



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**January 25, 2026                    10:30 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*“Rock of Ages”*

Paxton

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**† THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

#288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

**People: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

All: Come, let us worship God!

**† OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**† HYMN**

*“Hear the Good News of Salvation”*

#441

**† CALL TO CONFESSION**

If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins to the One who feeds us with the bread of life, using the words printed in the bulletin followed by some time of silent confession, as we await the assurance of God's pardon. Let us pray:

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in Jesus Christ you draw near to us, calling us to repent and believe the Good News. You call us to change our lives, yet we sometimes do not heed your warning. You give us Good News to share, yet we often remain silent. Teach us to follow Jesus, fishing for people; casting our nets far and wide in mission and ministry, so that all may see the fulfillment of your realm; through Christ, who leads us to the river of life. Amen.

## † SILENT PRAYER

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

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

## † GLORIA PATRI

#581

## FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

### WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover our peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Psalm 105:1-6 (responsive)** (NRSV)

**Matthew 4:12-23** N. T. Page 3

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

People: **O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

SERMON

*“Let the Adventure Begin!”*

Rev. Susan Takis

† HYMN

*“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”*

#761

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“Apostles’ Creed”*

Hymnal Page 35

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

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

Offering Music    *“All Glory Be to God on High”*

Zachau

† Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

#606

## THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

#643

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

Haydn

† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Cindy Ezell

Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison and

John and Joanne Rose

Deacon Greeter: Martha Mayes

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 50

Guest Pastor: Rev. Susan Takis

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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 find out about becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and one of our elders will reach out to answer your questions.

**BULLETIN IMAGE:** We thank our member Martha Mayes for the drawing of the sanctuary that graces our bulletin cover today.

**WELCOMING JAMES KENDRICK:** Our new pastor's first Sunday will be February 1. Come meet and greet James and his wife Sallie in worship, and plan to stay for a fellowship luncheon.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Rev. Susan Takis is a lifelong Presbyterian. She heard her call to ministry after a long career in professional theatre as a lighting designer, mainly designing opera, musical theatre and theme park shows throughout the country. She was ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in 2004, after attending Columbia Theological Seminary. In the Presbytery of St. Augustine, Susan has served Geneva PC (seminary intern), South Jacksonville PC (associate pastor), Orange Park PC (interim pastor), Middleburg PC (stated supply pastor), and First PC, Green Cove Springs (pastor). She has also served in Central Florida Presbytery at First PC, Wildwood (pastor). She is currently serving on the Presbytery staff as an Area Relationship Coordinator. For fun, Susan loves going to the theatre, opera, baseball games (especially when her nephew is pitching!), reading, singing with the Heritage Singers of Jacksonville, and playing with her cat, Jelly.

**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.

**BIBLE WHERE???** This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson. Our next gathering will be on Monday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Hurricane Grill and Wings in Fleming Island.

**DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS:** On Tuesday, February 3, 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, February 4, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev Davis, [bev.davis1@icloud.com](mailto:bev.davis1@icloud.com) or 904-307-8512.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using "Feasting on the Word," a scripture study based on the Lectionary (Debbie Pendry, 904-307-8043). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, using a video series "God Never Gives Up On You" by Max Lucado (Cathy Sanders, 904-655-8740). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "A Brief Statement of Faith" from the "Being Reformed" series (Ricky Kirby, 904-705-7804).

**Mission Mid-Year Report for 2025**  
**July - December**

In gratitude for God's grace, these are some of the ways we have used the human and financial resources God has given us to serve our community and the world in the last half of 2025. We also provide gathering space for eight community nonprofits.

**Children and Families**

Preschool - provided a Christian learning environment for students and families, donated \$200 for school supplies

Young Life Capernaum – provided dinner for 20 adults and 5 children for their November meeting

Young Lives – donated \$200 from the Pentecost offering for their summer camp

Kim's Open Door – coordinated and sponsored Montgomery Camp Day for immigrant and refugee youth, with two other churches

Seeds of Love - donated packed bookbags for Clay County students

Miriam's Basket – donated \$250 for fundraiser event and attended the fundraiser, donated quilts for children entering emergency foster care

BASCA – donated \$100 in food supplies and participated in the Halloween dinner/ dance

Beyond 90 – donated \$300 from Peace and Global Witness offering

Clay Behavioral Health – donated \$300 for youth counseling

Quigley House – donated \$300 for this women's domestic violence center

Angel Tree – donated gifts of toys and clothing for 20 children in 10 families

**Food and Housing**

Mercy support Services - donated \$1800 to address poverty and self-sufficiency

Clothes Closet & Food Pantry - donated food from monthly food drives

Hunger Fight – donated \$500 for food supplies and participated in the food packing event

**The Church Universal**

PC (USA) Special Offerings – Collected \$2,164 for Pentecost and Peace and Global Witness offerings

Missionaries - \$1,000.00 was sent to our missionaries; \$500 to Pam in Turkey and \$500 to the Johnson family in Cyprus

DEMP – Donated \$250 for annual event for abused/trafficked women