

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I always thank my God for you because of his grace
given you in Christ Jesus.

For in him you have been enriched in every way
—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—
God thus confirming our testimony about Christ
among you. 1Corinthians 1:4-6



WELCOME! This historic church began worship on these grounds in 1732 and was organized in 1736. We are dedicated to “prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ’s hands, heart and feet in the world.” We are strengthened today by your presence whether guest or member. Go forth, blest and renewed because you were here this day!

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- We encourage you to share requests for prayer. You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers! The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three.
- Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten. These bags are located in a basket in the back of the Sanctuary. Children are welcome to pick one up as they arrive for worship each week. Please return the bags (and contents) to the basket as you leave worship.
- Parenting in the Pew notebooks are great tools for PARENTS to use while in worship. We value children and parents worshipping together. Parents are invited to pick up one of the 3-ring notebooks in the basket in the back of the Sanctuary and use the suggestions, tools, and ideas within it as you worship with your child. Please return the one and keep it as a resource for your family. Thank you.
- Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week. Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
- Restrooms and a coat rack are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- A water fountain is located off the Gathering Area.
- Large-print hymnals and bulletins are available from an usher.
- Personal hearing assistance devices are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- Transportation can be provided to worship. Call the church office, 662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

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Kevin W. Hay	Associate Pastor
Carole Witt	Director of Christian Education
Catherine Richard	Office Administrator
Susan Homan	Director of Music
William Heavner	Organist
Robert Sydnor	Sexton
Laurie Carver	Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter	Faith Community Nurse
Nancy McGaughey	Missionary to South Sudan
Stephen & Brenda Stelle	Missionary to Ethiopia

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 15, 2015

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Foundation

arr. Barrett

Please use this time to prepare for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew racks—please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES FOR MISSION—WATTS.....Graham Taylor

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*
..... (Choir—1st Time, Congregation—2nd, & 3rd)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Let our hearts exalt in the Lord;

our strength is exalted in God.

Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

God has given us the victory.

There is no Holy One like the Lord;

there is no Rock like our God.

Praise the Lord!

†HYMN OF PRAISE No. 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path for Jesus' sake.

Moments of Silent Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another, holding fast to the confession of our hope, through Christ our Lord.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 647.....Give Thanks

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM*Here Is The Church*

If you are searching for a place to belong, I know a house where you can go. A special family will welcome you there in a home where love can grow. Here’s the church, Here’s the steeple. Open the door. See all the people. Share the Love, Feel the spirit. Here’s the Church, here is the church. Come Kingdom seekers to the end of you quest and enter in this house of prayer. This place of gathering where all will be blessed, this home where fellowship is shared. Here’s the church, Here’s the steeple. Open the door. See all the people. Share the Love, Feel the spirit. Here’s the Church, here is the church.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 2:1-10Pew Bible p. 214

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.....Pew Bible p. 926

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 100*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*
(Canticle of the Turning)

SERMON.....“*Graceful Living*”

Pastor Kevin W. Hay
Fall Worship Series: “Grace & Gratitude”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Glorious God of Grace

.... Arr. Butler

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say debts" and debtors" in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 23..... *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

†POSTLUDE

HARVEST DISPLAY

The Harvest Display in the Sanctuary this morning is on our historic communion table and was designed by Robin Eddy and Mary Elson. Thank you for this beautiful creation!

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

If you were not present last Sunday for our annual Stewardship Dedication, please complete a green pledge card and place it in the offering today. Thank you.

PLEASE ADD A CROSS

If you missed our All Saints' Day festival worship two Sundays ago, you may want to add a small white cross to the cross in the Sanctuary this morning. The white crosses are available from the ushers. Simply write the name(s) of those who have died and you would like to remember on the cross and place the cross on one of the hooks.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th:

8:30 a.m.—86

Sunday School—81

11:00 a.m.—124

Open Door Worship--51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 15-22, 2015

TODAY

8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, WATTS Sunday, Logos Grs. K-5 Worship
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, WATTS Sunday
THANKSGIVING BOXES ARE DUE TODAY

THIS WEEK

Monday: "Jesus in the Gospels"—2:30 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers Club—10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
TVOR Lunch Bunch—12 noon
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: "Survival Night"—15th Annual
Teacher Night
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
20s & 30s All Pass Football—8:00 p.m.—Body Renew
Thursday: Trustees' Meeting — 7:00p.m.—David's Office
Boy Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
Cub Scout Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Bageant Room
Pilgrims' Feast Setup—10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
Please come help us set up for Pilgrim's Feast.

NEXT SUNDAY—"Christ the King Sunday"

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"
LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship (11:00)
Annual Pilgrims' Feast for the Whole Congregation—12:15 p.m.
PYC Youth will serve lunch to raise funds for Midnight Gladness
Officer Training—2:00 p.m.—Bageant Room

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Helen Lucas
John Hess
DeBruhl/Daggett Family
Jake Mihill
Thomas Blackstone
Tyler Ratliff
Lance & Cindy Weeks
Patty Klinefelter
Shannon DeHaven
William Ritenour
Suzi White
Cindy Palmer
Marcia Tatum-Spencer
Liam Ruddy
Bob Weidele
Martha Gay Joyner

Betty Bly
Jim Baccary
Peggy Dix
Baby Autumn
Jermaine Frye
Melissa Ambers
Betty Lee Foulk
Nancy Lloyd
John deButts
Doug Pittsnogle
Betty Ganoe
Dorothy Rogers
Colleen McMurdo
Jackie & John Boyd
Jane Lewis
Gretchen Cooley

Paula Tobin
Natalie Miller
Frank Vardeman
Ronny DeHaven
George Tubbs
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Lou Ann Thompson
Doug Koch
Michael Keister
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus
People Looking for Work &
Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, Jerry Morgan and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Drew Arnoldy
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Cathy Plumb, Hazel Spriggs
Hospitality: Robert & Ina Walker
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Terry Hartman, **Heide Mohler**, Carroll Youngblood,
Drew Arnoldy, Reagan & Reese Tibbs

11:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Ben Newhouse
Beadle: Bill Hopek
Bell Ringers: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie & James Kelly
Greeters: Matt & Kristi Cooper & Sons
Hospitality: Annemarie Matthews & Jack Drumheller

Liturgist: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Jason Brown, **Andy Homan**, Joel Witt,
Jonathan & Sabrina Lunsford, Ben Newhouse

FAMILY CHRISTMAS JARS

A few jars remain on the table in the Gathering Area for any families that may like to participate in the “Family Christmas Jar” project that began this month and continues until Christmas Eve. It is simple, yet in the end it will have profound results! Over the days and weeks until Christmas Eve, drop coins in the jar and watch it fill up. On Christmas Eve, families are invited to bring their filled Christmas Jar back to worship at 5:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. The surprising culmination of the project will be revealed at that time! Instructions for this project are also inside each jar. Work as a family to fill your jar and join us on Christmas Eve for the conclusion. This could be the start of a special family tradition.

COOKING & A MYSTERY TRIP!

These are the thrilling workshops in our children’s rotation during the Sunday morning educational hour. They are studying the story of JONAH and will be cooking up some “turnover cookies” and taking a mystery trip to hear from JONAH’s *WHALE!* Children preschool-5th grade will love these experiences. Workshop locations for each age are listed on the boards inside the Dell Room entrance and at the bottom of the steps near the kitchen. The children may even share some cookies with their parents! Let the children come!

ANNUAL TEACHER NIGHT AT LOGOS

This Wednesday during LOGOS, we are hosting our 15th annual Teacher Night! The LOGOS children and youth invite teachers, coaches, or other special adult mentors to join us for our spectacular dinner time followed by some recreation time and then music in the sanctuary. Teacher Night is a highlight each year as we appreciate our young people’s teachers and mentors. The theme for this year’s Teacher Night is “SURVIVAL”!

COOKING FOR YOUTH?

Our PYC youth share dinner together most Sunday nights and we invite you to help lovingly prepare a meal for us to enjoy together. We are looking for 1-2 cooks on the following night: January 31. Team up with your spouse or a friend! Sign up on line

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aca62da6fa7-opequon> or let Kevin know if this date works for you: associate@opequonchurch.com.

MOTEL MINISTRY SUPPLIES NEEDED

Our PYC have adopted reaching out to those in need in local motels on the 4th Sunday each month and we are seeking your help gathering supplies that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Please place any items in the bin outside the sanctuary. A few new needs have arisen for new and expectant mothers: **diapers and baby wipes.**

Other needs: **Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent (pods are easy to separate), Toiletries, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and cat food.**

Please place any items in the bin outside the sanctuary.

PILGRIMS' FEAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND—FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to donate food, equipment, and time for this year's Pilgrims' Feast. **NEW THIS YEAR:** "Chef" Kevin Hay's Southern Fried Turkey! Pilgrim's Feast is a Church-Wide Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by our PYC Youth to raise funds for Midnight Gladness where we share Christmas gladness with families in need from Orchard View Elementary School. This year we are seeking to **borrow a few Turkey Fryers, along with food donations:** whole uncooked frozen turkeys (approximately 10 lbs.), stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, pumpkin and apple pies. We are also seeking a **few adult volunteers to assist inside the kitchen or outside frying turkeys.** **Please let us know how you can support this Youth Mission effort by signing up in the Gathering Area.** Food donations should be dropped off Tuesday, November 17- Friday, November 20. Please talk to Kevin if any questions.

**119th ANNUAL COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 p.m.
Kernstown United Methodist Church
Psalm 103, I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Sermon: "A Note of Thanks"
Pastor David Witt, preaching
Combined Choirs singing *10,000
Reasons*
Communion
Child Care Provided

OPC WATTS WEEK

Hold the dates:

December 28, 2015 to January 4, 2016

Blue volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area & Dell

Room. Contact: **Graham Taylor**, Co-Lead Volunteer

540-247-4663 or gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com

Heather Burton, Co-Lead Volunteer

540-771-0121 or mcpitch5@hotmail.com

PYC News

Sunday, November 15th - **NO PYC**

Enjoy a break with your family or get caught up on homework
before Pilgrim's Feast next week!

Saturday, November 21st, 10:00 a.m.

Pilgrim's Feast Setup

Please come help us set up for Pilgrim's Feast.

Sunday, November 22nd

Pilgrim's Feast

PYC Youth will serve lunch to raise funds for Midnight Gladness.

20s & 30s

Young Adults Sport & Social - Pass Only Football

Wednesday Nights

Come out and cheer us on!

November 18th 8:00 p.m., November 25th 7:00 p.m.

December 2nd 8:00 p.m., December 9th 8:00 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 12th, 6:30-9:30 p.m. @Escutcheon

Childcare Provided – drop off kids at Church. **\$10/person** to cover food and childcare expenses. We will be asking everyone to **RSVP by Sunday, December 6th** and provide information for childcare so we can plan accordingly, look out for details on how to RSVP.