

# Ogden Dunes Community Church Presbyterian

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## *The Ogden Dunes Community Church Mission Statement*

*Ogden Dunes Community Church is building a vibrant, God-honoring community of faith in Jesus Christ where God's global heart is demonstrated, God's power is evidenced, joy abounds, hope sustains, and reconciling love is the glue that binds us together.*

***“Ogden Dunes Community Church seeks to joyfully lead people  
to the transforming love of Christ.”***

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**May 11, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
*Mother’s Day/Festival of the Christian Home*

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Mark Fenstermacher    Minister of Music: Elizabeth Larson

***Gathering to Worship***  
***“Let us enter God’s House with reverence.”***

*In the Name and Spirit of Christ, we offer a special welcome to  
each and every guest here today. All are welcomed and loved in this place!  
Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service.  
We look forward to welcoming you and getting to know you.  
Please leave your contact information with us, so that  
we can share with you opportunities to grow, connect, and serve.*

**CARILLON**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — St. Denio, Arr. Brant Adams  
• **Emmett Needles, Trumpet**

**OPENING PRAYER** **Pastor**

**CONGREGATIONAL INTRIOOT #322**      *Spirit of the Living God*

◆ Please stand if you are able

◆ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Based on Revelations 7:9-17)*

**Liturgist**

**Leader:** During a time of persecution by a cruel empire, the early Jesus follower named John was exiled to an island. There, in a time of despair, God gave John a vision of how God will end the story - AND WIN.

**People:** **“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”**

**Leader:** Robed in white, with palm branches in their hands, they cried out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

**People:** **And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders, and they fell on their faces and worshipped God, singing: “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to our God for ever and ever!”**

**Leader:** All those who have come through the great ordeal, washed clean by the love of the Lamb, can then stand before the throne of God, worshipping God day and night. “They will hunger no more, and thirst no more. The sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat.”

**People:** **“For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and Jesus will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.” God wins. Love’s victory is certain.**

**Leader:** The worst thing isn’t the last thing. The worst thing is only the next to the last thing. The best thing is last. Love has the final word!

**People:** **For all tribes and languages! Hallelujah!**

◆ **HYMN OF PRAISE #108** *Christ Is Alive!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Liturgist**

The Bible searches for images to describe God. In Luke 13, Jesus says he is like a mother hen trying to gather her chicks under the protection of her wings. The prophet, Isaiah, portrays God as a woman in labor and then later as a nursing mother. (Isaiah 42 and 49.) Hosea (11:3-4) tells us God is like a mother teaching her toddler to walk. Let us come to God, trusting God’s mercy and love, and confess our sins.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**God, we have gotten some things right and a lot wrong. We've been the toddler, heading straight for the cookie jar when our mom's back was turned. We've taken what doesn't belong to us. We've casually chosen to risk great danger, whether driving our Big Wheel into the street, or much later betraying the love of another. Too often we have not shared our toys. Our words have been used like knives. We've thrown away opportunities for good that were handed to us by those who loved us. Truth that could have changed our life for the better was shrugged off, as we insisted on learning the hard way.**

**Our knees are scratched by the times we have fallen along the way. Your own heart has been broken by our lies, sins, and forays into darkness. Forgive us, Lord.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**The Rev. Dr. Mark Fenstermacher**

**God's mercy overflows as a healing spring, cleansing us from our sin. Whenever we come to God, He gathers us up and hides us beneath his wings of grace. You are forgiven!**

## **◆ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Live Into Hope* — Truro, Arr. Lloyd Larson

- **Emmett Needles, Trumpet**
- **Chancel Ringers**

## ***Hearing and Responding to God's Word***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor**

**Sharing of our Joys and Concerns /The Lord's Prayer**

***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**PRAYER SONG #2193** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sing through twice)*

## MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

## CHILDREN MAY BE DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

◆ SONG OF PRAISE #2196     *We Walk by Faith*

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Liturgist

Offertory     *Love Divine* — Edward Broughton

◆ Response     Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures  
here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above ye Heavenly Hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

## SCRIPTURE READING:

Liturgist

New Testament:     Luke 24:15-27

*Leader:*     This is the Word of the Lord.

***People:*     Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Noticing the Stranger*

The Rev. Dr. Mark Fenstermacher

## PRAYER

### ***Leaving to Live out the Word***

◆ HYMN OF SENDING OUT #372     *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

## ◆ THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor

◆ THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION — *Because He Lives*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

## **Assisting Us In Worship Today**

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Mark Fenstermacher

**Liturgist:** Jeri Kris

**Usher:** Carol Cornwell

**Sound Booth:** Dave Pratt and Amiel Newport

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## **SANCTUARY WORSHIP**

We ask that for the sake of the sacredness of our worship service; if you must leave the service early, please exit at the southeast doors (those closest to the church office). Ushers will be available to help direct you. Please remember that the pew outside the back of the sanctuary is reserved for ushers, those assisting in worship and others with special needs. Thank you.

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## **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - May 25**

A very special weekend as our community celebrates 100 years. On that Sunday there will be Worship at 10:00 a.m., Food at 11:15 a.m., and Yard Games at 12:00 Noon.



You can help the party happen by:

- \*Bringing a side dish to share that Sunday.

- \*Giving a special financial gift to help pay for food and yard games/a bounce house. Make checks out to "ODCC - Centennial" and place them in the offering plate or bring to the office.

- \*Be an adult volunteer for an hour supervising the yard games from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Write in your name on the sign-up sheet (and/or call the office).

## Ogden Dunes Prime Timers???? What is it??? Why is it??? When is it???

First of all, you don't have to live in Ogden Dunes to come! If you want a nice lunch and some entertainment for only \$13, please come and bring a friend!

It is a group that meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from March to December at noon, at the Ogden Dunes Community Church. Each month there is a light lunch and an entertaining speaker, either informative or just pure fun!

If you work from home, are retired, or just have Tuesdays free, take a break and join us, see your friends and neighbors and have lunch.

Come out, bring a friend, all are invited! Join in on the food, fun, and fellowship.

Remember: **Tuesday, May 20, Noon, \$13, 116 Hillcrest**  
**Program is Recycle 101 presented by the Recycling & Waste**  
**Reduction District of Porter County.**

**Please RSVP by Saturday, May 17. Call or text Jayne Mann (219) 218-3670 or email [ogdendunesprimetimers@gmail.com](mailto:ogdendunesprimetimers@gmail.com)**

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## PRAISE AND PRAYER

Please join us for Prayer led by Phil Shank on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Bible study at 7:00 p.m.

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## Prayer Corner

Ellie Babbitt and her family, Michael Bain, Lisa Baughman, Dale, Derrick, Family of Jane Dickey, Patty Harbaugh, Hartmann family, Rebecca Hunt, Sarah Hunt Maldonado, the McCrum family, Marcy Mongoven, Jayden Nelson, Cami O'Conner, Ann and Walter Sampson, Chuck Smothermon, Judy Spornick, Cordie Swanson, Roger Winsor, Tom Woodward, our elderly shut-ins and caregivers, our troops overseas, our President and our country. The Missionaries we support (local, national and international). The Christians and all people in the Middle East and Europe. Those whose lives have been affected by the wildfires and hurricanes.

# The Week at a Glance

## **SUNDAY, MAY 11**

10:00 a.m. Worship led by The Rev. Dr. Mark Fenstermacher  
**Nursery Provided**

## **MONDAY, MAY 12**

9:45 a.m. Footprints Reunion Group

## **TUESDAY, MAY 13**

6:30 p.m. Session

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

6:30 p.m. Praise and Prayer

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

## **THURSDAY, MAY 15**

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Men's Ensemble

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir

## **SUNDAY, MAY 18**

10:00 a.m. Worship led by The Rev. Dr. Mark Fenstermacher  
**Nursery Provided**

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### **Luke 24**

<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.[g] <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?"

*Have A Blessed Week!*