Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

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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 *O Come, Emmanuel* J. Martin

Greetings

Lighting of the Advent Candle Marquise Payong & Camille Miracle

Keep awake! You know not when God comes.
There will be signs: A fig tree sprouting leaves…
A barren womb birthing a son,
A virgin conceiving in her womb!
Keep awake! God is coming! Behold the signs!

Choral Introit *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Plainsong

***Call to Worship**

The day foretold is coming.
When our tired eyes will behold a fire, a blazing star in the eastern sky!
The one foretold is coming.
Whose light will shine through the deepest gloom.
The day is at hand!
Your redemption is drawing near!

***Opening Hymn #83** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Invitation to Confession**

Christ has paid the price for sin because he sought our presence in the house of God. When we confess our sin, we no longer have to fear the throne of judgment.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord of all times, we come into your presence asking your forgiveness. We have failed to live as people of the present. We have wasted our moments, wanting the future now, seeing our dreams as the answer to today's problems. Open our eyes to our mission at hand. Open our ears to your message to us today, that we might share in bringing the good news of your salvation to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.
(Moment for silent reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon**

The God who can transform the dry lands can also transform the desert of our lives. Abundant forgiveness is ours from the God who turns sorrow and sighing into joy and gladness.

***Peace of Christ**

Scripture urges us to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us. Let us greet one another with words and signs of peace and welcome. The peace of Christ be with you, always.
And also with you. (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying "Peace be with you.")

Choral Anthem *Keep Silence* J. Helgen/ B. Ellingboe
Sanctuary Choir with Angel Rhodes, Violin

Children's Time

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination
God of all ages, open our eyes to your hope and wake our spirits to your Word. Quiet the noise around us, clear our minds, and help us listen with watchful hearts as Scripture is read today.

Old Testament Lesson Habakkuk 2:1-3, O. T. pg. 872

New Testament Lesson Mark 13:24-37; N. T. pg. 50

Sermon *The Dumpster Watch* 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 *Amen* Beethoven

The Offering *An Advent Credo* J. Martin
Offertory Sanctuary Choir with Angel Rhodes, Violin

***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**

***Closing Hymn #93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***Benediction**
May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us all, now and forever.
Amen.

***Choral Benediction** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Plainsong

Postlude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Prichard/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, Kathy Houghton, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** this morning is Nancy Lesakowski, with the Saintz Family: David, Nora, Violet, Belle, Will and Cecelia as **USHERS/GREETERS**.

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. **WORSHIP BAGS** are available in the Reception Room. There are **no EDUCATION CLASSES or NURSERY today.** Christian Education programming will resume on Sunday, December 6.

Our **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** go to the Scott Family on the death of Rev. Judith Scott who died on November 14, 2026. A memorial service will be held in early 2027.

EXTENDING OUR STEWARDSHIP SEASON
Thank you to everyone who has already returned a pledge card for the coming year! Because our congregation's generosity fuels every ministry at OPPC, we are extending our stewardship giving season through **Sunday, December 13**.
There is still plenty of time to pray over your commitment and participate. Your pledge -- of any size --helps our Session thoughtfully plan our budget and ministry goals for the new year.

How to Submit Your Pledge:

- In Worship: Place your completed pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday morning.
- By Mail: Return your pledge card to the church office.
- Online: Use the QR code in **THE OFFERING** announcement to link to online pledge.

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 **TODAY 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!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH will be presented by the Advent Chorale of Western New York **here on Friday evening at 7:30pm.** Tickets will be available at the door.

Please **SHARE** the **POSTCARD** that is has been inserted into the bulletin this week with a family member, friend or neighbor so that they may know what's going on here at OPPC this Holiday Season!

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, 2027**. 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.**

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.



