



**Day of Pentecost  
May 28, 2023 at 10:00 am**

**Welcome to Oakmont Presbyterian Church!**

*We are pleased to have you join us for worship today.  
So that you may feel at home with us, please note the following:*

**Visitor Parking** spaces may be found in the Dogwood Way parking lot and across the street in the Oak Ridge Condo upper and lower parking lots.

**The Nursery** is available for use as a cry room. Ask Ushers for directions.

**Large Print Bulletins** and **Children’s Worship bags** are available from the ushers.

To preserve the atmosphere of worship, **please turn off** all electronic devices.

An **asterisk (\*)** in the worship liturgy indicates that all may stand in body or spirit.

**Service Dogs** are used by several of our members. Please do not pet them when harnessed.

**Hearing Assistance** - Our sanctuary has two options for those needing hearing assistance: **receivers with headphones** which are available from the AV Team at the soundboard and **Bluetooth/WiFi Assisted Listening System** for use with smartphones (headphones or earbuds required) or Bluetooth hearing aids. *To utilize the Bluetooth/WiFi system:* 1) join the sanctuary WiFi network – OPCAV; 2) enter the password Oak\$\$1522 3) on your smart phone download WaveCAST APP from the Google Play or Apple Store; 4) Open WaveCAST app and click on “Service Broadcast.” (If “Service Broadcast” is not listed, fully close the app and try again. Audio will start playing automatically upon selection.

**GATHERING IN FAITH**

**Prayer in Preparation for Worship**

God of power and grace fill us with the wisdom of Your word and the understanding of Your Spirit so that we may be Your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Book of Common Worship

Trinity Chimes

*In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Prelude

*Canticle for Instruments*

Pentecost Orchestra

Camp Kirkland

Welcome

Steve Crocco

Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements.

Call to Worship

Steve Crocco

*Leader: We worship a creative God*

**People: who formed all living things!**

*Leader: We worship an abundant God*

**People: who gives each of us different gifts!**

*Leader: We worship a glorious God*

**People: who is seen in the vast array of creation! Alleluia!**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yester-years;  
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey You have led us all the way,  
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise You, glorify Your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

\*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Steve Wilson

Prayer of Confession

Steve Wilson

**Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues,  
open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your  
Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your  
love, or live as a people made one in Christ.**

...time for silent confession

***O God, have mercy on us. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit and fill  
us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.***

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of  
sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**People: Amen! Thanks be to God.**

*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

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| Choral Prayer for Illumination                           |  | Chancel Choir  |
| <i>Spirit of the Loving God</i>                          |  | Daniel Iverson/arr. Brandon Williams   |
|  |  | <i>Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.</i> |
|  |  | <i>Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.</i>         |
|  |  | - Daniel Iverson   |
| Old Testament Reading                                    | Ezekiel 37:1-14                              | Diane McKenzie<br>Pew Bible, OT, page 806  |
| <i>The Word of the Lord.</i><br><b>Thanks be to God.</b> |  |  |
| Time with the Children                                   | Children go to JAM after time with children. | Steve Crocco   |
| New Testament Reading                                    | Acts 2:1-21                                  | Pew Bible, NT, page 119  |
| <i>The Word of the Lord.</i><br><b>Thanks be to God.</b> |  |  |
| Sermon   | <i>The Power of Pentecost</i>                | Steve Wilson   |

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9/20) Steve Crocco  
**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and His gospel of reconciliation to all.**

\*Hymn of Response *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow* see next page

Faith Community Concerns, the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Steve Crocco

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts  
Call to Offering Steve Wilson

A Choral Offering Chancel Choir and Pentecost Orchestra  
*Pentecost* Mary Mateer; arr./orchestration by Viorel Oncea

*Today we feel the Wind Beneath Our wings today the hidden fountain flow and plays  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings as every flame becomes a tongue of praise.*

*This is the feast of Fire, Air, and Water poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.*

*The earth herself awakens to her Maker and is translated out of death to birth.*

*The right words come today in their right order every word spells freedom and release.*

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*Today the Gospel crosses every border all tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.*

*Today the lost are found in His translation whose mother tongue,*

*whose mother tongue is Love in every nation*

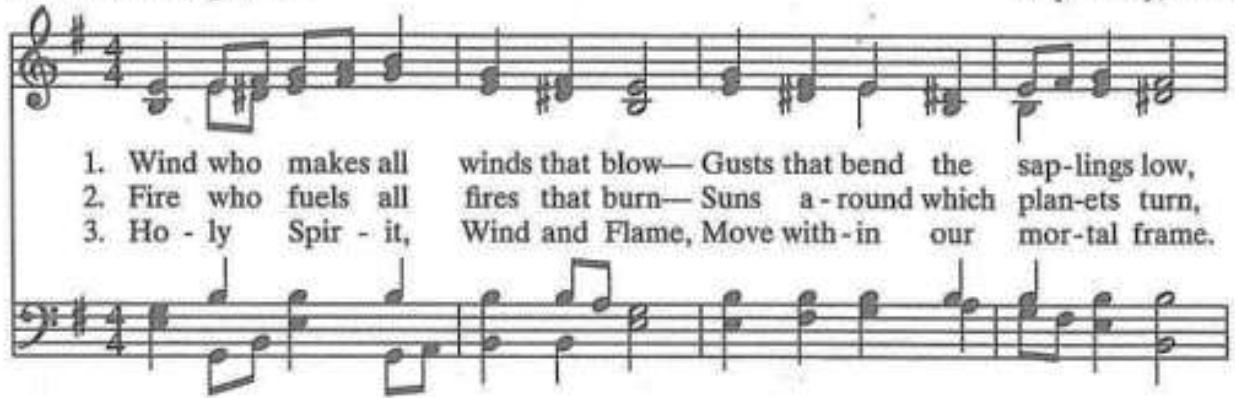
*in every nation is spoken Love.*

- Poem by Malcolm Guite

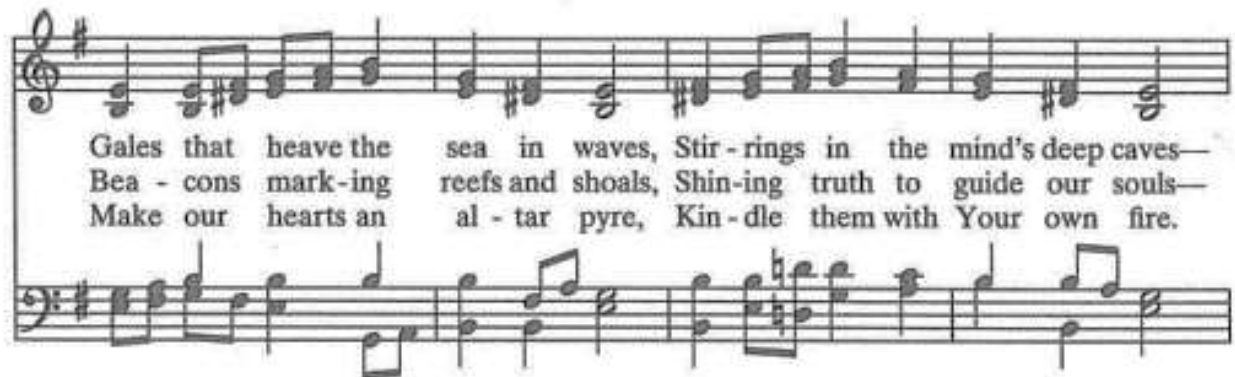
Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Thomas H. Troeger, 1983

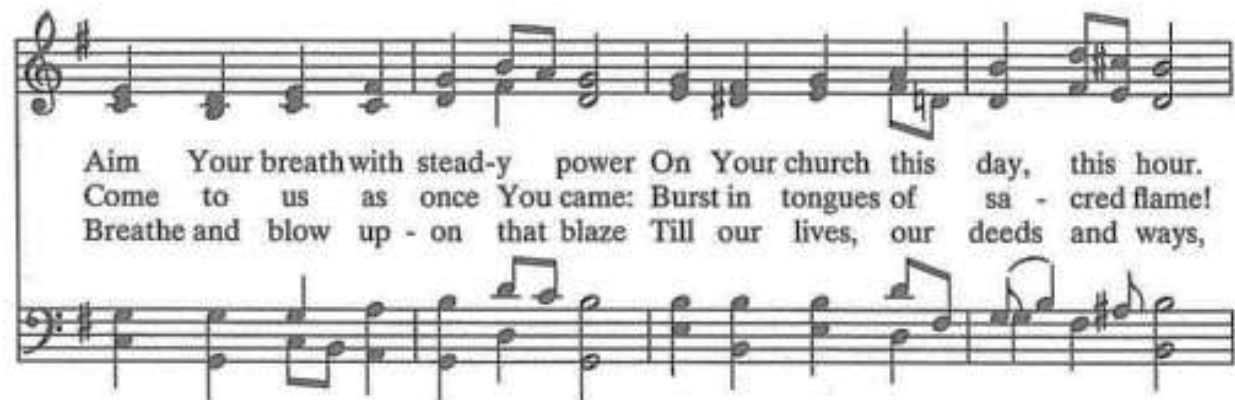
Joseph Parry, 1879



1. Wind who makes all winds that blow— Gusts that bend the sap-lings low,  
2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn— Suns a-round which plan-ets turn,  
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, Move with-in our mor-tal frame.



Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—  
Bea - cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, Shin-ing truth to guide our souls—  
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, Kin-dle them with Your own fire.



Aim Your breath with stead-y power On Your church this day, this hour.  
Come to us as once You came: Burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!  
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,



Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir-it God of Pen - te - cost.  
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.  
Speak that tongue which ev - ery land By Your grace shall un - der - stand.

\*Doxology

using tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Steve Wilson

### **SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

see next page  
using tune: *ELLACOMBE*

\*Charge and Blessing

Steve Wilson

Postlude  
*Doxology*

Pentecost Orchestra  
tune: *OLD HUNDREDTH*/arr. Keith Christopher

On Pentecost They Gathered

Neuermehrtes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693  
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,  
2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed  
3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,  
4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,

A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.  
On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.  
Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,  
What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?  
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.  
O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,

And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.  
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.  
The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The Day of Pentecost**, the fiftieth day after Easter, comes from the Greek word *pentekoste*. Greek-speaking Jews called the Jewish Feast of Weeks the Day of Pentecost. On this day, the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 tells how the anxious and fearful disciples, who had gathered on the Day of Pentecost, were filled with the Holy Spirit and thereafter preached boldly the gospel of Jesus Christ. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, the color of fire, representing the Holy Spirit, or red on white. The dove is also used as a visual for the Holy Spirit.

**The Paschal Candle** – represents the risen Christ, who passed from darkness to light, to become *the light* shining in the darkness (John 1:5), and it is the corollary of the pillar of fire in the Hebrew exodus. Traditionally, it is the largest candle used in the church and it stands at a central place. The Paschal Candle is lit throughout the Great Fifty Days (from Easter to Pentecost) and at Baptisms, Funerals or Memorial Services.

**Flowers are given** by the Worship Arts Team to honor all veterans past and present.

### **Pentecost Orchestra**

Flute – Beth Michael  
Oboe – Erin Lutz Marion  
Clarinet – Ken Lutz  
Trumpet – George Arner, Ken Crawford  
Trombone (French Horn sub) – David Heinemann  
Trombone – Mark Matty, William Hammond  
Violin – Justin Gaffur, Lauren Rigby  
Viola – Carol Fraley  
Cello – Jeff Borrebach  
String Bass – John Wilson  
Percussion – Keith Parton  
Piano – Jamie Fair

The Pentecost Orchestra and guest singers (section supporters) are made possible through *The Friends of Music Fund* and gifts given specifically by the following for today's Pentecost music:

Margie Bachman  
Debbie Blair  
Judy Bryson  
Craig and Sharon Dimon – given in honor of Steve Wilson for his service to OPC  
Margaret (Peggy) and John (Jack) Hill  
Susan Deakin Kabazie

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Hymns taken from:

- *The Presbyterian Hymnal – Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs*, 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press.
- *Glory to God* – The Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.  
*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*, Hymnal No. 582, Text: Trad. Liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile/Music: Paul M. Vasile/Text Adapt and Music @ 2008

**Worship next Sunday, June 4 – 8:30 and 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary. *Trinity Sunday* with the celebration of The Lord's Supper and receiving of Confirmands into membership. Steve Wilson preaching *A Call to Greatness* based on Acts 1:1-14.

**Early Worship at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary** – a more intimate service, approximately 45 minutes, with a simple worship order including the sermon and two congregational hymns with piano accompaniment.



**Service for The Lord's Day** - at ***10:00 am in the sanctuary***. This traditional worship service includes a fuller liturgy, with sermon and congregational hymns. A variety of musical styles are offered by our various choirs accompanied by the pipe organ, piano and other musical instruments. **Next Sunday:** Sharing in the Ministry of Music will be the Chancel Choir joined by Paul Banahasky electric bass and Keith Parton, drums.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TODAY! Jubilant Praise Concert Sunday at 4:00 pm** – see bulletin information page 7.

**June 7 PW Annual Summer Luncheon, Wednesday, at 12:30 pm in the Dining Room.**

**June 11 Strawberry Festival & Potluck Lunch, Sunday** – see bulletin ad page 7.

**July 14 6:00 pm, Veltre's, Dinner honoring Steve Wilson.** Invitations mailed. RSVP required.

**August 13 10:00 am, Steve Wilson's final worship service at OPC.** Reception will follow.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Graduates** – If you know of OPC graduates from High School or College, please call the church office (412.828.5770) to inform us.

**Per Capita** - Each year our church is assigned an amount to pay per member that covers the administrative costs and programs of our Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly. In 2023 that amount is \$35.70 *per active member*. Each year we receive contributions toward their per capita from about one-half of our members and make up the other one-half from general contributions. So far this year we have received \$5,235 from 140 of our 400 members. If you have not paid your per capita amount, it would help if you could. If you have questions, please contact Marge Kuhn, at the church office (412.828.5770).

**Chancel Flowers** – Are you interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary some Sunday to provide beauty to worship? One or two arrangements are welcome each week and can be placed *in memory of loved ones, in celebration of an event or to honor someone*, and all to the Glory of God. **Contact Carla Lowman (412-826-5914) to RSVP your date** with info and wording for the bulletin. **Available dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.**

**Your OPC Family Cares About You!** There are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member so we can support you in your time of need. You are loved!

**Prayer Requests** - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: [prayers@oakmontpresby.org](mailto:prayers@oakmontpresby.org) or contact Carol Heimerich at 412.242.1028.

**Soups** are available in the downstairs freezer for a loved one or neighbor who needs a cup of cheer!

**OPC Film Series** - Join us at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Brochures are available in the vestibules. Elevator door entrance opens at 6:15 pm.

**June 2 - Operation Seawolf**

**June 9 – All Saints**

**Deacons - Food Donations** - Thank you for your donations to the food banks at RCAC and Verona Methodist Church supporting families in our community. Please continue to place donations in the shopping carts or drop off financial donations to the office/collection plate. Questions – contact Judy Murray at 724-816-7561.

**Deacons - During May, Light of Life Ministries will NOT be taking clothing donations. They still need \$5 Giant Eagle gift cards for their incentive/recognition program used at the facility.** Aunt Phyllis, OPC donation attendant, at the 5th street entrance will accept donations!

**The Interim Pastor Search Committee** - May/June will be spent reviewing/interviewing candidates. We plan to have a commitment in July with a start date in September. The Committee - Nick Kokales and Sally Huber-Lewis (co-chairs), Christine Little, Jim Kinter, Chris Hudak and Dave Geis. Feel free to ask questions. Keep them in your prayers.

**Youth Group will resume regularly in Fall 2023.** Youth will be going on a mission trip to Seth, WV **June 10-16th**. Youth are encouraged to serve in Vacation Bible School at the end of June.

Mark your Calendars! Ready, Set, Move **VBS will take place June 26-30th 5:30-8:00pm.** Register online or to volunteer at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/opc23>

♪ ♪ **Sing with *The Summer Choir*** ♪ ♪ We welcome singers of all ages to join The Summer Choir on **June 11, 18, 25**. Sing one week or two or all three, depending on your schedule. All you need to do is attend the rehearsal at 9:00am, in the choir room and then sing in worship at 10:00am. The music selected is easy enough to learn that morning or it may be picked up the Wednesday before.

**In Search of a 3-bedroom Rental** - Our refugee family has extended family that were resettled to the Duquesne area. While it is much closer than being in Africa, it has been tough for the families to support each other due to the 3-hour bus trip to get back and forth. We are looking to help the refugee family move closer to the Oakmont family. The family will require a 3-bedroom rental in or near the Oakmont/Verona area. Please share any leads with the Refugee Team by emailing Dave Geis at [davidsgeis@gmail.com](mailto:davidsgeis@gmail.com). Thank you.



**May 28 through September 3**  
worship times will be  
**8:30 and 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary

OAKMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**23rd Annual Jubilant Praise Concert**

**TODAY at 4:00 pm**

**3:50 pm—Gathering Music begins**

**The Carnegie Brass along with the Chancel Choir,  
Percussion, Piano, Organ**

***Sing Out My Soul***

**A concert of sacred and patriotic selections.  
We continue the tradition of the *Armed Forces Medley*  
To recognize those who serve/served our country  
As we celebrate our country's heroes.**

**Parking may be found across the street in the  
Oak Ridge Condo (opposite corner from the church) in both  
Parking lots—upper and lower (limited number of spaces).**



**Strawberry Festival & Potluck Lunch**

Enjoy a casual picnic-style lunch as we share "stories" of our favorite times with Steve.

**Sunday, June 11**

In the church dining room after 10 a.m. worship.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Please sign up in the 5th Street vestibule on Sundays in May,  
or contact Grace McGhee [gmcghee124@gmail.com](mailto:gmcghee124@gmail.com) or (412) 495-9214

Ham barbeque sandwiches and strawberry shortcake will be provided.

Last names A to F please bring cookies.

Last names G to Z please bring a side dish.



## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>May 28 – Day of Pentecost</b>
8:30am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream and Children’s JAM Classes (preK-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)
2:30 pm	Concert Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm	Jubilant Praise Concert (Sanctuary)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 29 – Memorial Day</b>
	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
12:00 pm	AA’s (Multi-Purpose Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 30</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 31</b>
10:00 am	Women’s AA (Dining Room)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>June 1</b>
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm	NA’s (Dining Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>June 2</b>
7:00 pm	OPC Film Series (Multi-Purpose Room)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>June 3</b>
10:00 am	Holy Ground Ministry Team (Multi-Purpose Room)
8:00 pm	AA’s (Dining Room)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>June 4– Trinity Sunday</b>
8:30am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship, Communion, Confirmands (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream and Children’s JAM Classes (preK-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)
11:00 am	Confirmands Reception (Friendship Hall)

### OPC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson	Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco	Associate Pastor
Michael P. Frank, III	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Ronnie Bailey	Education Director for Children and Youth
Maureen Stecik	Program Staff Assistant
Buster Harper	Custodian
Tracy Messenger	Financial Secretary of Accounting
Marge Kuhn	Financial Secretary of Contributions
Roberta Erickson	Handbell Choir Director
Ron Burkert	AV Team Coordinator

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