

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 3, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Pastorale"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Come people of God!

People: Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out, and who rescues us when we call.

Leader: Take refuge in the Lord, who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love.

People: You are our God; our lives are in your hands.

All: Let us worship God together!

Opening Prayer

• **Hymn** (#409)

"God Is Here!"

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Before God and God's people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service and recharge us with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask this in Jesus' name. (A moment for silent confession.) Amen.

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.

* *Stand if able*

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

* **Hymn** (#463)

"How Firm a Foundation"

Second Reading

John 14:1-14

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

"As Pants the Deer for Living Streams"

* 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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

Gracious God, you have fed us at this table with the bread of life, assuring us that in your house are many rooms. As Christ has prepared a place for us, prepare our hearts to follow him. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; guide us in our journey, that we may not be troubled, but filled with your peace. By your Spirit, enable us to do the works you have called us to do, that we may glorify you in all things. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Hymn (#321)

"The Church's One Foundation"

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 72

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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.

BIBLE WHERE??? Our next gathering will be on Monday, May 4, 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, May 5, 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, May 6, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev Davis.

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

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.

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. We need lots of volunteers to sit and help one student or play games with a group. Sign up on blue pew cards, call the office or see Cathy Sanders or Barbara Koontz.

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 Lann (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "Grace" by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby).