





## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are often slow to believe what the prophets have declared and what our resurrected Lord has shown us. We confess that we have not recognized you in the stranger, in the breaking of bread, or in the needs of our neighbors. We hide in fear and doubt rather than living in the joy of your resurrection. Forgive us, Lord. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures. Burn within us, that our hearts may be set on fire with your love. Send us out, not to stay in the shadows, but to be bold witnesses of your peace and reconciliation in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## † SILENT PRAYER

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## † GLORIA PATRI

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## FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

# WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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Luke 24:13-35

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## SERMON

Rev. James Kendrick

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

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## † HYMN

*"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER



## COMMUNITY CORNER

**WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to worship at Orange Park Presbyterian Church! There are Connect Cards in the pews for visitor information, communications, and prayer requests (once completed, place in the offering plate). If you would like to talk with Pastor James about becoming a follower of Jesus Christ or becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and he will reach out to answer your questions.

**GET CONNECTED:** If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please e-mail [pam@oppresby.com](mailto:pam@oppresby.com) with your e-mail information. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

**BEYOND90 DONATIONS:** In April, OPPC will be collecting culturally appropriate food for our ministry partner Beyond90. We will send a team to the Beyond90 warehouse on April 21 to sort and prepare food bags to be delivered two days later. During the week you may drop off your items in the office or on Sundays bring them to the Fellowship Hall (door facing McIntosh Street) and place in the room immediately to the left. We would like to have your donations by April 26. Interested in packing? Contact Cathy Sanders or use a blue connect card located in the pews to volunteer for "B90 packing." Foods to donate: vegetable oil (48 oz.), all-purpose flour, sugar, basmati rice (10 lb. bags), and jasmine rice (10 lb. bags).

**PASTOR JAMES' INSTALLATION:** It is with great joy that we invite you to attend the installation service of our new Pastor, Rev. James Kendrick, scheduled for Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception with light refreshments following in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEN OF THE CHURCH:** On Sunday, April 26, at 8:00 a.m., come and enjoy a hot breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited - No RSVP needed! Contact Mark Poole or Rick Kirby.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using "Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther" by Max Lucado (Debbie Pendry). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series "Prophets and Kings" by Ray Vander Lann (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "Grace" by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby).