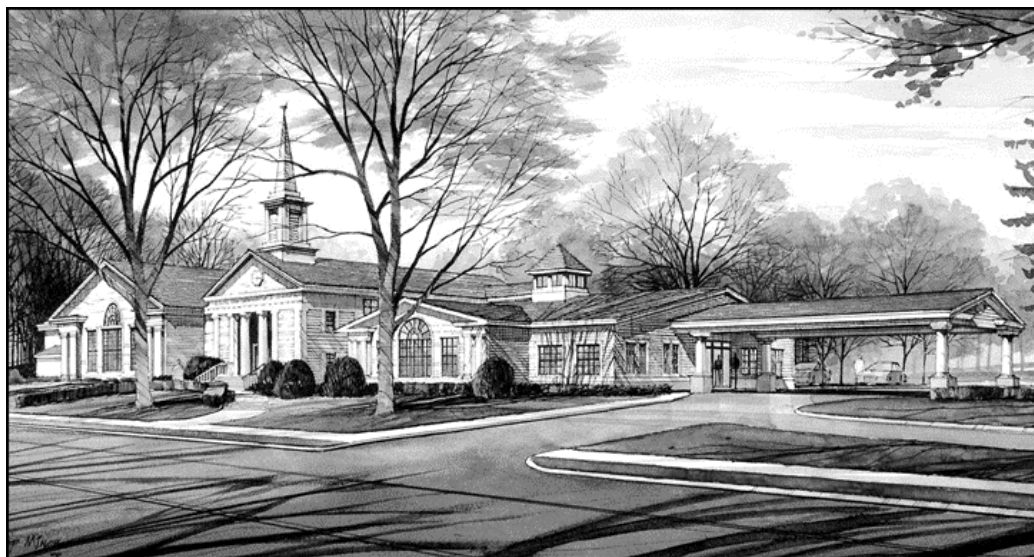




***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



October 18, 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

Komm, Jesu, Komm

J. S. Bach

Greetings

Minute for Property/Mission Trip

Choral Introit

Behold!

Thiman

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

Let us shout out in praise!

God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

Great is the Lord!

Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

Let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn #1**

Holy! Holy! Holy!

***Call to Confession**

We come to worship because we believe in the goodness of God. We have seen it. We come knowing that we don't always bear that goodness in our lives. We have made mistakes. And so, we confess, knowing that God is good and merciful and kind. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, first together and then in silent prayer...

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news. God loves you. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go. Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve.

Alleluia. Amen.

***Peace of Christ**

We come from east and west, north and south. We are united by grace, sustained by faith, and created for peace. May the peace of Jesus 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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 99; O. T. pg. 552

Anthem

El Shaddai
Wilson Memorial Handbell Choir

M. Card, J. Thompson &
S. Geschke

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22; N. T. pg. 24

Sermon

Beyond This World

Elizabeth Nicodemus-Creach, MDiv.

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 by 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
Sanctuary Choir

Astorga

The Offering Offertory

Just Tell Them When You Saw Me I Was On My Way
Sanctuary Choir with Solos by Heather Dietsch and Wil Weiss

Stanphil

arr. Gaither & Davis

*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 #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction**

From The Rising of the Sun
Sanctuary Choir

B. Dietsch

Postlude

Thou Art Worthy

P. Mills/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, Tanis Berry, who will be available after worship.

Our **LITURGIST** this morning is Scott McBride.

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.

TODAY we **WELCOME** Elizabeth Nicodemus-Creach as our visiting preacher. Elizabeth holds a Master's of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where she graduated in 2023. It was in Seminary where she met her husband, Rev. Davis Creach. Last year, they moved to Jamestown, NY, where Davis serves as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church. She works as the Program Coordinator at TheZone at Northwest Arena. When she's not working, she can be found reading, snuggling with her cat, watching Pittsburgh Penguins hockey, or hanging out with her husband.

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.

Wednesday, October 21 is the deadline for getting articles into Xanda for **The Grapevine**. Please email your submission no later than 9am that day.

Next Saturday, **October 24** is **Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack** at 9am at The Well in Getzville. If you are interested, please reach out to Ryan Kilpatrick at kilpatrick.32@outlook.com.

Next Sunday, **October 25** is **PRAY RAKE EAT** immediately following the 10:30am Worship Service. Please bring your rakes, blowers, shovels and gloves. Come and join in the fellowship of OPPC. Supervised kids' activity will be available and lunch will be provided.

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 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.



*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



**Orchard Park
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**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.

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