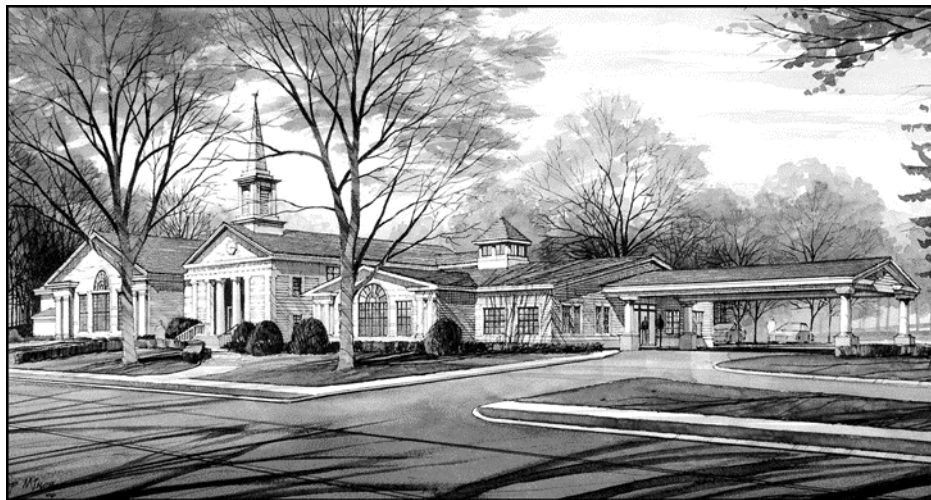




***A thriving faith community  
engaged in compassionate service.***



***September 7, 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

**Prelude**

*We Gather Together*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Chime Intonation**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God, hungry for hope, thirsty for grace.

**People: We come to be filled with the Bread of Life.**

Leader: Not chasing after what fades, not consuming what cannot last.

**People: We come to belong, to be built together as God's household.**

Leader: Come to Christ, the One with the words of eternal life.

**All: Jesus is the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Him will never be hungry!**

**\*Opening Hymn #401**

*Here in This Place*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Friends, Jesus calls himself the Bread of Life, yet we confess that too often we hunger for things that cannot satisfy. We treat the Church as something to consume instead of a people to belong to. Let us come honestly before God, who is faithful to forgive, as we confess our sin together.

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

**Merciful God, we confess that too often we treat the Church as something to shop for, seeking programs that serve us instead of places where we may serve you. We confess that we confuse movement with maturity and prefer convenience to commitment. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our eyes back to Jesus, the Bread of Life. Teach us to stay, to serve, and to grow in your love.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." In Christ, you are forgiven, loved, and welcomed home.

**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**

**Special Music**

*Cantabile*

Paganini

Angel Rhodes, Violin and Amelia Wroblewski, Piano

**Scripture Reading**

John 6:16-27; N. T. pg. 97

**Sermon**

*Welcome Back*

Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

## The Offering

*Seek Ye First*

arr. Raney

### Offertory

Mary Brummer, Flute and Amelia Wroblewski, Piano

### \*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.*

### \*Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Therefore, we give thanks to you, joining in the chorus of praise that transcends time – connecting us to generations past, present, and future:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Hymn #552)**

## Words of Institution

### Partaking of the Bread and Cup

#### Communion Hymn

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

arr. Carter

## 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.**

### \*Closing Hymn #749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

## Recognition

### \*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism)

Leader: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: How does Christ sustain you in this belonging?

**People: He feeds me with his own body and blood, given for me at the cross, and shared with me at the table of Holy Communion.**

Leader: What does it mean to share this bread and cup?

**People:** It means we are joined to Christ and to one another. We are no longer strangers, but members of God's household, being built together into a dwelling place for the Spirit.

Leader: Who are you becoming at this table and in this church?

**ALL:** By God's grace, we are becoming the Body of Christ—nourished to serve, strengthened to stay, and sent to live for him.

## Postlude

Sonata No. 43 in F Major, K547, *Andante cantabile*

Angel Rhodes, Violin & Amelia Wroblewski, Piano

**Thank you to Mary Brummer and Angel Rhodes for sharing their gifts of music with us today!**

**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, John Banas, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Rev. Allyn Foster. The **USHERS/GREETERS/COMMUNION SERVERS** today are Doug Carpenter, Robert Mustard and Al and Sue Sager.

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.

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Deb Galloway in loving memory of her grandmother, Emma Galloway.

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

**ADULT EDUCATION** begins next **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** at 9:15 in The Meeting Place with Dave Brummer facilitating the **SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP**.

**YOUTH in GRADES 6-12** are invited to serve the evening meal at **THE GENESIS CENTER on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 from 3:40 - 6:05 pm**. Another opportunity to serve is the next day, **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 from 10 am til Noon at WOODLAWN BEACH** for the International Waterways Clean Up day. You can reach out to Pastor Mario or Mrs. B for questions or to register for either of these opportunities which do qualify as community service hours for school!

Next **Sunday, September 14**, we welcome **KIM KOTZ, FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILE PACK COORDINATOR** for the Western New York area. She will be updating us on this exciting way for families with kiddos as young as 4 years old to

participate in an important feeding ministry. The Mission Ministry Team will have more information about this event but in the meantime, mark your calendars for **Friday, October 17 and/or Saturday, October 18.**

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

**TODAY** we say **GOODBYE** to Amelia Wroblewski, as she departs for Poland where she will be teaching. **NEXT SUNDAY** we will say **HELLO** to Heather and Barry Dietsch who will be our new Choir Director and Accompanist.

**Calling all ELDERS AND DEACONS of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church**—whether currently serving or not! Join us in the sanctuary on **Saturday, October 4th, 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.

### **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.

**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 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](#).

**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

**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

