WELCOME TO WORSHIP

# Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 15, 2026 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *"Let All Things Now Living"* Welsh Melody

**Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: To you, O God enthroned in the heavens, we lift up our eyes.
**People: From generation to generation, you have been our dwelling place.**
Leader: You have trusted us with the abundant gifts of your kingdom.
**People: Enter God's presence with grateful hearts, ready to serve with courage.**
**All: Let us praise the Lord our God, whose faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting!**

**Opening Prayer**

* **Hymn** (#645) *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* Bell

## CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

**Call to Confession**

**Confession of Sin** (Unison)

**Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray.** (Moment of silent confession.) **Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**The Peace of Christ**

* *Stand if able*

* **Hymn** (#400) *"I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"* Farrell

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of God." And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.
For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own people I will labor and pray for you.
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

## THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

**Faith Sharing With Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** Psalm 90:1-12

* **Hymn** (#722) *"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"* Schumann

**Second Reading** Matthew 25:14-30

**Sermon** Rev. James Kendrick

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen.** (from A Declaration 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** *"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"* Mathews

* **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** (#697) *"Take My Life"* Malan

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *"This Is My Father's World"* Sheppard

**Psalm 90:1-12**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**Matthew 25:14-30**

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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# 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



# 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak




Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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# Take My Life 697




5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

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**Worship Assistant: Fran Higson**

**Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison, John and Joanne Rose**
**Deacon Greeter: Sherry Miller**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 70

**ONLINE GIVING**

**Rev. James Kendrick, Pastor**
**james@oppresby.com**

**Vernon Humbert, Choir Director/Cellist**
**Sonja Lewis, Organist**
**Jo Plunkett, Pianist**

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**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## 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 provide us with your e-mail address on a blue connect card or send an e-mail to pam@oppresby.com. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY:** Children's Church on Sunday mornings is for ages 4 through 13 and takes place right after the children's message. Our nursery is open upon request for the younger ones.

**THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST:** Please join us for a "Thanksgiving Breakfast" for lunch TODAY after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will include a variety of egg casseroles, cheese grits, cinnamon rolls, muffins, and bagels. We look forward to this time of fellowship as a church family.

**LOVE GIFT:** Once again, it is the season for saying thank you in a special way! You are invited to contribute to a designated fund that will provide a year-end love gift to our office, music and maintenance staff members and our preschool director (Pam, Sonja, Vernon, Tom, Lisa, and Amanda). We will need your contribution by December 6th at the latest so that checks may be prepared before Christmas. You may give by check by noting Love Gift in memo line or you can use the online portal and click on Love Gift in the menu. Your generosity is appreciated!

**ANGEL TREE:** For many years we have helped the Salvation Army to provide gifts for struggling families so that they may provide Christmas gifts to their children. Our Angel Tree is set up on the table in the back of the Sanctuary today. YOU may help by taking and "signing out" a tag showing a child's specific needs. Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 6th. Thank you for blessing a family in need!

**YEAR-END GIVING:** We are grateful for the generosity of our members and other donors this year. Statements of giving for your year-end planning as of October 31 this Sunday, November 15. If you don't get your statement

as you enter the Sanctury, please see an usher as you leave. If you have questions, please contact Fran Higson. Contributions for 2026 must be postmarked or received by December 31. We will provide a year-end statement by January 31 for your tax purposes.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH:** Come and take part in "Greening of the Church" on Thursday, November 19, at 5:30 p.m. We will adorn our Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, when we will welcome the Christ Child! Another opportunity to participate is "Prep Day" where we will repair and prepare the decorations. This will be held in the Gathering Place on Tuesday, November 17, at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using The Present Word "Soul of a Nation" (Laura Wilson). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series "Who is This Man?" by John Ortberg. (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "New Wine; A Study of Transition in the Book of Acts" by J. Dwight Pentecost (Ricky Kirby).