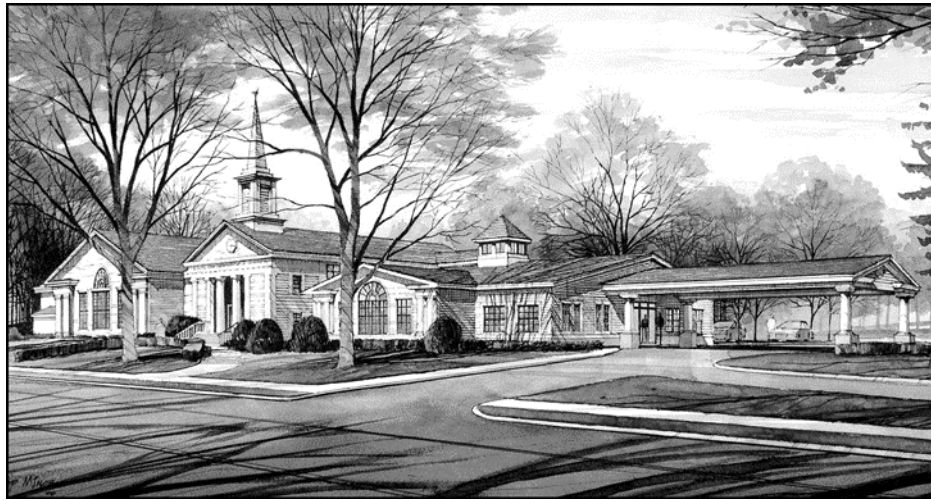




***A thriving faith community  
engaged in compassionate service.***



***September 21, 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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Arr. James Curnow

### **Prelude**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Beethoven, arr. Curry

### **Chime Intonation**

### **Greetings and Announcements**

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

Leader: Come, people of God, and choose this day whom you will serve.

**People: We will serve the Lord, who alone is worthy of our devotion.**

Leader: No one can serve two masters.

**People: We cannot serve both God and wealth.**

Leader: Let us worship God with all our hearts, minds, and strength.

**ALL: To God be glory and honor forever!**

#### **\*Opening Hymn #620**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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

Leader: Jesus reminds us that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. Let us come honestly before God, confessing the ways we have trusted wealth more than His promises.

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we are tempted to serve two masters. We trust in money for security, even as we proclaim trust in You. We cling tightly to possessions, even when You call us to share. We measure worth in what we own, instead of who we are in Christ. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts away from false gods and teach us again to seek first Your kingdom. Set us free to live generously, faithfully, and joyfully as Your servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

#### **\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Though we are often tempted by wealth and divided in our loyalties, God's mercy is richer than any treasure we cling to.

**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**

### **Reception of New Members**

*Brenda & Joe Foley*

*Mac & Cheryl McCampbell*

### **Questions for Candidates**

### Question for the Congregation

Leader: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture our new members by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his Church?

**People: We Do.**

### Anthem

*Wade in the Water*  
Sanctuary Choir

Roger Emerson

### Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13, N.T. pg. 79

### Sermon

*Which Master?*

Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Now let us pray the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught us saying:

**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

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir

Whelpton

### The Offering

#### Offertory

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Edwards & Woods

#### **\*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 #700**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

**We believe in one God, the Creator and Sustainer of all, who provides not scarcity but abundance, not fear but trust.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who became poor for our sake, who taught that we cannot serve both God and wealth, and who invites us into a kingdom where generosity is the mark of discipleship.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who loosens our grip on possessions, who binds us together in community, and who gives us strength to live with open hands and open hearts.**

**We belong not to wealth, but to God. We live not for ourselves, but for Christ. This is our faith and our hope. Amen.**

**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, Don Schmid, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is T. J. Quinn. The **USHERS/GREETERS** today are the Saintz Family; Dave, Nora, Belle, Violet, Will and Celia.

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Gerry Scofield in memory of loved ones.

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](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.**

**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 are interested in signing up or being a "Sponsor on the Spot" for **OPPC's FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** Mobile Pack event on Saturday, October 18 from Noon til 2:00 pm; please speak to the Mission Team member at the table in the Reception room after worship.

We are grateful to the following people who are this program year's **FAITH FORMATION LEADERS**.

**Adult Education** - Dave Brummer

Rev. Allyn Foster - Disciple Bible Study (continuing from the Spring)

**Littles** - Lynn Morgan & Jennifer Morgan

**Bigs** - Alexandra Anderson, Pastor Mario, Kurt Graulich and Dan Kowalik

**Pray & Play** - Kaitlyn Woodard (Lead Teacher); Dorcas Eugene, Sydney Grabau, Amy Kilpatrick, Sarah McBride, Christie Putnam, Lisa Quinn

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** this year is **OCTOBER 5** and OPPC is excited to be a "stop" on the Network of Religious Community's **TOUR OF FAITHS!** Because Christ's Table is open to everyone this is a great opportunity for us to welcome folks of different faiths to have a better understanding of why and how Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion. This is also an excellent opportunity for **OPPC MEMBERS/FRIENDS** to invite their neighbors, friends or family to the table. We will also have our "Breads & Spreads" Reception after the 10:30 worship service.

Thank you to the folks who brought **SANDWICHES** today for delivery to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy for the people who show up hungry at the Good Shepherd House during the week.

**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.



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.

Join us for **PRAYER AND MEDITATION** on a **LABYRINTH WALK** with Deerpark Presbyterian Church is Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Please meet in the Reception Room for a brief meet and greet and we will conclude with a light lunch.

Pastor Hughes will be **out of the office all of this coming week**. Rev. Foster **will be out of the office Monday through Wednesday** this week. If you have a pastoral concern while Rev. Foster is away, please feel free to contact Rev. Ken Hughes at 716-361-1342.

**The Grapevine deadline is Tuesday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m.** Please send Xanda Weiss your article at [Xanda@oppchurch.org](mailto:Xanda@oppchurch.org).

### **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.

