

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 12, 2026 • Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Kocher

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

People: We have committed ourselves to follow the light. We come now to be instructed by God's law.

Leader: Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God. Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.

People: We reach out for more than we can see and hear. We long to know Love's embrace deep within.

All: Let us praise and worship God, who saves us and gives us hope.

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#310)

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Williams

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you. (A moment for silent confession) Amen.

* *Stand if able*

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ

* **Hymn (#372)** *"O for a World"* Glaser

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Romans 8:1-11

* **Hymn (#459)** *"O Word of God Incarnate"* Mendelssohn

Second Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **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

"Prayer"

Jordan

* **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** (#366)

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prichard

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

"Jesus Calls Us"

Jude

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him

who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 75

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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 e-mail pam@oppresby.com with your e-mail information. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

SEEDS OF LOVE: Thank you for your donations to the back-to-school backpack event. The congregation is invited to help pack the backpacks on Wednesday, July 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UPDATE - CAMP MONTGOMERY: The date of the International Summer Academy was changed and now will be on Monday, July 13. It would be very helpful to have a few volunteers willing to come to the camp to help with meal time coordination. Call the office to volunteer or see Marjorie Phillips.

OPPC is again coordinating a Montgomery Camp Day for the refugee and immigrant students in the International Summer Academy run by Kim's Open Door, a non-profit organization working to "provide opportunities for all." Attending the *July 13* camp day field trip is a "reward" for students who attend the Academy to maintain and enhance their academic skills, especially reading, writing and speaking English. Please consider "adopting" a camper; your \$50 donation will provide a breakfast snack, lunch and an afternoon snack and pay for the supervised camp activities of wall climbing, archery and swimming in the lake. Camper Adoption Commitment forms are available in the church narthex or through the church office. We hope to receive all donations by *July 13*. Interested in helping or just

observing how much joy our camp day provides? Please indicate your interest on a blue Connect card or call the church office and a Missions team member will be in touch with more information.

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 is using a video series “Nehemiah, A Heart That Can Break” by Kelly Minter (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using “Grace” by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby).