

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Orange Park Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 10, 2026 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *"Imbue Me With Thy Loving Kindness"*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: The God of heaven and earth calls us together. We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

People: **There is so much we do not know or understand. So much of God is unknown to us.**

Leader: Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship. Our attention is easily diverted from God.

People: **We want to worship the One who gives us breath. We reach for the Reality beyond our knowing.**

All: **In God we live and move and have our being. All that we have and are comes from God. Thanks be to God!**

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#12) *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us close to you and the caring

outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. We have not witnessed to our faith in ways powerful enough to evoke opposition or cause us to suffer. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us! (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

* *Stand if able*

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ

* **Hymn** (#765) *"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

* **Hymn** (#20) *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

Second Reading

John 14:15-21

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

"We Thank You God"

*** 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** (#317) *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *"Lord, Make Us More Holy"*

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all people to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 59

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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.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 a.m., in the office. Moderator: Betty Wengert. GRACE CIRCLE - Thursday, May 14, 11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Moderator: Lynda Wiggins.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The next rehearsal will take place on May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG LIFE CAPERNAUM CLUB: Come have a fun evening with our Young Life Capernaum friends! Capernaum introduces Jesus to teens and young adults with special needs. On Friday, May 15 OPPC will sponsor the "Rock and Roll" themed meeting in our fellowship hall. The evening will be filled with games, bingo, pizza, a Bible lesson, crafts and lots of laughing. Volunteers are needed from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. If you are interested in helping, sign up on blue pew cards, call the office or see Cathy Sanders or Barbara Koontz.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a brief Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 17, 2026 in order to change the Board of Directors from the Congregation to the Session. Please plan on staying for a few minutes after worship to conduct this important business.

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 "Prophets and Kings" by Ray Vander Laan (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "Grace" by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby).



Donations Are Always Appreciated!!

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CORE ITEMS

Peanut butter

Canned chicken

Canned tuna

Cereal (healthy)

Box mac 'n cheese

Dry pasta

1 lb bag rice

Chicken noodle soup

Canned fruit

Canned green beans

Canned corn

Canned peas

Diced tomatoes

Pasta Sauce

Pancake Mix

Oatmeal (canisters)

Other Items:

Syrup

Jelly

Applesauce pouches