

# Orangewood Presbyterian Church

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



**A river of God's love flowing into the dry places of our communities**

- **Jesus Christ is already at work in our communities; we seek to join that work.**
- **Our communities are wherever God plants us: Monday through Saturday—as well as Sunday.**
- **We create servant relationships with our communities, to become better disciples of Jesus Christ.**

*On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.*  
*Ezekiel 47:12*

**Welcome to Orangewood!** We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. At the conclusion of the service, Please visit the welcome table on the patio so that we might know more about you. We also have a gift for you. There is fellowship on the patio where you can also learn more about church activities.

**The Nursery is open for children through age 5.**

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# The Gathering

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Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text  
\*All who are able, please stand

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Prelude

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God has given us his Word:  
**People: We come together to learn from him.**  
Leader: He has filled us with his power:  
**People: We go out to bring others to him.**  
Leader: He has called us into his family:  
**People: We come together to share our lives.**  
Leader: He has put his words on our lips:  
**People: We go out to tell the world about him.**  
Leader: He has given us his Spirit:  
**People: We come together to celebrate.**  
Leader: He has showered us with his riches:  
**People: We go out to share his goodness with others.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn #265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Prayer of Confession

**God of Light,  
we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.  
We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.  
We follow the dim lights that call us  
to be more religious by following rules.  
We follow the fading light of personal salvation.  
Forgive us for not seeking the true Light  
of Your love for all the world.  
Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,  
who commanded us to love one another.  
Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,  
in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.  
In the name of Jesus, the Messiah, we pray. Amen.**

(moment of silence)

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**"

## God's Word

Children's Message

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Genesis 12:1-3  
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

\*Song *I Will Follow*

Second Reading Acts 2:42-47  
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Sermon "Our Missional Church"  
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

## **Our Response to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that the missional God sends his people into the world as faithful communities of new creation under the lordship of Jesus to mediate his presence, to walk according to his ways, to reconcile people to himself, to embody hope, and to be a sign of the final victory of the good Creator over evil and death.**

**We believe that we are called to join God in this mission and these relationships, and we accept the call!**

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication  
Offering

*Send Me Out*

\*Doxology

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**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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

\*Hymn #317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

# Announcements

## "Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women"

Orangewood Presbyterian Women is inviting every woman who worships on this campus to a very special event. On Saturday, January 29 at 11:00 come to a luncheon/program in Page Hall. The speaker for the event is Carol Main. Carol will be sharing her journey to the Finger Lakes Region of New York State, a land steeped in the legacy of human rights, civil rights and women's rights. Make reservations on the patio today. Reservations may also be made by phoning the church office at 602-944-1508.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in The Church Liturgical Year that we follow. The First Sunday in Ordinary Time was the Baptism of the Lord and the last Sunday in this part will be the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lent-Easter season. Why is this time referred to as ordinary? Dr. Stookey, the author of the book that your Worship Committee is studying, explains the meaning of the designated time of this period. "Ordinary Time" implies no mundaneness, as if more than half the year were dull and unexciting; it refers to the fact that in the original lectionary system the Sundays outside Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter were simply designated by ordinal numbers: First Sunday, Second Sunday, and (so) on... The cloth hanging on the OPC pulpit (called a parament) signifies the liturgical color of each season; purple for Advent and Lent, white for Easter and Christmas (through the Baptism of our Lord) and green for Ordinary Time. The pulpit paraments displayed in our church were made and donated by Ginna Wandel, a former member here.

## Card Writing Party

You're invited to join in sending love to our congregation members who have largely been stuck at home during COVID. We will be inviting all to come back to Orangewood during our Lenten season. Join us for a light supper of grilled cheese and tomato soup. Wednesday evening, February 9 at 6:30 pm in Page Hall.

## Lenten

Mark your calendars for special Wednesday night study during Lent beginning March 9. There will be more information in the March Plumblines.

## Concert at Orangewood

Live and in-person, the A Cappella Syndicate takes you on a hilarious, behind-the-scenes journey of a seemingly ill-prepared old-timey radio production, that in spite of itself manages to create for you a heaping holiday helping of great a cappella music.

This year's special guest quartets include The Associates, and Vocalocity, current champion of the Far Western District Quartet Competition.

Make a belated holiday connection to this family, and get in on the fun. Capeesh?

Sunday January 30 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A Cappella Syndicate practices here at Orangewood every week.

## Pastoral Care Notes

Kryarlee Enas, Joan Fenton, Mae Hicks, Molly Lawson, Carol Mandile, Lois Manning, Brenda Moser, Suzanne Norling, Gloria Olsen, Judy Proffitt, Pam White and Family.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Sandy Frost	Liturgist
Gene Nix	Greeter
Phebe Packer	Usher

### ORANGEWOOD STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Kenneth G. Page
Director of Music	Dr. Charles N. Sedgwick
Children & Youth Director	Samantha Burkhart
Band Leader	Brady Putzke
Office & Facilities Manager	Pam White
Set-Up Assistant	Addison Case