

Order of Service

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude *Auf, auf, mein Hertz, mit Freuden* F. Peeters
Awake, my heart, with gladness
Moderato, Andantino, Allegretto, Allegro, Adagio

Greetings and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

People: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

Leader: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

People: Lord, help us to work for you.

Leader: Lord, make us ready to serve.

People: Lord, make us ready to witness your healing love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to get what we want, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love; we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. While it is uncomfortable to face this we know we must do so and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit so that we will be able, with your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus name, Amen.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Baptism *Harper Alexandra-Patricia Szymula*
Daughter of Amy (Konieczny) and Henry Szymula
Hymn 482 *Baptized in Water* vs. 1 and 3

First Reading James 2:1-17; N.T. p. 229 Pew Bible

Anthem *Psalm 150* L. Lewandowski
The Sanctuary Choir

Second Reading Mark 7:24-37; N.T. p. 42 Pew Bible
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Open Seating” Rev. Allyn Foster

Special Music *Here I Am, Lord* D. Schutte
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
[Refrain] *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 35 *Glory to God*)
Choral Response *Amen* P. Lutkin

The Offering

Offertory *The Yearning* C. Courtney
The Sanctuary Choir

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow. There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide, for tomorrow. A yearning for the promised One, the First-born of creation, the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation. Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning. A yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing, when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see he One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

***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.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn 317** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Peace I Leave with You*
The Sanctuary Choir W. Vanderhoeven
Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

***Postlude** *Auf, auf, mein Hertz, mit Freuden* F. Peeters
Awake, my heart, with gladness
Un poco allegro

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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, Amy Carpenter, 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.

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.

THE FLOWERS on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of Bud and Jean Morey by Bill and Lynn Hess.

AUDIO/VIDEO SERMONS are available on our website, oppchurch.org.

On Saturday, September 15, OPPC youth in grades 6-12 and other interested adults/families are invited to attend the International Costal Clean-Up day more famously known as the **GREAT LAKES BEACH SWEEP**. We will carpool from OPPC at 9:30 a.m. (rain or shine ~ unless it is an actual thunderstorm!) and head over the Woodlawn Beach to pick-up and catalog trash from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Stay for a quick snack and head back to OPPC by 12:45 p.m. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to participate/car pool. Parents of youth, please see the weekly Constant Contact for permission slips.

Churches In Action's **UNDIE SUNDAYS** – Every Sunday in September you can donate new underwear, socks, and size 3 and 4 diapers for our neighbors in need at local shelters. Please put your donations in the collection bin at the Welcome Center.

Sunday Morning Worship and Program Facilitators

Baby Care: JoAnn Tokasz and Sue Sager
Deacon of the Day
and Flower Delivery: Amy Carpenter
Special Music: April Dunlap, Piano
Jessie Breth and Heather Dunlap

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 Glyn and Sally Davis, the Brad Day family, Russ and Shirley Day, and the deGrandpre family.

The Staff of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

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September 9, 2018
10:30 a.m. Worship

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MINISTRY TEAMS meet this week. Please check the calendar for dates, times, and locations of meetings.

Fall **TAG (Together All Grow)** tutoring program for immigrant/refugee children is looking for tutors beginning the week of September 17. If you love children and would like to help with homework, reading, and educational games, then program director, Kathleen Johnson, would love to have you volunteer. The Peace House located on the Salem Lutheran Church property on McClellan Circle in South Buffalo will be the location to tutor from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you would like more information please contact kidsaregreattag@yahoo.com

The **GRAPEVINE** deadline is Tuesday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m. Please submit articles to Deb Galloway at deb@oppchurch.org

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet Tuesday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

BOOK CLUB meets Tuesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

Interested in joining OPPC or learning more about membership? Join Rev. Young and members of the Membership Ministry Team on Sunday, September 23, from 9:30 until 10:15 a.m. for an informal **MEET & GREET** over coffee. Please email Liz Angelbeck (curley175@verizon.net) if you'd like to attend.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will take place Sunday, September 23, after both services.

Share Your Time. Share Your Heart. Support a Caregiver. Caregiving for a family member with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia takes energy, strength, and time. Respite care allows caregivers a chance to replenish their reserves. **Respite care volunteers can make a big difference for a caregiver by helping just a few hours on the 2nd Tuesday each month at OPPC.** The Memory Care Respite Program needs volunteers! **Volunteer training** will be offered on **Thursday, September 27, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. OR Saturday, September 29, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.** **Alzheimer's Sensitivity Training** will be offered **Thursday, September 27, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.** All are welcome to the classes even if you are not sure about being a volunteer. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

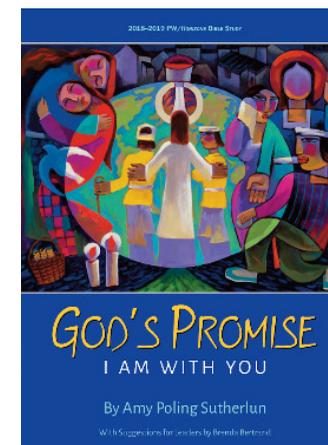
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



Protecting the Garden of Eden begins next Sunday, September 16, from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in The Meeting Place. OPPC's Green Team will begin a four week series about the care and keeping of God's earth!



Have you ever wanted to read the Bible but don't know how to tackle it yourself or how it applies to you? A team of OPPC folks who have taken Disciple Bible will begin a class just for you! Beginning October 14 from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. you will be able to take as many or as few classes of **Bible Study for Busy People**. If you have any questions or wish to sign up and get a book, contact Laurie Patterson.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study sponsored by the Hospitality Ministry Team will begin on October 10 at 7:00 p.m. New member Bonnie Orlow will facilitate the study, **God's Promise: I am With You**. This study is open to the community (so invite your friends to attend with you!) and it will take participants on a journey through the scripture to see and seek God's presence with us in the extraordinary and ordinary experiences of life.



The Mission Ministry Team announces a new initiative! We will be hosting a **COMMUNITY MEAL – “Peace, Love and Food”** – on the third Thursday of each month. The first meal will be on Thursday, September 20, in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The Blessing Box is emptied on a regular basis and local statistics bear out that we have some folks who are experiencing food shortages in their homes. We also know that some folks may wish to share a meal with others and not eat alone. Our vision for this Community Meal is that people will come to the table to be fed a delicious and nutritious meal served with love.

What can I bring? Food items for the meal such as salad and dressing as well as the “Take Home Lunch” like peanut butter and jelly.

How can I help? Set up, host, serve food, wash dishes, clean-up!

You can sign up at the Welcome Center for specific items to bring or ways to help. Look for the **“Peace, Love and Food”** logo! Questions? There will be someone near the sign-up to answer your questions or send an email to lindab@oppchurch.org.

OPPC Emergency Preparedness/Access Control - Over the past year a Task Force has been working under the direction of Session to improve OPPC’s emergency preparedness and address issues of safety regarding the access and openness of our facility. The Task Force has completed their work, including the installation of a comprehensive Access Control system. This system will enable OPPC to provide secure, handicap accessible space for the Orchard Park Cooperative Preschool, as well as Mother’s Day Out, two organizations that run children’s programs 5 days a week in our facility. The parts of our facility (the education wing) used by these two programs will be secure during the week and access will be granted by the staff of those programs. Access to other parts of the OPPC facility, offices, meeting rooms, sanctuary, etc., will continue to be open and available during office hours and for the many scheduled users of our facility during evenings and weekends. Questions about new access protocols are welcome and can be directed to any member of the staff or Session member.

ALL SIGN UP SHEETS are at the Welcome Center.

OPPC Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. Baby Care – MDO Nursery
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome Back Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Reception Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – The Meeting Place
- 6:00 p.m. Cardio Pound – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary/Reception Room
- 7:30 p.m. Ministry Teams gather – The Meeting Place
- 7:40 p.m. Hospitality Ministry Team - Undercroft
- 7:40 p.m. Membership Ministry Team - Library
- 7:40 p.m. Mission Ministry Team – Irene Irving Room

- 7:40 p.m. Property Ministry Team – The Meeting Place
- 7:40 p.m. Worship M T – Conference Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays With Tools – Meet at church
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Embraceable Ewe – Irene Irving Room
- 3:30 p.m. A&F Ministry Team – Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Pilates – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Barre – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 10:00 a.m. Mission Workshop – The Meeting Place
- 6:00 p.m. Cardio Pound – Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Study Group – Panera Breads
- 10:00 a.m. Embraceable Ewe – Irene Irving Room
- 6:00 p.m. Branch Meeting – First United PC, Silver Creek
- 7:00 p.m. LRC Political Discussion Group – Reception Rm.
- 7:30 p.m. Straightaway (12 Step Recovery) – Undercroft

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 10:30 a.m. Music with Mar – Undercroft
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal – Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir to park cars for Quaker Arts Festival – Parking Lot
- 9:30 a.m. Beach Sweep – Parking Lot
- 4:00 p.m. Winstanley/Sanchioni Wedding – Sanctuary