



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
October 19, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Allen

Vernon Humbert, Cello and Sonja Lewis, Piano

PASTOR'S WELCOME

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"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 (from Ps. 121:1-2, 8)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

People: **Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: The Lord keeps our going out and our coming in,

People: **from this time on, and forevermore.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we gather in his name, we claim your Son's promise that he is here among us. May we worship and live as he did - attentive to your word, loving strangers and friends, and willing to challenge what must change, so that your will may be done. We pray this in his holy name, Amen.

† HYMN

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

#396

† CALL TO CONFESSION (from Ps. 121:2)

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Trusting in God's power and grace, let us confess our sin.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know who we love, and you know who we struggle with. You know who we have hurt, and the ways that we hurt ourselves. You see us when we turn to other gods and follow them instead of you. We need your help. We need your mercy. We need your healing, so that we may follow Christ Jesus and live in his grace. We pray this in his name.

† SILENT PRAYER

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

† GLORIA PATRI

#581

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (inspired by Ps. 119:97-104)

Gracious God, your word is sweeter than honey and a delight to our hearts! Teach us through your Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways with obedience and understanding. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

N. T. p. 213

Luke 18:1-8

N. T. p. 81, Children's Bible p. 220

SERMON

"Don't Lose Heart: Faith That Persists for Justice"

Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo

† HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#465

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

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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 *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”* #837 *(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* Zundel

† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Rev. Sandra Hedrick

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

Deacon Greeter: Marianne Tammera

Last Sunday's Attendance: 61

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Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo

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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 Sandra about becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and she will reach out to answer your questions.

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER: Our worship theme for October is “Even the Sparrow: Grace in the Small.” Throughout the month, we are exploring 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.

WELCOME DR. ALOYO: We welcome our special guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, who will lead a Bible study today at 9:15 a.m. and preach at 10:30. A reception will follow the service.

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.

ALL SAINTS’ REMEMBRANCE: On November 1, we will remember our members who have entered the Church Triumphant during this past year. We also welcome names of your loved ones whom you would like to be remembered before God and the congregation by name. Please provide this information by October 26 either using the link in the newsletter, or by writing the name, date of death, and your contact information on one of the blue cards in the pews. Place the card in the offering plate. Thank you.

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

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. To help with one (or both) of these ministries, talk with Nursery Coordinator Laura Wilson or Children’s Church Coordinator Laura Maierhoffer.

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).



Partner With Us!

Orange Park Presbyterian Church, please partner with us by:

- **Praying** for our students, faculty, staff and alumni.
- **Identifying potential students** in your congregation – every pastor began as a person in the pew!
- **Joining the Columbia Friendship Circle** – supporting PC(USA) students with family obligations and financial need.



*“How can they hear without someone preaching to them?
And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
How Beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” - Romans 10:14-15*



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Meet our President



The Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo is the eleventh President of Columbia Theological Seminary. A Brooklyn native of Puerto Rican descent, he is married to Suzette Aloyo, and they have two daughters. Before Columbia, Dr. Aloyo served as Associate Dean at Princeton Theological Seminary and was the Organizing Pastor of Iglesia Presbiteriana Nuevas Fronteras in New Jersey. He holds degrees from the College of New Rochelle (B.A.),

Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and the University of Pennsylvania (Ed.D.), where he focused on diversity in higher education. He is committed to leading Columbia in forming transformative leaders and nurturing a community rooted in God's justice and grace.

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