



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
October 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Lento”

Hardel

PASTOR'S WELCOME

“Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)” (2x)

#701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Ps. 111)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: With our whole heart, we give thanks!

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord,

People: full of honor and majesty, mercy and grace.

All: Let us worship God!

† OPENING PRAYER (from the Liturgy of St. Mark, 2nd Century)

Almighty God, bless your people. Give us your peace, your help, and your love, for we are the sheep of your pasture. Let us be united in your peace - one in the Body, one in the Spirit, and one in the hope of our calling, all through the gift of your endless grace. Amen.

† HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs. 1-3)

#14

† CALL TO CONFESSION (from Isa. 55:1)

Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy? God is calling; come to the waters. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we know your will, but we drag our feet to do it. We carry burdens you would have us lay down, and we take your blessings for granted. Too often we rush ahead to the next thing, forgetting to show our thanks. Forgive us, heal us, and make us whole, that we may rise in gratitude and follow our Lord Jesus in faith and thanksgiving.

† SILENT PRAYER

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Tit. 2:14)**

Leader: Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us
from our sin and claim us as his own people. In the name of Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

† **GLORIA PATRI**

#581

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (inspired by 1 Pet. 1:23-25)

Holy God, we know that the grass withers, and the flower falls, but your
word endures forever. As we hear your living word, help us to feel your
mercy and respond with thanksgiving, so that the good news of your love
may shine through our lives. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19 N. T. p. 80, Children's Bible p. 244

SERMON

"How Do We Say Thank You?"

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

† **HYMN**

"Give Thanks"

#647

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith)**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering Music *"Come, Sing to the Lord"*

Hogan

† **Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

#606

THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† **HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 4-5)

#14

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Tomer

† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Betsy Rinker

Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison, John Rose

Deacon Greeter: Paula McCormick

Last Sunday's Attendance: 79

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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).

BULLETIN IMAGE: “Fillette en tablier d’écolière tenant un bouquet” is the work of Henri-Jean Guillaume Martin (French, 1860-1943).

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER: Our worship theme for October is “Even the Sparrow: Grace in the Small.” Throughout the month, we will explore how God’s grace is revealed in what seems small or ordinary. A mustard seed of faith, one leper’s gratitude, a widow’s persistence, a sparrow finding its home, and a sinner’s humble prayer remind us that what seems small in the world is precious in God’s hands.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Christian faith formation with worship and a fellowship luncheon. We will have tables in the Fellowship Hall with more information about the many opportunities to plug into the ministries of the church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A brief meeting will be held after worship to elect a member to the Congregational Nominating Committee.

CIRCLE MEETING: HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, October 14, 10:30 a.m., in the office.

TRUNK OR TREAT: On Friday, October 24, from 5-7 p.m., our Preschool is having a “Trunk or Treat” event/fundraiser. If you would like to donate sweets and goodies, they can be dropped off at the office. If you would like to decorate a trunk or table, please reach out to Amanda Davis by email or call her at (904) 278-0669. Flyers with more information are available in the narthex and at lunch today.

HEARTS AND HANDS: “Hearts and Hands” (previously “2 Cents a Meal”) is a program of the Presbytery of St. Augustine currently supporting dental ministry in Jamaica and supportive connections with pastors and churches in Cuba. Can you help our church with this collaborative ministry? Donation cans will be available after worship today in the Fellowship Hall, or we can accept a check designated for “Hearts and Hands.”

SPECIAL GUEST: On Sunday, October 19, come and welcome our special guest, the Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, President of Columbia Theological Seminary. He will preach the morning message after teaching an all-church Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A reception will follow.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: We are still receiving the special offering today and next week.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH AND NURSERY: Children’s Church is for ages 4 through 13 and takes place right after the children’s message. Our nursery is open for the younger ones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using “Feasting on the Word,” a scripture study based on the Lectionary (Debbie Pendry). Travelers’ Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and is studying “Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy-Jill Levine (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library and are using “The God We Can Know” by Rob Fuquay (Ricky Kirby).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Trunk or Treat

OCTOBER 24, 2025
5:00-7:00 PM

OPPC PRESCHOOL PARKING
LOT & COURTYARD
SPOTS ARE LIMITED

FOR ANY
QUESTIONS
PLEASE SEE
MRS. LISA

10 PARKING
SPOTS @\$10.00
10 TABLE SPOTS
@ \$5.00

CONCESSIONS
WILL BE
AVAILABLE

TO RESERVE A SPOT

NAME _____

NAME OF CHILD _____

PARKING/TRUNK SPOT _____

TABLE SPOT _____



Trunk or Treat Donations

We are collecting items for our trunk or treat event. While candy is a great contribution, below are some suggestions of other items that could be donated.

- > Stickers/ Tattoos
- > Glow Sticks/ Bubbles
- > Small toys or party favors
- > Playdoh