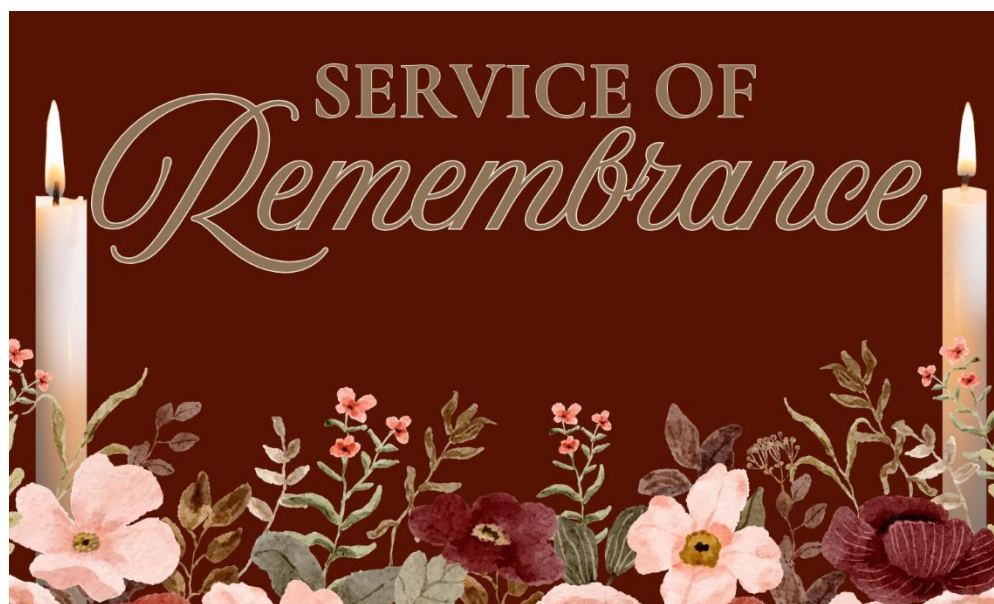




***A thriving faith community  
engaged in compassionate service.***



***October 11, 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**

*Amazing Grace*

Arr. M. McDonald

*Members of the congregation are invited to enter the Sanctuary early to light a candle of remembrance for departed loved ones. Candles may also be lit after the worship service begins.*

### **Greetings**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Introit**

*Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*  
Sanctuary Choir

Steurlein

### **\*Call to Worship**

Fling wide the temple gates!

**Open up the ancient doors! The mighty and glorious one is coming.**

Who is this mighty and glorious one?

**This is the Lord for whom we have waited.**

Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

### **\*Opening Hymn #363**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

### **\*Invitation to Confession**

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us now share the signs of that reconciliation with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

### **Children's Time**

### **Announcements**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 24: 1-4, 8-10; O. T. pg. 502

Anthem

*This Is My Word*

Pepper Choplin

New Testament Reading

John 11:32-44; N. T. pg. 105

Sermon

*Tears, Tombs, Life*

Rev. Dr. Ken Hughes

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*[Our affirmation today is adapted from a meditation by the English poet John Donne on the universality of God's creation and our place in it.]*

**"The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When the church buries a person, that action concerns me. All of humanity is of one author, and is one volume; when one person dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated.**

**...As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all. No one is an island entire of itself; everyone is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. Anyone's death diminishes me, because I am involved in humankind. Therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Listen now as we pray in the way Jesus taught us:

**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

Sanctuary Choir

The Offering

Offertory

*God Be In My Head*

R. Landes

**\*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**

**Remembrance Litany**

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, parents and friends whose lives ended too soon.

**Those close in our heart, we remember you. Family of God, we remember you and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship.**

We give thanks, O God, for all who have joined you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and in our celebration, O God, you are with us. We are not alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever,

we pray.

**Amen.**

### **Calling of the Roll of the Departed, the Tolling of the Bell**

**\*Closing Hymn #465**

*What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

**\*Benediction**

*From the Rising of the Sun*  
Sanctuary Choir

B. Dietsch

**Postlude**

*Do Lord*

arr. C. Marohnic

**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us to worship God. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Elder of the Day, Mario Eugene, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Wil Weiss.

Please sign the **FELLOWSHIP PAD**, whether you are a member, visitor or a guest. If you have recently changed your address, or have any prayer requests, 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 You Tube channel which can be accessed directly from YouTube or our webpage: [www.oppchurch.org](http://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.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL PROGRAM** will be on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00 pm** in the Reception Room. Marla Bujnicki, a certified Buffalo tour guide, will present "**Buffalo-Crime, Romance and Intrigue**". As we enjoy delicious pie, she will talk of the little known tales of Buffalo's scintillating history from the 1880s to the roaring 1920s. Reservations can be made at the table near the church office or by calling Sue Sager at 716-662-9413. We hope to see you there!

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** is on **Saturday, October 24** from 9am to 11am. Join **OPPC** as we partner with Feed My Starving Children to pack meals for children and families in need. Please contact Ryan Kilpatrick to sign up.

**Empty Egg Cartons Needed** - We have a generous donor who purchases large numbers of eggs and donates about 10 dozen on a regular basis. She buys in bulk and puts them into cartons of 1 dozen. She has requested that we collect empty egg cartons that she can use to bring them to us for the Blessing Box. Please bring in your **empty egg cartons** and place them in one of the Blessing Box Donation containers located at the Welcome Center and the Memorial Garden entrance vestibule. Thank you for your assistance.

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 call Christine in the church office at 716-662-9348

The **FLOWERS** on the communion table are given with this thought "Be the change you want to see in the world" by Gandhi.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Kucuker and Trampert families on the birth of Anna Phyllis Kucuker born on October 8, 2026.

There is **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** today for the Littles.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** tomorrow in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.

**Next Friday, October 16**, OPPC will be serving the evening meal at **The Genesis Center**. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dolores Battle at [battlede03@gmail.com](mailto:battlede03@gmail.com).

**Next Sunday is FAMILY FAITH FOOD** at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Please **sign up** at The Welcome Center or call the Church Office. We need to know how many families will be attending so we have enough food for all. **CHURCH SCHOOL** will be held at 10:30 am next Sunday.

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. Lukes Mission of Mercy after worship.

**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.**



### *In Remembrance 2025-2026*

*Mary McCall 11/5/2025*  
*William Weir 12/20/2025*  
*Lynda Somerville 12/21/2025*  
*Jerry Lucachik 5/10/2026*

*Louise Long 6/3/2026*  
*Phyllis Banas 9/11/2026*  
*Denise Hoffman-Day 9/18/2026*



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!

Sale Proceeds to Benefit  and 

**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.