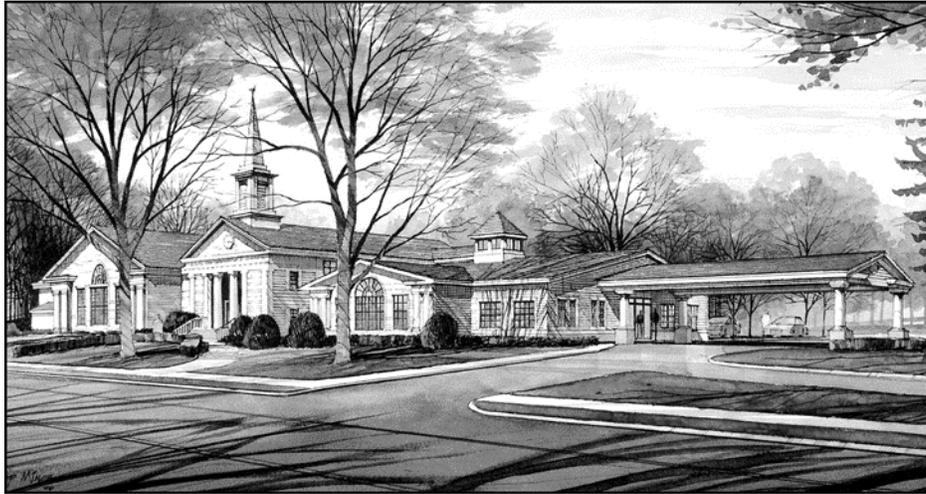




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March 8, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Order of Service

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Greetings

Choral Introit

Open to Me the Gates

Thiman

*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 abundance, you of great faith, and you who grasp at crumbs; you who resist, and you who persist.

All: In Christ, we gather and are transformed.

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 #666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, for God knows our temptation to be cruel to one another, and yet imagines for us a life of mutual blessings. God of mercy and compassion, we confess we have not always treated our neighbors, friends, or even family members with dignity.

All: We have used dehumanizing language or stereotypes. We have been critical when we should have been encouraging. We have told lies when we should have been honest with hard truths. We have excluded people when we should have widened the invitation. Forgive us for the ways that we have failed our neighbors, friends, and family with unkind words. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved in Christ, God knows how it feels to be frustrated with other people. Yet, God promises the Spirit to replenish our reserves of patience and love when it feels like we cannot spare one more kind thought. Receive these gifts of grace. Receive God's pardon for your sins, and be at peace.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: 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.

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

Children's Time

Announcements

Scripture Reading

John 4:5-26, N. T. pg. 94

Choir Anthem *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom

Sermon *Discerning the Presence of God:
In Everyday Life* Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

Hymn #53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy One, these prayers carry our gratitude. So much beauty and care sustains us. We give thanks for this congregation, for songs and stories and friends, for space at the table.

All: Holy One, hear our prayer of thanksgiving. May our gratitude make us gentle and generous with ourselves, with each other, and with all.

Leader: These prayers carry our frustration. So much desperate need surrounds us. We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. We lament the systems that fail us. We rail against the denial of dignity.

All: Holy One, hear our prayer born of struggle. May our frustration make us fierce advocates for ourselves, for each other, and for all.

One: These prayers carry our hope. So much is possible when we remember the healing, transforming, renewing power of your love. Hear the prayers we raise to you.....

All: Holy One, hear the prayer of our hearts. May our hope give us courage and care to embody your love for all the world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 *Here Our Prayer, O Lord* Whelpton

The Offering
Offertory *Duetto in G* J. S. Bach

***Doxology #606** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,*
(Melody) *all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune*
God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Hymn #65** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
Postlude *Fugue in E-Flat Major* J. S. Bach

We give thanks to Alex Hamilton for sharing his gift of music with us today!

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, Griff Esslinger, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Carol Savage with the Kilpatrick Family, Ryan, Amy, Simon and Clara as **GREETERS/USHERS** with Paul Woodard as **HEAD USHER**.

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.**

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!

We **WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty today as our temporary Pastor. Please stop and say hello after worship today.

The **SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP/ADULT EDUCATION** on Sunday Morning will be starting next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in The Meeting Place.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - The youth collected 71 cans of soup that stocked our Blessing Box and the youth chose for the \$766.87 check to be donated to The Genesis Center.

Next Sunday, **MARCH 15, is SANDWICH SUNDAY**. Please bring your individually wrapped sandwich(s) to church with you and drop them off at the table by The Welcome Center. They will be taken to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy later in the morning.

The **WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM** is presenting **A LENTEN SUPPER on Wednesday, March 18** at 6:00 p.m. More information will follow.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew Nagowski and Catherine March on the birth of their daughter Mariana March Nagowski on February 28. Mom Dad, and big sister Zophia are delighted to have her join the family.

The **Presbyterian Women's Spring Program** will be held on **March 21, 2026** at 1:00 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!

Please help decorate the **SANCTUARY FOR EASTER**. To order foil wrapped plants in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones, please complete an envelope and enclose **\$10** per plant (**White Easter Lilies, Pink Hyacinths, or Yellow Tulips**). Envelopes are located at the Welcome Center. Please make your check payable to Orchard Park Presbyterian Church (OPPC) and put **Easter Flowers** in the memo section. All **orders must be in before Wednesday, March 25**.

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.

We are **hiring a part-time Business Manager** (up to 20 hours/week) to manage bookkeeping and administrative business considerations in cooperation with various Ministry teams (Accounting and Finance, Personnel, and Property primarily). Our current Business Manager is relocating, and we are actively searching for someone to fill this role primarily in the office, with the potential to perform some duties remotely if appropriate. View the full job description [click here](#). Applications due 3/16/2026. Email questions to: personnel@oppchurch.org.

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.



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No rehearsal.
One actor, who
has never seen
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Friday,
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7:00 p.m.

One Show/Free Admission
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Easter
egg hunt**

Saturday, April 4th • 10:00 a.m.
— Rain or Shine —
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Refreshments and Treat Bags for the Kids!
Everyone Welcome! Bring the Whole Family
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