

## Welcome to Worship at OPPC!

For safety considerations, please wear masks and observe distances.  
Worship is live-streamed and available for later viewing on YouTube.  
We will celebrate Communion (Lord's Supper) today.  
The offering is taken during the Prelude.

# A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY NOVEMBER 29, 2020 10:30 A.M. 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

### GATHERING MUSIC

### PASTORAL WELCOME

Leader: Jesus says, "I am coming soon."

**People: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**People: As the Lord promised, in the days to come "The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."**

Leader: Let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

**People: Amen. Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations.**

**Renew us in hope,  
that we may be awake and alert as we watch  
for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,  
Our judge and Savior.**

### REFRAIN

**O Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.**

Friends, God brings us to the place of worship:  
our homes, a park bench, a soup line, a sanctuary.  
Together, let's affirm our faith and give to the Lord  
that sacrifice which always belongs to the Lord. (Please stand)

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**PRELUDE**

***“Messiah, Come (Medley)”***

Vernon Humbert, Cello and Laraine Humbert, Piano

arr. by Christy James

During the prelude you are invited to bring your offering to the  
table or you may place it in the plates carried by the ushers.

**PRAYER FOR GATHERING**

***“Canticle of the Turning”***

✠ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. (Pray silently)**

✠ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** The wilderness will rejoice, the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing!

**People:** **Every valley is lifted up; every mountain is made low. The glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

**Leader:** In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People:** **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

✠ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

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**Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19**

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**SERMON**

***“Hand in Hand”***

Rev. John Diller

## THE CHURCH RESPONDES TO THE WORD

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Worship Note: The music played during the serving is Beethoven's Third Cello Sonata, referenced in the sermon. Thanks to Laraine and Vernon for preparing this lovely piece.

#### Recognition of Gifts (Unison)

Leader: Let us magnify the Lord, rejoicing in the one  
who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly,  
and fills the hungry with good things

People Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

#### Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Gifts of God Shared

*"Sonata No. 3 (Allegro)"* by Beethoven

Vernon Humbert, Cello and Laraine Humbert, Piano

#### Prayer

Gracious and abundant God,  
even as we wait for the fulfilment of your creation,  
you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal.  
We thank you for feeding us and quenching our thirst  
through the movement of your loving, saving hand.  
Now send us out by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet.  
Amen.

## THE CHURCH TAKES THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Laraine Humbert, Piano

Medema, arr Larson

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† All those who are able, please stand.

Today's Worship Assistant: Betsy Rinker  
Today's Ushers: Bev Davis, Cathy Sanders,  
Dave & Kathy Morrison, Wayne & Cindy Ezell

*Advent 2020*  
*Orange Park Presbyterian Church*



*Lament and Hope: A Journey with Christ*

*Sermon Series:*

Nov. 29	"Hand in Hand"	Psalm 80
Dec. 6	"Voices of Courage"	Isaiah 40
Dec. 13	"In God's Time"	John 1, Ps 126
Dec. 20	"Hope in Song"	Luke 1:26-55

**GREENING THE SANCTUARY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 6:00 P.M.:** Please join us as we beautify our Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. This is a great opportunity to have fun and fellowship with your church family. Please let us know if you can help by e-mailing [pam@oppresby.com](mailto:pam@oppresby.com).

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Austin Sobolewski is in Wolfson’s Children’s Hospital undergoing evaluation. Prayers for Austin and Family.
- Linda Wickline’s brother, John Adkins, is back at home. Please continue to pray for John and his family.
- Dean Wilson’s mom, Catherine Nadeau, is doing well and is hoping to return to work in the next couple of weeks. Please continue to prayer for full recovery.
- Alecia Bryla, an elementary school teacher will be having surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort.
- Shirley Weimer’s daughter, Mary Lee’s friend, Jil Johnson, is recovering from hip and wrist surgery. Continue prayers for healing.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Bill and Jane Martin as Jane is having a very difficult time.
- Prayers of peace and comfort for the Rinker & Tull Families. Virginia Rinker passed away on 11-12 at the age of 100 in Lansing, NY.
- Please continue to pray for Bill Phillips and Family.
- People in Nicaragua and Honduras as they seek safety from the storm.
- Linda Broadus’ high school friends: Alyce passed away with stage 4 lung cancer, Judy lung cancer, Barbara has COPD and possibly other lung issues. Prayers for peace and comfort.
- Micah Hamilton broke his leg. He is 2 years old. Micah is the grandson of Fran and Jack Higson.
- Bob Grandstaff is in Life Care Center on Kingsley Avenue where he is recovering from a stroke. He is also under quarantine and can’t have any visitors. Prayers for healing and comfort.
- Beverly Grandstaff would like prayers as she will be undergoing tests. Prayers for good results.
- Ed Poole is recovering at home. Please continue to lift him up in your prayers.

**POINSETTIA ORDER & DEDICATION FORM**



If you would like to place a Poinsettia in our Sanctuary during the Christmas Season or donate to the Helping Hand Fund (instead of buying a poinsettia) in *honor* or in *memory* of someone, please fill out the form and return it to the church office. The cost is \$12.00 per dedication/poinsettia. You may pick up your poinsettia following the Christmas Eve Service.

(PLEASE PRINT *LEGIBLY*)

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<b>In Honor of:</b>	
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<b>TOTAL PAID: \$</b> _____	

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NOTE: Deadline is Sunday, December 13, 2020.**