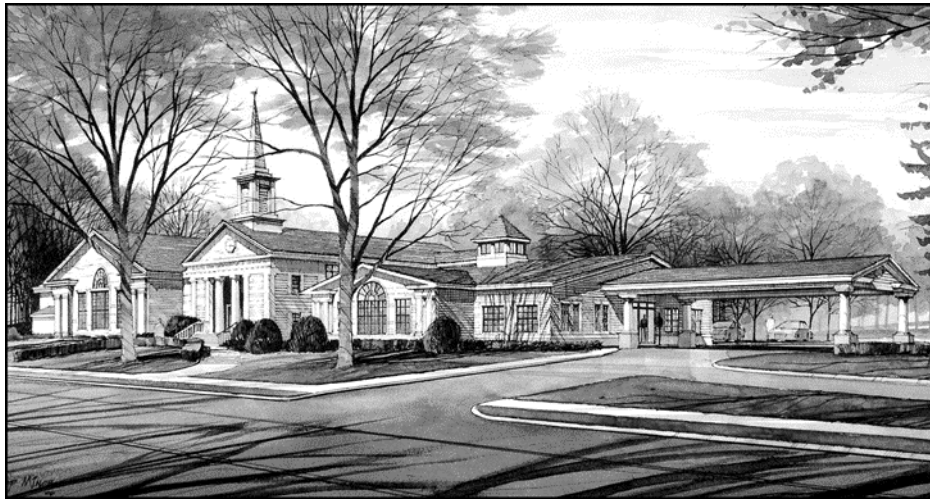




***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



September 14, 2025

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

Gathering Music	Jesus Loves Me (with Clair de Lune)	Bradbury, arr. Seal
Prelude	<i>Rock of Ages</i>	Hastings, arr. Curry

Chime Intonation

Greetings and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God, look upon the cross.

People: We see the cost of our sin and the depth of God's love.

Leader: God does not turn away from our brokenness but meets us in it.

People: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son.

Leader: Let us lift our eyes to the Crucified One.

ALL: And let us live in the healing love of Christ.

***Opening Hymn #104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

***Invitation to Confession**

Leader: At the cross, we see both our sin and God's mercy. Let us come before the Lord with honesty and hope.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have been bitten by sin. We have wounded others with our words and our silence. We have turned away from your love and looked for scapegoats to bear our blame. We have resisted the truth about ourselves. Forgive us. Heal us. Lift our eyes to Jesus, that we may be saved and made whole. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Hear the good news: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and healed.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: 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.

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

Children's Time

Minute for Mission

Anthem	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Arr. Jack Schrader
	Sanctuary Choir	

First Scripture Reading
Second Scripture Reading
Sermon

Numbers 21: 4-9; O.T. pg. 139
John 3:13-17; N.T. pg. 94
Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

The Price of Salvation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

People: 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

Whelpton

The Offering

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This American folk hymn, c. 1811

***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 #443**

There Is a Redeemer

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen One, lifted up for the healing of the world. On the cross, we see our sin and our violence. On the cross, we see God's mercy and God's love. By looking to Christ, we are healed. By trusting in him, we are saved. We belong to God, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible

arr. Todd Kendall

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, Mary McKinley, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Sandy Trampert. The **USHERS/GREETERS** today are Jim & Meredith Wilson and Mike & Claudia Rodems.

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Mary McKinley in honor of Samuel and Ruth McKinley.

Today we welcome our new Music Directors, **BARRY AND HEATHER DIETSCH!** Following two decades as music directors at the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, PA, the Dietsches come to OPPC ready to share their extensive musical talents. Please introduce yourself after service and welcome them to OPPC!

Please sign the **FRIENDSHIP 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 You Tube 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! Worship Bags are available in the Reception Room at the CE Table. The **NURSERY** will be staffed **AFTER Children's Time** for infants through three years old. **PLAY & PRAY** for kids 4 years old through first grade also begins **AFTER Children's Time**. Volunteers will lead the children out to their respective classrooms and remain with the kids until after worship is over. Please pick up your child from the classroom so the teachers can also be a part of Coffee Hour.

If you have any questions about **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** for children and youth; please stop by the CE Table in the Reception Room.

Let's give a warm OPPC welcome to **KIM KOTZ** who is the WNY Mobile Pack Coordinator for **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**. She will be available after the 10:30 service to answer questions about the Mobile Pack Event on Saturday, October 18 from Noon - 2:00 pm. You will also be able to participate in spirit by becoming a "Sponsor on the Spot." Each person who attends the event is encouraged to fundraise \$50 so families who will be packing boxes could surely use a "sponsor" to help offset that cost!

Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to serve the meal at **The Genesis Center on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 from 3:40 - 6:00 p.m.** Please sign up via the Google Form in the Constant Contact. See Pastor Mario or Mrs. B for more information.

The **GREAT LAKES BEACH SWEEP** will take place on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 from 10:00 am until Noon at WOODLAWN BEACH**. This is a great opportunity for youth to get service hours for school and contribute to keeping God's creation safer for the fish and wildlife. Please sign up via the Google Form in the Constant Contact. See Pastor Mario or Mrs. B for more information.

Next week, **SEPTEMBER 21, is SANDWICH SUNDAY**. Please bring your individually wrapped sandwiches with you to either worship service and drop them at the table at the Welcome Center staffed by a member of the Mission Ministry Team

Calling all ELDERS AND DEACONS of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church—whether currently serving or not! Join us in the sanctuary on **Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM** for a transformative Leadership Retreat focused on shaping the future of OPPC. This important gathering will explore strategic visioning, spiritual leadership, and the next chapter of our church's mission. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, reflect, and lead with purpose. Please call the church office if you plan to attend at 716-662-9348.

Mark on your calendar a **LABYRINTH WALK** with Deerhurst Presbyterian Church on September 27 at 11:00 a.m. More information to follow.

Are you interested in participating in a Group Faith Project connecting prayer with social justice? Join Pastor Hughes for this **Group Faith Project** presented by Niagara University. Talk to Pastor Hughes after worship for more information.

Mind If We Ask You a Question?

Sharing their thoughts and feelings with each other is one of the most natural things that families do. That's why we're hoping that you and your fellow congregation members will share *yours* with *us* when someone from OPPC's Stewardship Ministry Team approaches you either before or after Sunday worship over the coming weeks and invites you to answer your choice of a variety of questions about the impact your relationship with OPPC has on your life.

It shouldn't take more than a couple of minutes of your time to video record your response, which we'll share with the congregation during our upcoming pledge campaign. It's a wonderful opportunity to speak straight from your heart about what makes being part of our church family so special and important. We hope you won't hesitate to participate. Thanks.

Do you give online to OPPC? If so, be sure to check out the "*I give online*" cards available at the Name Tag Table on Sunday mornings! Pick up one of the cards and when the offering plate goes around place your "*I give online*" card in as an act of worship. If you would like to learn more about online giving, [contact Jessica Merry our Business Manager](#).

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.



are you interested in participating in a
GROUP FAITH PROJECT?
connecting prayer with social justice!

3 month project (Sept - Dec)
Attend 3 group meetings, including one public lecture, meals included, read a book with your community. NO COST TO YOU! (exact dates TBD)

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY
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LET US KNOW!

Sponsored by Niagara University School of Social Learning & Leadership

Free Events **Family Friendly**

Join the NRCYA for a
Tour of Faiths & Cultures

September 6- Masjid Mahdi
@ 12:00-1:30 pm (Muslim)
9610 Colvin Blvd, Niagara Falls

September 20- Temple Beth Zion
@ 3:00 pm (Jewish)
805 Delaware Ave., Buffalo

October 5 - Orchard Park Presbyterian
@ 10:30-11:30 World Communion Day
4369 S. Buffalo St., Orchard Park, NY

Watch the Network of Religious Communities Facebook Page or scan the QR code for information about future "stops" at the Tuscarora Nation, and Sikh and Buddhist places of worship.

These events are open to the public. Please dress modestly.

Click here or scan the QR code for more details and to register.

Donations of nonperishable foods to the NRC Food Pantry are appreciated.

Registration is preferred

Network of Religious Communities Youth Alliance of World Religions & Cultures

It's Back!
A Real, Old-Fashioned Potluck
& Recipe Swap

Saturday, September 20 • 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bring a Family-Size Helping of Your Favorite Main Dish or Side
(Vegetarian, Vegan and Gluten-Free Choices Welcome)

And Please Bring a Copy of Your Recipe to Share and Post for Allergy Safety

Beverages, Desserts & Serving Utensils Provided

Sign Up in OPPC's Welcome Center or Call 716-662-9348
Presented by the Hospitality-Fellowship Ministry Team