



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
October 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Beach Spring"* arr. Lau

PASTOR'S WELCOME

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)" #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. 84:1-3)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: **My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the home of the Living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

People: **where she may lay her young at your altars, close to your heart.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

† OPENING PRAYER

God of love and light, we come with joy to praise you and offer our hearts. On this day of worldwide fellowship, nourish our faith like the smallest sparrow, unite us as one body in Christ, and send us forth to care for one another and for all your creation. Amen.

† HYMN *"Let All Things Now Living"* #37

† CALL TO CONFESSION (from 2 Tim. 1-2)

Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace, let us confess our sin.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you created us in your image and promised to be our God. Day by day, you give everything we could need for life and godliness. And yet little by little, we stray from your image. We make small compromises, tell little lies, and expect something in return when we do

a simple kindness. Forgive us, we pray. Step by step, help us to follow our Savior's example. A few minutes of listening. A kind word at the right time. Sharing something to eat or drink. Offering a blessing. In these small daily steps, renew us inside and out. We pray this in Jesus' name.

† SILENT PRAYER

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 2 Cor. 5:17)

Leader: Anyone who is in Jesus Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; the 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 AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (inspired by John 14:26, 16:13)

Holy Spirit, as we remember the words of Jesus and the faith of his followers, guide us into the truth. Teach us to trust with mustard seed faith, so that we may live as one body in Christ, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 17:5-6

N. T. p. 80

2 Timothy 1:1-14 N. T. p. 211, Children's Bible p. 304

SERMON

"Even the Sparrow"

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

† HYMN

"I Come with Joy"

#515

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering Music *"We're a Fellowship of Believers"*

Althouse

† Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

#606

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** (Leader continues.)

The Lord's Prayer

The Serving

Prayer after Communion (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and embraced by your love. Amen.

THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* #835

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"He Is King of Kings"* Spiritual

† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Suzanna Goulet, CC Hao, and Fran Higson

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

Deacon Greeter: Paula McCormick

Last Sunday's Attendance: 70

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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 you to answer your questions.

WORSHIP 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. on October 8.

BIBLE WHERE????: This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson. Join us on Monday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom in Fleming Island.

FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, October 7, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., volunteers will be in the parking lot to accept food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: GRACE CIRCLE - Thursday, October 9, 11:45 a.m., in the Gathering Place. Moderator: Lynda Wiggins. HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, October 14, 10:30 a.m., in the office. Moderator: Betty Wengert.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Today we receive this special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). OPPC and the presbytery each retain 25%, and the PC(USA) receives the rest for its own peacemaking efforts. Thanks to all who participate!

HUNGER FIGHT - HELPERS NEEDED: The 11th annual “Feeding Clay” community outreach event is on October 11 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. We need 10 people to pack meals for families. Please consider participating this year as we serve our community! For more information, reach out to CC Hao.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY: Next Sunday we will celebrate Christian faith formation with worship, a luncheon and information about all the ways to plug in to opportunities at the church.

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).