

## Order of Service

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

**Prelude**      *Der Tag der ist so freudenreich*      J. S. Bach  
                  *O hail the brightest day of days*

### Greetings and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather wondering, “Where will we find a Babe born in Bethlehem?”

**People: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.**

Leader: We gather asking, “Where will we find the Child of Christmas?”

**People: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.**

Leader: We gather wanting to know, “Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?”

**People: Where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

**\*Opening Hymn 132**      *Good Christians Friends, Rejoice*

#### \*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps, and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

#### Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

**Prayer Response**      New World

*Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. (2x)*

*Christe, Christe eleison. (2x)*

*Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. (2x)*

*(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy)*

#### Passing of the Peace

Leader: Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us share signs of that reconciliation with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.** (Please share the peace of Christ with those around you by saying, “Peace be with you.”)

### Children’s Time

**First Reading**      Isaiah 60:1-6; O.T. p. 690 Pew Bible

**Anthem**      *We Have Seen His Star*      E. Titcomb  
                  The Sanctuary Choir

*We have seen His star in the East,  
and we come with our offerings to worship the Lord.*

**Second Reading**      Matthew 2:1-12; N.T. p. 2 Pew Bible  
                                  This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      *“Gathered Out of Darkness”*      Rev. Allyn Foster

**\*Hymn 152**      *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

### The Offering

#### Prayer of Dedication

**Offertory**      *Come into God’s Embrace*      M. McDonald  
                  The Sanctuary Choir

*The table of love prepared for you; come to the fest of grace. Eat the bread; come, drink the wine; Lamb of God, Lamb of love, You took away our sin. Here we remember Your sacrifice, God’s plan for all: forgive! His body, His blood are given for you; come to the feast of grace. Come into God’s embrace.*

**\*Doxology 607**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

### Eucharist

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

### Words of Institution

#### Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Those who are able are invited to come forward and receive the sacrament by intinction – taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. A gluten free option is available.)

#### Closing Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn 150**      *As with Gladness Men of Old*

#### \*Benediction

**\*Benediction Response**      P. Lutkin  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
The Sanctuary Choir  
*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.*

**\*Postlude**      *Herr Christ der ein’ge Gottes Sohn*      J. S. Bach  
                  *O Thou of God the Father*

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**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us to worship God. Please sign the Welcome & Sign-In Pad letting us know of your presence in worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Deacon of the Day, Carol Kiener, who will be available after worship at the Guest Welcome Center in the Reception Room.

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES** and large print bulletins and hymns (in binders) are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

**BABY CARE** for infants through three year olds is available in the Mother’s Day Out nursery located in the Education Wing.

**AUDIO/VIDEO SERMONS** are available on our website, [oppchurch.org](http://oppchurch.org).

**COMMUNION** is open to all. Anyone who would like to receive Communion but is unable to come forward, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. A gluten free option for both the bread and the cup is available.

**THE OFFERING** is one way for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. **Secure Online Giving to OPPC** is now available. Please refer to the contribution cards in the seat-back where you will find the QR code.

**BS4BP** resumes today at 9:30 a.m. in The Meeting Place as the class resumes its Disciple Bible Fast Track Study. Folks are invited to attend class even if they did not attend prior to Christmas.

Little kids will sing with Mrs. Bonnie at 9:30 a.m. and then we will have an **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION** with oranges, stars, and crowns in the Undercroft until 10:15 a.m.

Today **YOUTH** in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend a winter “craft and chat” with the residents at Fox Run. The residents asked for the kids to come back a third time to do a craft, have great conversation with lots of laughter, and a snacks. Mrs. B will have permission slip on hand when parents drop their youth off at church at 2:15 p.m. Parents pick up at Fox Run at 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, January 13, the **2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS** begins its journey with a gathering dinner and worship service with youth, parents, and covenant partners from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

**MINISTRY TEAMS** meet Monday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m.

**A&F MINISTRY TEAM** meets Tuesday, January 15, at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Sunday Morning Worship and Program Facilitators**

**Baby Care:** JoAnn Tokasz and Barb Badame  
**Deacon of the Day:** Carol Kiener  
**Greeters/Ushers:** The Etzenhouser family  
**Worship Assistant:** Amy Carpenter

**THE WAYS OPPC PRAYS**

**PRAYER BOARD** – The Prayer Board is located in the Reception Room near the name tags. Please write or draw your prayer on one of the small slips of paper provided and clip it onto the board. The Prayer Board will be carried into worship but not read aloud or shared. The prayers are considered “unspoken prayers from our hearts.” This is a unique and special opportunity for children, and all members of our congregation to express their concerns or joys.

**PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY** - If you have a prayer concern and would like it lifted before God this week, we have a group of Prayer Partners who will pray daily through the coming week. Please share your prayer request through our Welcome Registry in the red pad located in each row in the sanctuary, or speak with a pastor or Stephen Minister after the service.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** - Each week we highlight several families from our congregation and ask you to pray for them, by name, during daily devotions. The families are not selected because of any specific need or immediate concern, but simply as a way to keep our entire congregation in our prayers. The families this week are Bruce and Rita Henning, George and Jory Herbert, Chuck Herrington, and Bill and Lynn Hess.

**ALL SIGN UP SHEETS** are at the Welcome Center

**The Staff of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Dr. Richard Young, Head of Staff  
The Rev. Allyn Foster, Pastoral Assistant  
Linda Babcock, Director of Education and Mission  
Gregory White, Director of Music  
Sherry Pomeroy, Faith Community Nurse  
Bonnie Arnold, Director of Handbells & Children’s Music  
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*January 6, 2019*  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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Rev. Young and a contingent of 20 from OPPC left at 6 a.m. this morning to drive to New Bern, NC to spend a week rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Florence. They will be joined by a group of 15 from Auburn United Methodist Church, led by Orchard Park native, Jason Mohrman. Together, working with the Fuller Center on Housing, they will be helping low income, uninsured homeowners affected by the high winds and flooding. The team will return to OP on the evening of January 12. Please keep them in your prayers!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** meets Tuesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

The OP Central School District is offering a program on understanding and recognizing the risks and warning signs of depression, suicide, and other mental health issues that may impact youth. Please consider attending the program, **MORE THAN SAD**, on Tuesday, January 15 at OP High School OR Thursday, January 31 at OP Middle School. The program runs from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

Please sign up to bring food items or volunteer on Thursday, January 17, for our **PEACE, LOVE, & FOOD COMMUNITY MEAL**. We are hoping to grow attendance at this dinner so if you know of anyone who eats alone, please invite them to attend with you!

Don't miss OPPC's Dr. Seuss-Themed **PJ'S AND PIZZA MOVIE PARTY** on Saturday, January 26, from 6:00 until 8:30 p.m. Free for everyone! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**SAVE THE DATE** for Lifesaver Sunday, February 10. More information to come!

**POINSETTIAS** on Christmas Eve were donated in memory of Bob and Pat Patterson and in memory of Laura Adams Patterson from The Patterson Family.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Doug McMahan and family on the death of his father, Jack McMahan, on December 26, in West Seneca.

## OPPC CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 a.m. January Mission Trip leaves  
8:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary  
9:15 a.m. Baby Care – MDO Nursery  
9:30 a.m. Adult Education – The Meeting Place  
9:30 a.m. Epiphany Celebration – Undercroft  
9:45 a.m. Sanctuary Choir warm-up - Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Reception Room  
11:30 a.m. Undecorating of the church  
2:30 p.m. Youth to Fox Run

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – The Meeting Place  
6:00 p.m. Bodyshaping By Sandy – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary/Reception Room  
7:00 p.m. Cooperative Preschool Board

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 a.m. Tuesdays With Tools – Meet at church  
10:00 a.m. Open Door Respite – The Meeting Place, Library, Irene Irving Room, Sanctuary, Reception Room  
10:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Bodyshaping By Sandy – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Bodyshaping By Sandy - Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m. Mission Workshop – The Meeting Place  
1:00 p.m. Embraceable Ewe – Irene Irving Room  
6:00 p.m. Bodyshaping By Sandy – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Camp Duffield Board – The Meeting Place  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group – Panera Breads  
10:00 a.m. Embraceable Ewe – Irene Irving Room  
3:00 p.m. CE Ministry Team – Conference Room  
7:30 p.m. Straightaway (12 Step Recovery) – Undercroft

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

10:30 a.m. Music With Mar – Undercroft