

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

10:00 A.M.

With doors wide open, we welcome all to come and discover how
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,
our community, the world and with God.

With arms wide open, we welcome all who are looking for something more,
who have questions, who want to make a difference as
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.

With hearts wide open, we welcome you.

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Halle, Halle" (with Sunday School singers)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(cf. Psalm 149)

Leader: Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song -

**People: For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns
The humble with salvation.**

*HYMN #255 "Now Praise the Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ***In Unison***

*Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not
do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when
we could be useful.*

*Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: #579 Hymnal "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO: "How can I keep from singing?"

Arr. Ginger Littleton

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:	Esther 4. 12-17; 9. 20-22	Pew Bible, page 488
NEW TESTAMENT:	Matt. 16. 24-26	Pew Bible, page 951
SERMON TITLE:	“What’s Your Story? : Esther””	Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #387 “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN # 316 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: Taize #38 “My soul is at rest from God alone”

*THE DOXOLOGY, #592 Hymnal

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 357 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING THE PEACE: “May God’s peace be with you.”

POSTLUDE

Worship has ended; let Service begin.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is -

~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~

Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us next Sunday.

Scriptures Reading: Genesis 40. 1-8. Romans 12. 14-21

Sermon Title: “What’s Your Story? – Joseph”

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026... *During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org, or call the church office if you have any questions.*

OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ... Please keep the following people in your prayers: Ed, Sylvie, Darrell, Jen, Cindy, Charlie and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit, and all those going through difficult times.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ... *are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the marriage of Mallory and Jake Schmidlapp..*

COFFEE HOUR...

Today: Merten and Koppeis Families
Next Week: TBD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

September 30 Jerry L.
October 2 Christopher P.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

September 28 Keith and Rachel M.
October 2 Warren and Rosemary O.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER ... If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 297-9962.

This week...

Today	Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School Fire Drill (?)	
	Confirmation Class Parents Mtg,	11:30 a.m.
Fri 10/2	Sun Sch Communion Workshop	5:30 p.m.
Sun 10/4	Sunday Worship / World Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	11:10 a.m.
	Personnel	11:30 a.m.
	Sun Sch / CE	11:30 a.m.

Coming Up...	What Presbys Believe - AI	October 5
	Deacons	October 4
	House M. T.	October 7
	Oyster Fest Parking	October 17 - 18

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church. Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

SERMON OUTLINE

“WHAT’S YOUR STORY? : ESTHER”

Introduction: Esther

- I. A Core Truth...
 - A. moments in our lives
 - B. demanding an answer
- II. ... or, So It Seemed
 - A. the hidden God
 - B. the silent God

CONGREGATIONAL CALL

THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK, ARE CALLED TO MEET ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2026 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE TO TAKE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE VACANT LAND.

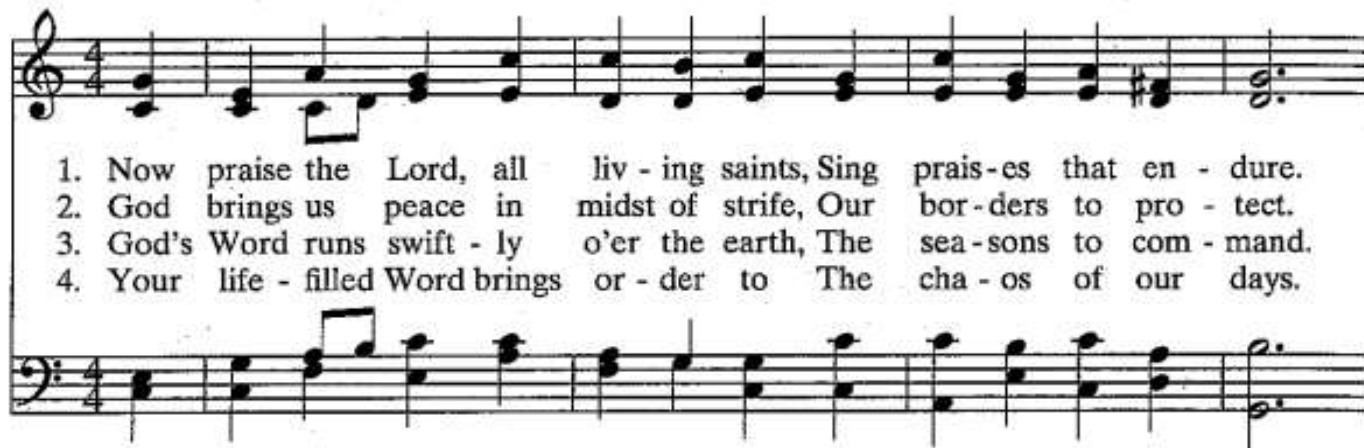
Now Praise the Lord

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Attr. William Croft, 1708
*A Supplement to the New Version
of the Psalms, 1708*

Fred R. Anderson, 1986



1. Now praise the Lord, all liv - ing saints, Sing prais - es that en - dure.
2. God brings us peace in midst of strife, Our bor - ders to pro - tect.
3. God's Word runs swift - ly o'er the earth, The sea - sons to com - mand.
4. Your life - filled Word brings or - der to The cha - os of our days.



Our chil - dren God does sure - ly bless, Our fu - ture is se - cure.
All those who trust the Lord for strength Need nev - er fear ne - glect.
Spring, sum - mer, win - ter, au - tumn, all Dis - play that won - drous hand.
In love You claim us as Your own; What bet - ter cause for praise?

5. Instruction, guidance, holy law,
Some common names are these
For God's own rule for living life.
What other word can please?

6. No other people are so graced,
No nation is so blest,
As those who know God's living Word
And this one name confess.

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387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;




In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:




Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;




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O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON LM

Henry Percy Smith, 1874



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.