

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 26, 2026 • Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

arr. Purifoy & Plunkett

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,

People: The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.

Leader: Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

People: Make your face shine upon us.

All: We come together to worship the living God.

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#833)

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Peace

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Call to Confession (Unison)

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ

* *Stand if able*

* **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

1 Kings 3:5-12

* **Hymn (#771)**

"What Is the World Like"

Morris

Second Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

Kathy Hunt, CRE Candidate

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**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.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,**

and to the Holy Spirit. Amen. (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

"'Tis So Sweet"

arr. Smith

* **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** (#547)

"Go My Children, with My Blessing"

Vajda

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

"Love Lifted Me"

arr. Bober

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness in heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a

great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people? It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets and threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 71

Rev. James Kendrick, Pastor

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

THANKYOU: Many thanks to all who adopted campers for the 2026 International Summer Academy camp day at Montgomery. Betty Wengert, her daughter Colleen, Tom and Marjorie Phillips helped to facilitate the day's activities for 48 young people from various countries. Although the camp day was cut short due to a thunderstorm, the morning spent swimming in the lake at Montgomery is a highlight of the summer for most of the students. Be sure to click the link in the emailed news to see the happy campers.

BIBLE WHERE??? Our next gathering will be on Monday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m., at Mellow Mushroom in Fleming Island. This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson.

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, August 4, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we are accepting non-perishable food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

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 "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "Grace" by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby), but will not be meeting during the month of July.