



The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

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4. What does it mean to be an Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Franklin Square, New York?



As an OPC congregation ministering just outside New York City, we are, first, an urban church. God has called us to spread His gospel in a difficult environment where people are extremely busy, geographically scattered, and surrounded by flagrant worldliness. Yet the fields are white to harvest, and the Lord of the harvest is sitting at the Father's right hand, all authority in heaven and earth having been given to Him. Our objective is to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and in His name to see idols and false religions thrown down, souls dragged from the kingdom of darkness into His marvelous light, saints built up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation, the people of God loving one another as God for Christ's sake has loved them, and New York City filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Second, we are a diverse church. One of the great delights of ministering in an urban area is that we experience the

reality of Paul's words: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise" (Galatians 3:28-29). The categories of this world are broken down by the gospel, and we rejoice each Lord's Day to see people of many races, nations, tongues, and families gathered in the unity of the Spirit to worship Christ the Lord.

Third, we are a counter-cultural church. We recognize that our gospel is foolishness to Greeks and a stumbling block to Jews; and we expect no warmer reception from the reigning ideologies in twenty-first century New York City! We seek through both the educational and evangelistic ministries of the church to proclaim the philosophy of life taught in Scripture, centering as it does on the Triune God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. We expect opposition, but with humble boldness we seek to scale the stronghold of the mighty, throwing down the confidence in which it rests; to answer fools according to their folly, lest they become wise in their own conceit, even as we are careful not to answer fools according to their folly, lest we become like them ourselves (Proverbs 26:4-5).



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