

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 25, 2026 • Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"At Calvary"

arr. Hegarty

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We gather here to worship God with heart, soul and mind.

People: We gather here as Christ's body, learning to love our God and our neighbors.

Leader: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

People: We are here to worship and to be transformed.

All: Let us worship the Triune God!

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#611)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

* **Hymn** (#434)

"Restore in Us, O God"

Hopson

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

* **Hymn** (#286)

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Jackson

Second Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OPPC Welcomes Our Newest Members

See insert

* **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.

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Hughes

* **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** (#846)

"Fight the Good Fight"

Hatton

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

"In Christ There is No East or West"

Reinagle

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

"You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

"You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:
"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."
He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?
"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"
No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

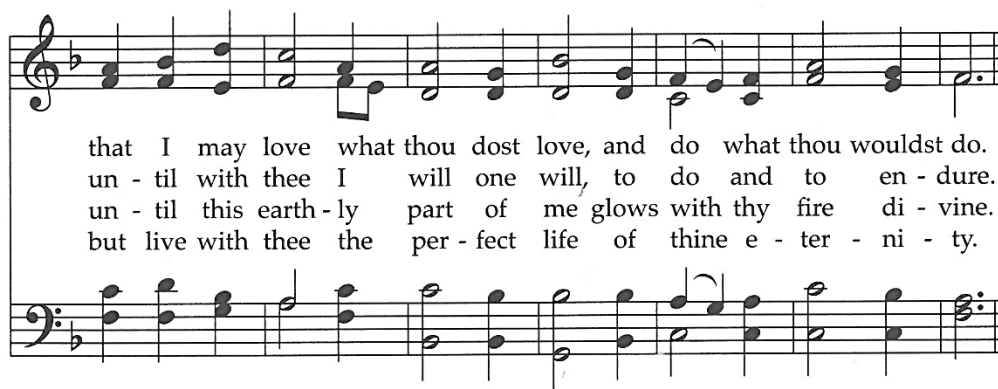
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

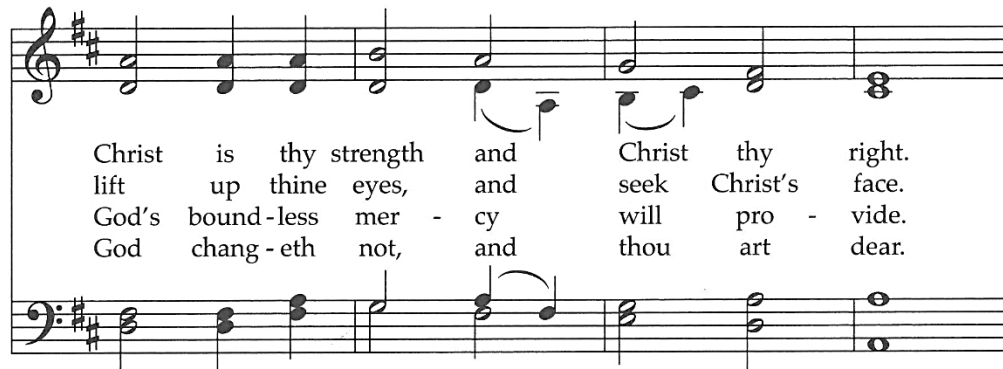
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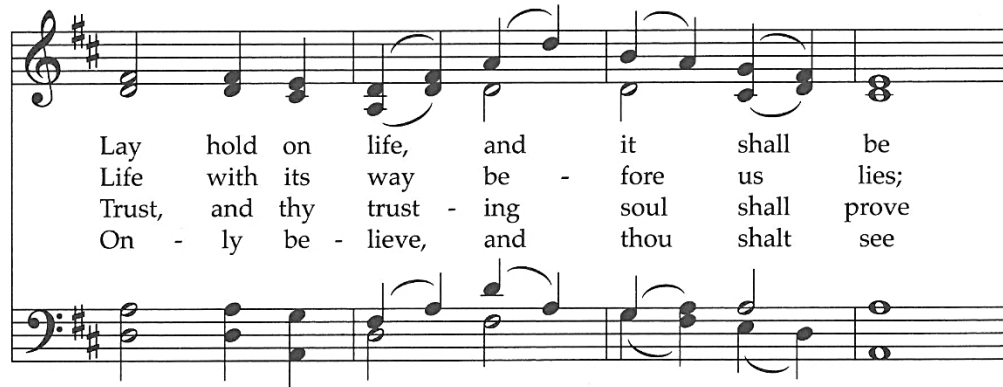
Fight the Good Fight 846



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.



Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see



thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

Welcome to Orange Park Presbyterian Church!

We are thrilled to introduce and welcome our newest members into our warm, Christ-centered family.

- + John and Karen Chapman, from Geneva Presbyterian Church, St. Johns, Florida
- + Terry and Maleeta Christman by Reaffirmation of Faith
- + Sallie Gipson from Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach, Florida
- + Barbara Gutwein from Easley Presbyterian Church, Easley, South Carolina
- + Roland Gutwein by Reaffirmation of Faith
- + Susan Oehler from First Presbyterian Church, Green Cove Springs, Florida
- + Ray and Eileen Smith from First Presbyterian Church, Green Cove Springs, Florida
- + Dwight and Sheryll Wilson from Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota, Florida

Worship Assistant: Marjorie Phillips

Ushers: Dave and Kathy Morrison, Mike and Shelly Stratton

Deacon Greeter: Marianne Tmmera

Last Sunday's Attendance: 49

ONLINE GIVING



Rev. James Kendrick, Pastor
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Vernon Humbert, Choir Director/Cellist
Sonja Lewis, Organist
Jo Plunkett, Pianist

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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 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.

NEW MEMBERS MEET AND GREET: Join us as we welcome our new members this Sunday. We will have a reception for our new members after worship in the Gathering Place. We will celebrate with punch, coffee, and cookies.

PLEDGE CARDS: We invite you to consider how God is leading you to respond. If you have not filled out a paper pledge card or electronic form, it is not too late. There are pledge cards available on the back table in the Sanctuary. You may deposit your pledge cards in the wooden church receptacle also on the back table. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

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.

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).