

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026 • Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* arr. Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: and let us exalt God's name together.

Leader: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

People: happy are those who take refuge in God.

All: Let us worship the One who redeems the life of God's servants.

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#612) *"We Praise You, O God"* Kremser

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. (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

Revelation 7:9-17

- * **Hymn (#730)** *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"* Hopkins

Second Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Time of Remembrance and Gratitude

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 arose 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

"Dreamers and Doubters"

* **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)

We thank you, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and with all the faithful who have come before us who have served you with courage and with joy. Renewed for our daily living in this world, may we remember that we belong to you and that you lead us into newness of life. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* **Hymn** (#804)

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

Messiter

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

"For All the Saints"

R. V. Williams

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

We Praise You, O God 612



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.

MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER

12.11.12.11

(this tune in a lower key, 336)

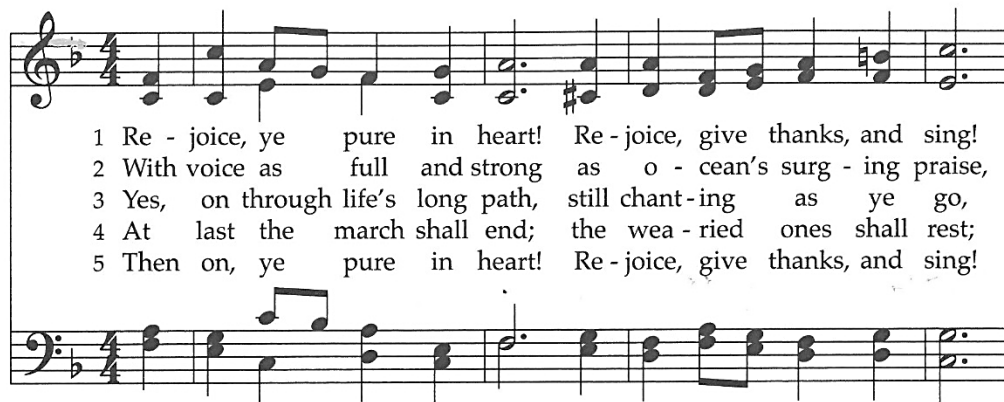
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa-tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on-ly in a-ges past; there are hun-dreds of
 brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol-lowed the right, for Je-sus'
 thou-sands still; the world is bright with the joy-ous
 died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je-sus' will. You can meet them in
 doc-tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep-herd-ess
 sol-dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in
 on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an-y rea-son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just
 God, and I mean, God help-ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

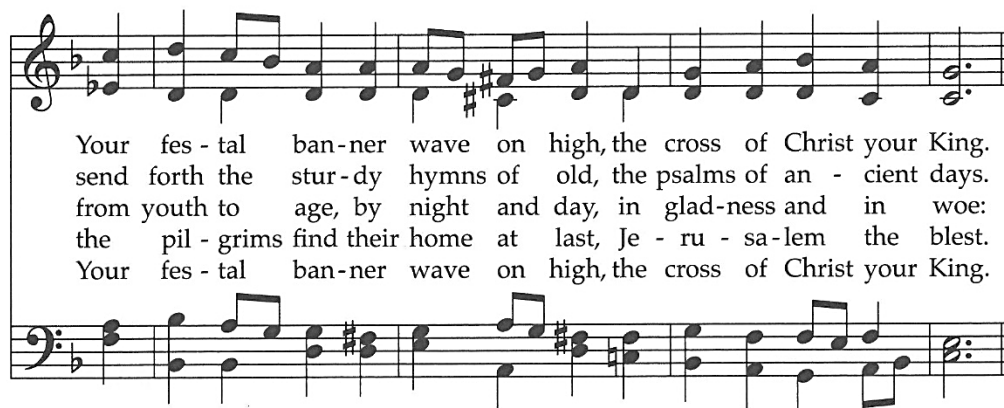
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

Time of Remembrance and Gratitude

Let us give thanks to God for all the saints of our lives and the witness they have shared with us even as we continue to walk the journey of faith and make our way to the glory that God is preparing for all of us.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

God's dominion is forever.

As for us our days are grass;

Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

And God's righteousness is to children's children.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

But the word of the Lord stands forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

God's dominion is forever.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we praise you for the saints of all times and places who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us. For their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice, for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance, we give you thanks and praise.

God of all saints, today we especially remember the saints from among this community who have departed our company over the past year. We thank you for the faithful witness of the dearly departed saints of this community, for their courage amidst strife and their hope in the face of death. We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us, whom we name before you aloud or in silence: Continue to inspire us by their faithful witness, that we too might join in bringing your justice, mercy, and peace to our world.

Today we celebrate and remember those who have gone before us during the last year with the tolling of a bell. We honor and praise:

Polly Vincent

Francis Calcutta

All those we hold dear in our hearts and minds.

Eternal God, as we walk this pilgrim way, make our faith firm, our hope clear, and our love pure, that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship Assistant: Laura Maierhoffer

Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison, John and Joanne Rose
Deacon Greeter: Paula McCormick

Last Sunday's Attendance: 60

ONLINE GIVING



Rev. James Kendrick, Pastor
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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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Thanks to the generosity of our OPPC family, we sent a donation of almost \$600 to the World Communion Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). (Donations sent electronically directly to the PC(USA) are not yet included.) Collectively our denomination will use these funds to reconcile all people and promote justice. Our denominational connectivity strengthens our missions across the world!

BIBLE WHERE??? Our next gathering will be on Monday, November 2, 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, November 3, 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, November 4, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev Davis.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: The next rehearsals will take place on November 4 and 11 at 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: We will be having a church clean-up day on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We have both inside and outside jobs. For outside work, bring gloves. Questions: Contact Pat Carlile or John Maierhoffer.

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

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! As a special treat Jo Plunkett will be playing Christmas Carols for us while we work. 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).