

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 6, 2026 • Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Speak to My Heart"

Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: When two or three gather in love, Christ lives in every moment among us.

People **We step out of the darkness of despair and into the brightness of God's transforming grace.**

Leader: Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for love fulfills the law.

People **Come, let us worship the God who binds us together in mercy, peace, and truth.**

All: **With joyful hearts, let us worship God!**

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#663)

"Awake, My Soul and with the Sun"

Barthelemon

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of community, you call us to live in accountability and peace, but we admit that we struggle to love one another. We confess that we prefer the comfort of resentment over the hard work of reconciliation. We whisper about the faults of others instead of speaking in truth and grace. We break the bonds of your church through our division and pride. Forgive us, merciful God. Open our hearts to listen, heal our broken relationships, and help us regain our brothers and sisters in Christ. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

* Hymn (#447)

"We Are Forgiven"

Hopson

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Romans 13:8-14

* Hymn (#372)

"O for a World"

Mason

Second Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God's call. (From The Confession of 1967)

* Gloria Patri (#581)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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

"Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus"

arr. Herbek

* 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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us at this table, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Having met you in the breaking of the bread, help us to seek reconciliation where there is division, and to bind our hearts together in your truth. As we leave this holy meal, let us owe no one anything except to love one another, for love is the fulfillment of your law. Send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and to live honorably as witnesses of your grace. Amen.

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Hymn (#363)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Darwall

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

"Victory In Jesus"

Bertlett

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother and sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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663 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly
 2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -

stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 sign or do or say, that all my powers, with

joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

These three stanzas (of the original fifteen) convey the essence of the morning hymn that was paired with "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (no. 675) in the daily devotions of the boys at Winchester College. This tune was later composed especially for these words.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
 where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

- 1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
- 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
- 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
- 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4.
 "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune
 (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

Worship Assistant: Sallie Gipson

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

Deacon Greeter: Paula McCormick

ONLINE GIVING



Last Sunday's Attendance: 62

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

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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. ***PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Labor Day holiday, we will not have Children's Church on September 6.***

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: There will be a short gathering on Sunday, September 13, following worship to review the 2026-2027 Asking Budget of the church and to answer your questions. Please plan to stay for a few extra minutes.

BIBLE WHERE??? Our next gathering will be on Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Mellow Mushroom in Fleming Island. This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson. *Note: This is the second Monday of September due to Labor Day.*

CIRCLE MEETINGS: HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, September 8, 10:30 a.m., in the office. Moderator: Betty Wengert. GRACE CIRCLE - Thursday, September 10, 11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Moderator: Lynda Wiggins.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: The next rehearsals will take place on September 9 and 16 at 6:30 p.m.

HUNGER FIGHT: OPPC is sponsoring a table at the annual Hunger Fight "packing event" at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (7190 Highway 17 South, Fleming Island) on Saturday, October 3, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. We need a total of 10 people to man our food packing table and we still need a few more volunteers. If you would

like to join this fun and rewarding event, please contact Marcia De Vore. The food packets will be given to local school children on Fridays to provide meals for their families over the weekend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using “Genesis” by AJ Levine (Debbie Pendry). Travelers’ Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series “Anxious for Nothing” by Max Lucado. (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).