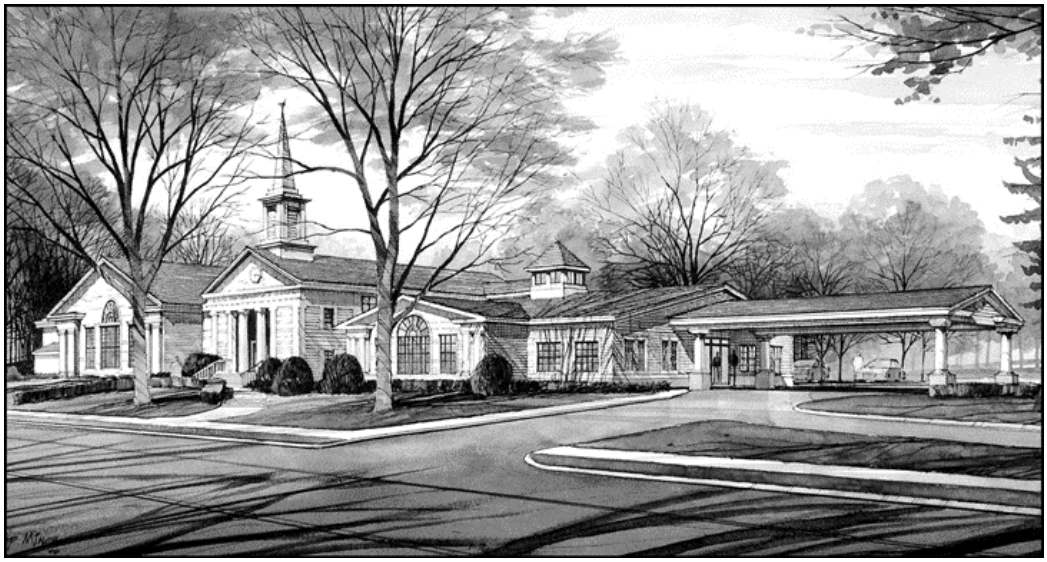
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.



November 8, 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 *O God Beyond All Praising* Gustav Holst/R. Abriol

Greetings

Minute for Witness Delcey Pulvino

Choral Introit *Sing Praise!* Steurlein
Sanctuary Choir

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 90)
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
You have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
Let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn #362** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

***Invitation to Confession**
God's love has destined us not for wrath, but rather for salvation. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save.

***Prayer of Confession**
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us to be stewards, but we squander your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond until our own needs are met. Forgive us and make us sensitive to your call. Amen.
(Moment for silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**
Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism: 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

Minute for Stewardship David Saintz

Prayer for Illumination
Spirit of God, comforter and advocate, descend upon those gathered in this sanctuary. Make it a place of peace when we enter, and of salvation when we depart. In the moments in between, open our ears and our eyes that we might truly hear. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Amos 5:18-24; O. T. pg. 854

Anthem *I Am But A Small Voice* Roger Whittaker/J. Coate
Sanctuary Choir

New Testament Lesson Matthew 25:14-30; N. T. pg. 28

Sermon *Risky Business* 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 and Presentation of Pledges *Pray for Light* B. Carter
Offertory

***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 of Pledges**
Gracious God, out of your abundant love, you have showered us with countless blessings.
All that we have, and all that we are, belongs to you.
We bring forward these pledges today not out of obligation, but out of deep gratitude for your faithfulness.
We dedicate our treasure, our time, and our talents to the work of your kingdom.
May these commitments build up your church, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and proclaim your gospel to the ends of the earth.
Accept our offerings, O Lord, and use us as instruments of your peace. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #625** *How Great Thou Art*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *God Be With You* J. E. Rankin
Sanctuary Choir

Postlude *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* 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, Delcey Pulvino, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** this morning is Glenn Begert. The **USHERS/GREETERS** this week are Cindy and Tom Grogan 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 Delcey Pulvino in memory of Dawn Lynn and Gloria Schutz.

Our **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** go to the Brown and Gardiner families on the death of Heidi Brown.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED on Wednesday, November 11** in observance of **VETERANS DAY**.

The deadline for submitting articles for the **December GRAPEVINE is Thursday, November 12** at **9:00 a.m.** Please email Xanda Weiss at xanda@oppchurch.org.

Next Sunday is **SANDWICH SUNDAY**. Please bring your sandwich(s) with you to church next week and you can leave them at the table at 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.

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.

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.)**

Do You Know What's at the Heart of Every Successful Church?

CHURCH

There's a Ministry Team at OPPC That Could Really Use Someone Just Like You!

Ministry Team Fair
Sunday, November 8th
After the 8:30 & 10:30 Services

2026 Mission Workshop

Fall Bazaar

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
4369 South Buffalo Street at Clark

Lots of Wonderful Gift Items to Choose from!

- Bills and Baby Items
- Blankets and Quilts
- Hats and Scarves
- Christmas Ornaments
- Greeting Cards and More!

Saturday, November 14th
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
and
Sunday, November 15th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sale Proceeds to Benefit Mission Workshop and Friends of Kenya Rising