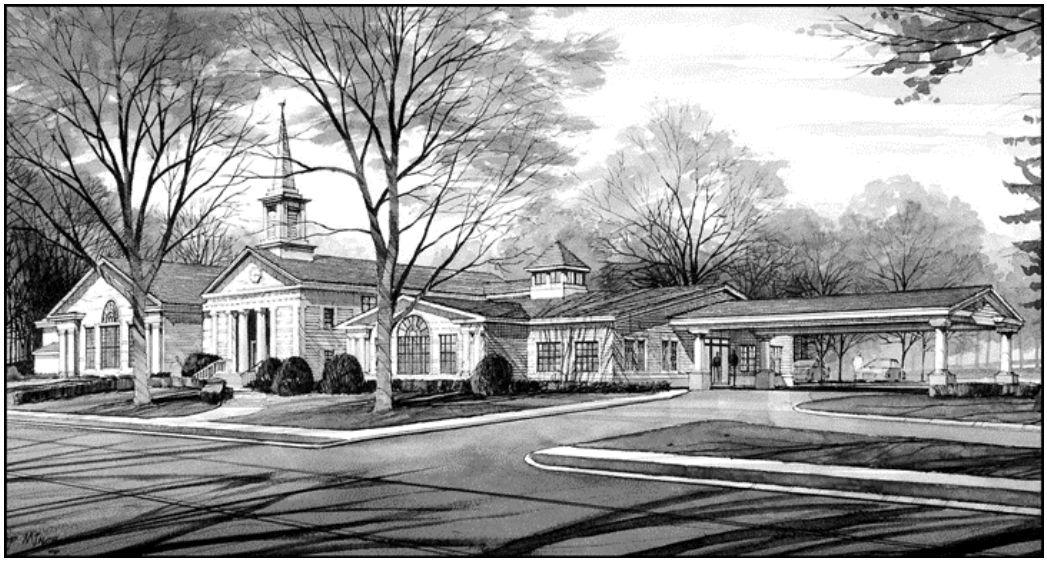
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

A thriving faith community
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November 15, 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Robert Hunter

Greetings

Choral Introit *Sing Praise!* Steurlein

***Call to Worship**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

With songs of praise, let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn #12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Invitation to Confession**

Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures, let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas and waits in mercy to forgive.

***Prayer of Confession**

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Peace of Christ**

Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold through confession, let us share a sign of peace with each other. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by your Spirit breathe your word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:18-23; O. T. pg. 668

Anthem *Bwana Awabariki* (May God Grant You A Blessing) arr. S. Nelson

The Wilson Memorial Handbell Choir

New Testament Lesson Acts 17:22–31 ; N. T. pg. 137

Sermon *Preaching to the Pagans* Rev. Dr. Ken Hughes

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer* Whelpton
Sanctuary Choir

The Offering *Keep Your Lamps* Andre Thomas
Offertory Sanctuary 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.*

***Dedication**

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant – Reception of New Members (see insert)

Shirley Eberle Marquise Prudence Payong Douglas Rhodes

Presentation

Elder Wil Weiss: On behalf of the session, I present Shirley Eberle, Marquise Prudence Payong and Douglas Rhodes, who have been received into the membership of this congregation by Reaffirmation of Faith

Renunciations

***Profession**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from hence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Question to the new members

Pastoral Prayer

Laying on of Hands

Defend, O Lord, your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom, we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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 #307**	*God of Grace and God of Glory*	
***Benediction**		
***Choral Response**	*God Be With You* Sanctuary Choir	J. E. Rankin
Postlude	*I Surrender All*	Weeden/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, Don Schmid, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** this morning is T. J. Quinn. The **USHERS/GREETERS** this week are Doug Carpenter, Dave Eugene and Claudia and Mike Rodems.

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 Sunday afternoons on the OPPC YouTube channel which can be accessed directly from You Tube 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! Following Children's Time, children in first through seventh grade are invited to Church School. Our Pray & Play Nursery is available for infants through Kindergarten following Children's Time until 11:30 a.m. Worship Bags are always available at the CE table in the Reception Room for children who remain in worship.

FLOWERS on the Communion Table are given by Don and Sandy Schmid in thanks to God for our 53rd anniversary.

Today **is SANDWICH SUNDAY.** Thank you for bringing your individually wrapped sandwiches to worship with you and dropping them at the table by The Welcome Center. They will be delivered to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy after worship.

All Members are encouraged to join us for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following a **single 10:30 a.m. service** on **Sunday, November 22**. We will be voting to elect members of our Pastor Nominating Committee.

We are proud to **share** that Delcey Pulvino was among **several Western New York veterans** honored by the Buffalo Sabres on November 10, 2026, in recognition of their service and dedication to our country. Please join us in congratulating Delcey on this **well-deserved recognition** and thanking her and her family for their many years of service and sacrifice. We are grateful to have her share her experience and perspective with our OPPC family!

POINSETTIAS will decorate the Sanctuary for **Christmas EVE.** If you wish to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out an envelope, available at the Welcome Center starting on **Sunday, November 15** and specify the number, color of red, white or pink and how you would like your dedication to read. The deadline for orders is **Sunday, December 6.** The cost is $10.00 per plant.

Want to get out of chilly WNY this coming January and help a community in need? Volunteers are needed for a **MISSION TRIP** down south to assist in areas devastated by storms. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Tom Grogan if you're interested or for more information. A sign-up sheet is available in The Welcome Center.

ADVENT EVENING CLASS - WITNESS TO THE LIGHT

The holiday rush is right around the corner, and it's so easy to get caught up in the stress of it all. This year, we want to invite you to create a little breathing room for yourself with a new Advent small group study, ***Witness to the Light***.

This 4-week study takes up the themes of **reveal, renew, rejoice, and return** as seen through the eyes of Biblical prophets. Advent offers the perfect opportunity to refresh our faith and prepare ourselves for everything that lies ahead.

We'll provide class participants with a copy of the book, ***Witness to the Light***. If your schedules make reading the book a bit iffy, don't worry. Pastor Hughes each week will introduce the theme for that class, which is more than enough to participate in the class discussion that follows.

That's not all! We plan to offer a light dinner as well as childcare to make it easier to join this study. The first class opens with a meal on Monday, November 30 at 5:45 pm. That will be the schedule for the three Mondays that follow, through December 21.

All we need now is your sign-up for the course, which you can provide by contacting Christine Cotton at 716-662-9348 or via email (**christine@oppchurch.org**). We will **close registration** for the class on **Monday, November 23**.

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.**

PASTOR SEARCH

Slate of OPPC Members to Serve on Pastor Nominating Committee/PNC to Be Submitted for Congregation's Approval on Sunday, November 22nd

At the direction of the Session, the OPPC Nominating Committee sought out congregation members willing to serve on the PNC, which will conduct the search for our faith community's next installed Pastor. Chosen thoughtfully from among all interested and eligible candidates, which included both individuals who volunteered to serve and others who agreed to be considered, the nine-member group being proposed to act on our congregation's behalf in that up-coming process includes:

Tom Grogan • Nancy Lesakowski • Terrie Murray
Jen Noah • Angel Rhodes • Claudia Rodems
Jeff Somerville • Wil Weiss • Paul Woodard

We're confident that the demographic and experiential diversity represented by the nominees — who reflect OPPC's gender, age and family structures and include both longtime and recently-joined members — will equip them well for their extremely important task.



HELP WANTED: Hall Deckers

It's time again to "don" our holiday "jolly" and "deck" OPPC's halls, walls and anywhere else that looks in need of a festive touch.

Congregation members of all ages are invited to lend their hands and hearts to decorating of our church home for Advent and the up-coming Christmas season!

We'll gather **Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m.** to decorate the tall, beautiful Christmas tree that we proudly share with the community in our front Sanctuary window each year – as well as to spruce up the rest of our building with bows, bells, wreaths and garland swags.

Sign up in the Welcome Center to participate in this opportunity for holiday socializing or call Hospitality-Fellowship Ministry Team Chair **Doug Carpenter** at **716-206-4753** if you have any questions. **See you on the 28th!**

