

SERMON NOTES

1 Kings 19:1-19

"From the Pinnacle to the Pit to the Presence of God"

Rev. Paul Housworth



Welcome to
**Oreland Evangelical
Presbyterian Church**

*Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Our congregation is happy to offer you a place in this sanctuary.*

8:45 AM Christian Education | 10 AM Worship

Assisted Listening System available - ask an usher

Please silence your mobile devices

10:00 AM Worship

Sunday, December 28

PRELUDE

CHURCH NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP (reader)

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" - #291 - (Vs. 1-3)

OPENING PRAYER (reader)

"Angels We Have Heard on High" - #192

"Away in a Manger" - #185

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (reader begins)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (reader)

PASSING OF THE PEACE (reader)

"Away in a Manger"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (together)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:1-19

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OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"The First Noel" - #179 - (Vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors! To connect, sign your name on a Friendship Pad (located in each pew toward the center aisle) or scan the QR Code below.

Children's Church: Pre-K-3rd Grade in Room S3. Head downstairs after the Children's Message.

Contributions for 2025 Tax Year: Must be mailed to the church in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2025 or placed in today's offering plate. Contributions received on or after Jan. 1, 2026 will be for the 2026 Tax Year.

There are no 8:45am Christian Ed classes for adults for children today.

Women's Retreat: Feb. 20-22, 2026 at Bird-in-Hand Inn. The Women's Ministry Team will lead us in Fierce – Women of the Bible Who Changed the World by Jennifer Cowart. **Full payment due by Jan. 4.** Pick up a brochure at the entrance or learn more in the weekly e-news.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed for New Year's on Thursday, Jan. 1 and Friday, Jan. 2. Happy New Year!

Thank You to all the folks who contributed baked goods for the Christmas Concert Reception. The goodies were much appreciated and greatly enjoyed.

Adult Education Update: The final class of *"Grief and Mourning,"* led by Cynthia Eppley, will be held on Sun. Jan. 4 at 8:45am in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Adult Ed Class: *"Reading the Bible Well"* taught by Karen Jobes on Zoom. Sundays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15 at 8:45am in Fellowship Hall. To help us become better Bible readers, this class will present issues from the world behind the biblical text (historical setting), the world of the biblical text (literary features), and the world in front of the biblical text (application).

Kidz & Youth Connect on Sundays at 8:45am:

- + Kidz Connect Sundays: In Room S3 for Pre-K - 3rd Grade
- + Catechism Class: In Room 201 for 4th - 8th Grade
- + Breakfast and Bible: In Room 202 for 9th - 12th Grade

In case of inclement weather, please use wise judgment when deciding whether or not to attend. Please check your email or the church website about cancellations prior to traveling.

LI'L CONNECT NURSERY AVAILABLE TODAY

For ages 0-3 years old. Located downstairs. Available at 9:50am until the end of Worship. Parents, sign-in and leave needed items for your child in a bag.



WELCOME VISITORS We're glad you joined us today! To help us get to know you, scan the QR code on the left with your phone camera to fill out a connect form or sign your name on a Friendship Pad, located in the pew toward the center.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Email prayer@orelandpres.org to submit prayer requests to the email prayer chain.

HOME WITH THE LORD

- + Ellen Matus-Rivera went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 7. Ellen was a member of OEPC for 14 years. Please keep June and Paul Fariss in prayer.
- + Lorna Broszat went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 3. Pray for her family.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

- + Pray for Susan Casazza after the loss of her brother, Steven, on Oct. 5.
- + Pray for Cynthia Eppley after the loss of her brother, Gill, on Oct. 20.
- + Pray for Joseph Craney and family after the loss of his father on Oct. 20.

PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR HOMEBOUND LIST

Virginia Braxton, Ruth Buck, Esther Grier, Jean Harned, Norma Hawk, Robert & Sandy Heath, Theodore Highley, Joanne Hunter, Edith Jenkins, Nancy Land, Helen Lamb, Polly Mignard, Alice White, Stephan White, Isabella Young

PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS

Paul Allen, Stan Braxton, Mike DeLaurentis, Anne Godley, Nancy Hines, Doug Kroll, Nancy Land, Doug Lieberman, Al Myers, TJ Plieninger, Gabriella Raggi, Lou Raggi Sr., Joan Romano, Bert Saddler, Maureen Small

PRAY FOR EPC CHURCHES IN OUR AREA

Fairview EPC | Pastor Tim Latham | Glenmoore, PA

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

- + Ella Hummel - Penn State Univ.
- + Christine Naessens - Penn State Univ.
- + Robbie Raggi Jr. - Grove City College
- + Max May - Penn State Univ.
- + Abriel Phelps - Wheaton College
- + Suzanne Seltzer - Indiana Univ. of Penn

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

- + CDR Elyse Braxton: Navy
- + Paul Seltzer: Marine Corps

PRAY FOR OUR SUPPORTED MISSIONS - THIS MONTH'S LIST

- + El Rancho Del Rey
- + Every Good Gift
- + Harvest of Life

View a full list of OEPC Supported Missions at: orelandpres.org/serve/around-the-world



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Scan the QR code to the left with your camera to find out more about upcoming events, ministries and opportunities to serve at OEPC.