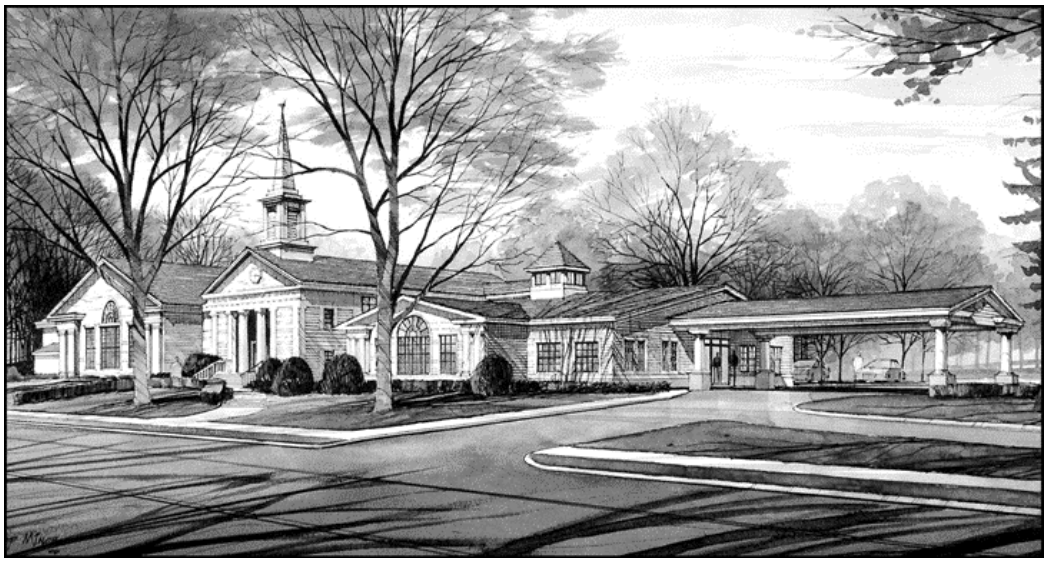
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.



November 22, 2026
Christ the King 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 *All Good Gifts* S. Schwartz

Greetings

Choral Introit *Come, Give Thanks!* Lloyd D. Larson

***Call to Worship**
Of the reign of King Jesus, this may be said: He did not come to lounge about with the leisured classes.
He came to heal the sick.
He did not come to patronize the wealthy.
He came to preach the good news to the poor.
He did not come to speak for the smoothly articulate.
He came to listen to the voiceless.
He did not come to act like a monarch of this world.
He came to announce the truth of God's kingdom where men, women, and children are always more important than their problems. Where all are taught and touched by each other, where all are sisters and brothers of each other, where justice and peace join hands to the glory of Christ the King.
Let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn #367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***Invitation to Confession**
Sisters and brothers, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

***Prayer of Confession**
Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. Lord, forgive us and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**
Beloved, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. Forgiven and freed, turn then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

***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".)

Choral Anthem *Gratitude* Lake, Bowe, Hastings/Wise

Children's Time

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination
Holy One of Israel, let us receive with calm hearts and hear with responsive spirits the Word you have brought to us for this day. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16, O. T. pg. 803

New Testament Lesson Matthew 25:31-46; N. T. pg. 29

Sermon *Stunned Goats, Surprised Sheep* Rev. Dr. Ken Hughes

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer
Now let us pray the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught us saying:
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 *Hear Our Prayer* Whelpton
Sanctuary Choir

The Offering *We Praise You, O God* Alford/Larson
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**

***Closing Hymn #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Special Congregational Meeting Election of the Pastor Nominating Committee (see inside)

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Hughes
Clerk of Session: Al Sager

Call to Order & Opening Prayer
Declaration of a Quorum
Reading of the Call of the Meeting
A special meeting of the congregation of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church has been duly called and announced by the Session, to be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee of nine members representative of the whole congregation.
Report of the Congregational Nominating Committee
Elder Doug Carpenter, chair of the Nominating Committee
Slate of Nominees (9):

1. Tom Grogan
2. Nancy Lesakowski
3. Terrie Murray
4. Jen Noah
5. Angel Rhodes
6. Claudia Rodems

7. Jeff Somerville
8. Wil Weiss
9. Paul Woodard

Election of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Commissioning Prayer for the Newly Elected PNC

PNC members invited forward for a prayer of commissioning

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

- Motion to adjourn the special congregational meeting.
- Closing prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**	*Sevenfold Amen*	Lutkin
Postlude	*Rock of Ages*	J. M. Black/C. 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, Gerry Scofield, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** this morning is Kurt Graulich.

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 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! 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 Allyn and Bonnie in honor of Eric Arnold.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** Thursday and Friday this week in observance of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for bringing your individually wrapped sandwiches to worship with you last Sunday for **SANDWICH SUNDAY**. We delivered **92 sandwiches** to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Our next Sandwich Sunday will be **DECEMBER 20**.

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.

The 2026 GIVING TREE time is here again! The countdown to Christmas has begun and OPPC has partnered with agencies to provide holiday gifts. Here are the gifts we seek for this year's Giving Tree:

- Recreational items for youngsters, ages 6-19 years old who will spend the holidays in some form of psychiatric/mental health care settings in partnership with the WNY chapter of the **National Alliance on Mental Illness** (NAMI).
- Pajamas, socks and undies for the little ones at **The Genesis Center**.
- Aldi, Tops, Walmart & Amazon Gift Cards for families in need through the **Orchard Park Family Solutions Center** & for families residing at **Family Promise of WNY.**

Blessing Box Food Bags will also be available for folks to fill and return.
The Giving Tree will be decorated with tags, beginning on **Sunday, November 29 through Sunday, December 13th.** The process is simple: pick a tag, purchase the item and bring it back to church, along with the tag, no later than **Monday, December 14th.** Please do not wrap your gifts. Thank you!

MISSION TRIP UPDATE: Our destination has been confirmed! We will be traveling to **Montreat, NC** to help rehab homes devastated by Hurricane Helene. The trip will be **Sunday, January 17 through Saturday, January 23**. Van transportation will be arranged, and most meals and lodging are covered with the $200 cost per person. Adults 18+ and 16-17 year olds with adult supervision can participate. Friends of OPPC (non-members) are welcome to join the group. **Let's put our faith into action!** Email Tom Grogan (grogantp@gmail.com) for more info and FAQs about the trip. Ten spots remain! **Sign up by December 15.**

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.**



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!**

Our Church Just Isn't Complete Without u.

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And Our Updated 2027 OPPC Pictorial Directory Won't Be Either Unless Your Photo Is in It!

New members join. Families and kids get bigger. And the rest of us just get better looking every day. *(Just go with us on this.)* So obviously it's time we updated OPPC's Pictorial Directory. That's why we're **setting up appointments** to take fresh shots of everyone who's part of our faith community to be included in a new and expanded edition to be distributed in early 2027. All you have to do is **1) Contact OPPC's office (716-662-9348)** to make sure your currently-listed information is correct, and **2) Sign up in our Welcome Center** for a photo appointment. If you have questions, call **Doug Carpenter (716-206-4753.)**