



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 31, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"This is My Song"

Sibelius

PASTOR'S WELCOME

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"
(You Are My All in All)

#519

*You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.*

*When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
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† CALL TO WORSHIP (from Acts 17:24-28)

Leader: Let us worship God -

People: **who made the world and everything in it.**

Leader: Let us worship God -

People: **who gives us life, and breath, and every blessing.**

Leader: Let us worship God -

People: **in whom we live and move and have our being.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

† OPENING PRAYER (from Acts 27:22-23)

Gracious God, to whom we belong, and in whom we find our courage, we bring you our worship this day. When storms rise around us, you speak peace. When fear takes hold, you give us hope. By your Spirit, calm our hearts and steady our faith, so that we may trust your promise to keep our lives in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

† HYMN***“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*****#408****† CALL TO CONFESSION (from Rom. 5:8)**

The proof of God’s amazing love for us is that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God’s love, let us confess our sin.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, you promise that we are your own in life and in death. Yet we confess how often we face the storms of life with fear and uncertainty. We cling to what we can control and seek safety in our own plans. Forgive our worry and our hesitation to follow your Spirit. Give us courage to surrender to your care, trusting that nothing - no fear, no failure, no loss - can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. May this truth steady our hearts, calm our spirits, and lead us to live each day in your peace.

† SILENT PRAYER**† ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 8:34, 2 Cor. 5:17)**

Leader: Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI**#581****FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN****WORD****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (inspired by Acts 27:23-25)**

God of hope, you sent your angel to Paul at sea with words of courage: do not be afraid, for God will keep you safe. In the same way, speak to us through your word today. Open our ears to hear, our hearts to trust, and our hands to serve in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**Acts 27 and 28 (Selections)****N. T. Page 148****SERMON*****“Welcome to Malta”*****Rev. Sandra Hedrick****† HYMN*****“Christ Be Beside Me”*****#702**

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering Music *"Jesus is All the World to Me"*

Thompson

† Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

#606

THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Num. 6:24-26) (Responsive)

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you;

People: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

Leader: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

"We Cannot Measure"

Bell

† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Jess McCrosky

Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison

Deacon Greeter: Paula McCormick

Last Sunday's Attendance: 57

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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 Sandra about becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and she will reach out to you to answer your questions.

BULLETIN IMAGE: This map of Melita (Malta) is part of an early German edition of Sebastian Munster's "Cosmographia," one of the most influential cartographic works of the 16th Century.

"SILVER LININGS: WHEN GRACE SHINES THROUGH" is our worship theme through September 7. This series follows four scripture stories where disruption becomes a doorway to grace, growth, and unexpected gifts.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY: Children's Church is for ages 4 through 13 and takes place right after the children's message in the worship service. Our nursery is open for the younger ones. If you may be called to serve in either (or both) of these special ways, talk with Nursery Coordinator Laura Wilson or Children's Church Coordinator Laura Maierhoffer.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir meets on September 3 and 10 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, September 2, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we are accepting food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

SEW & SEWS: The Sew & Sews will meet on Wednesday, September 3, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev Davis, bev.davis1@icloud.com or 904-307-8512.

BIBLE WHERE????: This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson. Our next gathering is on Monday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom in Fleming Island.

MIRIAM'S BASKET: Through mission funds and the work of our Sew & Sews, we support this organization that provides clothing and other items to children in crisis. Its annual fundraiser is on September 27. To purchase a ticket (before September 12), see its Facebook page.

BEYOND 90: Another of our mission partners supports new refugee neighbors in our community. Those who recently arrived cannot receive food benefits without a green card and cannot apply for a green card for eight months. Our Mission Committee invites you to make a donation for food support using a check payable to OPPC designated "for refugees."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using the Bible and studying "The Heidelberg Catechism" by Gary Hansen, which is part of the PCUSA "Being Reformed" curriculum (Debbie Pendry). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and is studying "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" by Amy -Jill Levine (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library and are using "The Parables of Jesus" by J. Dwight Pentecost (Ricky Kirby).