

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 30, 2026 • Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Gehrke

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow you. To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.

People: **As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands. Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.**

Leader: Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and around us.

People: **Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#4)

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Schicht

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are, and have even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this world that we cannot see your reign among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve in your realm. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

* Hymn (#444)

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Romans 12:9-21

* Hymn (#299)

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

Anonymous

Second Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all people of all times and places in the one body of Christ, the church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

* Gloria Patri (#581)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Beck

* Doxology (#606)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *him, all creatures here below;
Praise *him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
[* or "God"]

Prayer of Dedication

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Hymn (#724)

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Mann

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

"To God Be the Glory"

Doane

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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Deacon Greeter: Marianne Tamera**

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 78

Rev. James Kendrick, Pastor
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Vernon Humbert, Choir Director/Cellist
Sonja Lewis, Organist
Jo Plunkett, Pianist

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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 provide us with your e-mail address on a blue connect card or send an e-mail to pam@oppresby.com. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY: Children's Church on Sunday mornings is for ages 4 through 13 and takes place right after the children's message. Our nursery is open upon request for the younger ones. ***PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Labor Day holiday, we will not have Children's Church on September 6.***

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY: Join us today after worship in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Christian Faith Formation with a luncheon and information about all the ways to plug in to the many opportunities at the church. All are welcome!

BIBLE WHERE??? Our next gathering will be on Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Mellow Mushroom in Fleming Island. This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson. *Note: This is the second Monday of September due to Labor Day.*

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, September 1, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we are accepting non-perishable food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

SEW & SEWS: The Sew & Sews will meet on Wednesday, September 2, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev. Davis.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, September 8, 10:30 a.m., in the office. Moderator: Betty Wengert. GRACE CIRCLE - Thursday, September 10, 11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Moderator: Lynda Wiggins.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: The next rehearsals will take place on September 9 and 16 at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using “Genesis” by AJ Levine (Debbie Pendry). Travelers’ Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series “Anxious for Nothing” by Max Lucado. (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using “New Wine; A Study of Transition in the Book of Acts” by J. Dwight Pentecost (Ricky Kirby).