



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 14, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Steal Away"

Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"In My Life"

#468 (verses 1, 3, 4)

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ps. 92:1-2)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People: **to sing praises to your name, O Most High,**

Leader: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

People: **and your faithfulness by night.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

† OPENING PRAYER

Living God, we thank you for your grace that overflows in our lives through the love of Jesus Christ. As we worship you this morning, help us to hear your voice and acknowledge your many blessings. By your Holy Spirit, give rest to those who are weary today and renew us all in mercy and peace. Amen.

† HYMN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

#35

† CALL TO CONFESSION (from 1 Tim. 1:14)

The grace of God overflows with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, shepherd of our souls, you call us all by name and lead us in your way of life. And yet we often wander off, step by step, until we are far from you. Distracted and restless, we put ourselves first and forget our neighbors. We turn from your call to love justice and mercy. Forgive us, Lord. Find us when we are lost, lift us up, and carry us home rejoicing. By your Spirit, teach us again to listen for your voice and to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

† SILENT PRAYER

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 1 Tim. 1:15-16)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance - that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Receive the mercy of Christ into your heart, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI

#581

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (from Psalm 25:4-5)

Lord God, help us to know your ways, and show us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Timothy 1:12-17

N. T. p. 208

Luke 15:1-10

N. T. p. 78, Children's Bible p. 214 & 216

SERMON

"Nibbling Our Way to Lostness"

Rev. Suzanne Brooks-Cope

† HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

#722

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

Hymnal p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering Music	<i>"Come and See"</i>	Mock
† Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		#606

THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN	<i>"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"</i>	#187
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† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>"Standing on the Promises"</i>	Carter
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† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Tom Phillips

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 65

**Rev. Sandra Hedrick, Pastor, pastorsandra@oppresby.com
Guest Pastor: Rev. Suzanne Brooks-Cope**

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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.

BULLETIN IMAGE: Our cover image is a stained glass window at St. James Church in Clerkenwell, London, England.

WELCOME SUZANNE BROOKS-COPE: Please welcome our guest preacher Suzanne Brooks-Cope, a retired member of our presbytery. She currently serves as the Pastor of Visitation at St. Giles. She served as the Associate Pastor of OPPC from 1992 until 1999 when she became the pastor at St. Andrews in Jacksonville. She is married to Scott Brooks-Cope. They have four adult children and three granddaughters. Their children are spread out - Patricia and her family live in Roanoke VA, Trevor and his family live here. Taylor teaches in South Korea, and their youngest twin, Timothy, is a chef in Pennsylvania. She enjoys quilting, traveling, reading and spending time with friends and family.

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.

"SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT": This is our theme for worship on Sunday, September 21, which will be followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend!

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. on October 1 and 8.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Check out the flyer in the bulletin for a way to support playground improvements for our preschool.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: On World Communion Sunday (October 5), we will receive a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice locally and across the world. OPPC and the presbytery each retain 25%, and the PC(USA) receives the rest for its own peacemaking efforts.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY: On October 12 we will celebrate Christian faith formation with worship, a luncheon and information about all the ways to plug in to the many opportunities at the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using the Bible and studying "The Heidelberg Catechism" by Gary Hansen, which is part of the PCUSA "Being Reformed" curriculum (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 Parables of Jesus" by J. Dwight Pentecost (Ricky Kirby).

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