

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 24, 2026 • Day of Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Aria Tranquilbo"

Medlock

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, the wind of God, the breath of life.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, our Advocate, our Counselor.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, teacher of wisdom, reminder of Christ.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. May we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn (#289)**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Mendelssohn

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kingdom. (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

Numbers 11:24-30

* **Hymn** (#694) *"Great God of Every Blessing"*

Wesley

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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 *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* Ward

* **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** (#300) *"We Are One in the Spirit"* Scholtes

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *"On Pentecost They Gathered"* Mendelssohn

Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent.

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp.

And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!"

But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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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.

LITURGISTS WANTED: Liturgists (aka worship assistants) are needed each Sunday to assist with worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with available dates. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Ezell.

CAMP MONTGOMERY: 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 16 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 early July. 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).