

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

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! 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.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

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David R. Witt	Pastor
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 22, 2015

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many CrownsPaxton

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

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG (Worship Order p. 5) *Come into His Presence*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

God has brought us out to a spacious place. Our God is an awesome God!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 612..... *We Praise You, O God*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save.

Moments of Silent Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving!

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 *Look at the World*

Emma Abell, Soloist (8:30), LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship (11:00)

Look at the world, ev’rything all around us. Look at the world, and marvel ev’ry day, Look at the world, so many joys and wonders. so many miracles along our way, Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev’ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills, looks at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before the winter’s cold. Ev’rything grows, ev’rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father’s fold. Ev’ry good gift, all that we need and cherish, comes from

the Lord, in token of his love. We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:7-18Pew Bible p. 145

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 17:11-19Pew Bible p. 852

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“We Feel Full”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 657 *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*

SERMON..... “So What?”

Pastor David R. Witt

Fall Worship Series: “Grace & Gratitude”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Come Ye Thankful People Come*Thygerson

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

When the leader says “Hear our prayer, O Lord,” then sing, “O Lord, hear my prayer.” Hymn No. 471

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. 36..... *For the Fruit of All Creation*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468 (v. 1)..... *Lord, Be Glorified*

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

Come into His Presence

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him. Psalm 100:4

Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks - giv-ing in your heart and give Him

praise, and give Him praise; Come in - to His pres-ence with thanks-

giv-ing in your heart, your voic - es raise, your voic - es raise.

Give glo - ry and hon - or and pow - er un - to

Him, Je - sus, the name a - bove all names.

TEXT: Lynn Baird
MUSIC: Lynn Baird

BAIRD
Irregular meter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 22-29, 2015

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal,
LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship
12:15 p.m.: Annual Pilgrims' Feast for the Whole Congregation—
Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.: Officer Training—Bageant Room

THIS WEEK

- Monday: "Jesus in the Gospels"—2:30 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—7:00 p.m.
20s & 30s All Pass Football—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 a.m.—Assembly Room
HH&F—6:00 p.m.—Highland Food Pantry
Wednesday: Newsletter Party—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
119th Community Thanksgiving Worship—7:00 p.m.
—Kernstown UMC
No LOGOS This Week
Thursday &
Friday: Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY—First Sunday of Advent

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Advent Theme: "Do Not Be Afraid"
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 21:25-36
Sermon: "Drawing Near"
Habitat for Humanity "Paint Can Offering"
Blanket Drive for Church World Service Begins

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th:

8:30 a.m.—76 Sunday School—63 11:00 a.m.—109

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Larry Correll
Carolyn Newman
Terrorist Attack Victims
Kristin & Peyton Todd
Kyle Pape Family
Helen Lucas
John Hess
Jake Mihill
Thomas Blackstone
Tyler Ratliff
Lance & Cindy Weeks
Shannon DeHaven
William Ritenour
Suzi White
Cindy Palmer
Marcia Tatum-Spencer

Liam Ruddy
Martha Gay Joyner
Betty Bly
Jim Baccary
Jermaine Frye
Melissa Ambers
Betty Lee Foulk
Nancy Lloyd
John deButts
Doug Pittsnogle
Betty Ganoë
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.

THE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY

The rosebud announces the birth of Peyton Granville Todd, son of Kristen and Robert Todd, born on November 13. May God bless and nurture Peyton and his family.

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 have not submitted and dedicated your stewardship commitment for 2016, please complete a green pledge card and place it in the offering today. Thank you.

JONAH IN THE WHALE ART

Children preschool-5th grade are invited to the ART workshop this morning at 9:45 a.m. where they will create what looks like "Jonah inside the whale"! They will love this hands on project to take home and mom and dad will be very intrigued by it as well. The workshop meets in classroom 4.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Brayden Rockwell
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Cathy Plumb, Hazel Spriggs
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Ella Gray, Keith McMurdo, Brayden Rockwell,
Audrey Saunders, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Megan Triplett
Beadle: Bill Bayliss
Bell Ringers: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie & James Kelly
Greeters: Matt & Kristi Cooper & Sons
Hospitality: Alice Foley, Martha Fulton
Liturgist: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Mike Birchenough, Taylor Heishman, Bill Hopeck,
Brady Noll, Megan Triplett, Bob Weidele

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.

END OF YEAR TAX SAVINGS FOR GENEROUS PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Generous people can make a difference in the world and Opequon supports an active outreach program that makes a difference in people’s lives. “Giving people with grateful hearts” help to reach people who need God’s help. Are you a “giving” person? There is not much time left to make charitable donations qualifying for an end of year tax deduction. Is your pledge up to date? Did you

get a Christmas bonus from your employer and wish to make a special donation to Opequon? Did you have a wonderful year, and now realize that when we give, others are blessed and God is glorified? God blesses us financially when we give generously (2 Corinthians 9:6). The white envelopes in the pew racks are for donations to the General Fund. Simply write General Fund on the envelope and insert your check. Checks can always be left during the week in the Treasurer's mail box outside of the church office, and all donations received by the end of 2015 will be credited to your account, thus qualifying for the charitable deduction on your income taxes.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

We are just two weeks away from the annual Christmas Breakfast, a well-loved and heartwarming time for all ages. The Christmas Breakfast is on Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is "To Jesus' Birthplace We Go." Breakfast menu includes ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown casserole, fruit, cereal, juice and coffee. You will enjoy a "freeze frame drama presentation," singing of carols (along with new words to a familiar tune for our theme song), and the making of your own manger craft. You are invited to bring new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves the morning of the breakfast. These items will be hung on the tree and then sent later to Zacchaeus' Kitchen in DC for the winter. Everyone is invited to this festive event.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS/CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS

Next Sunday, our "Opequon-authored" Advent Devotional Book and Children's Advent Prayer Book will be available for your use during Advent. Look for these books to be on display in the Gathering Area and Dell Room.

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 January 31. Team up with your spouse or a friend! Sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aca62da6fa7-opequon> or email Kevin associate@opequonchurch.com if this date works for you.

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**.

119th ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

This 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
Free Will Offering for Local Outreach

WINC CHAIN OF CHECKS NOVEMBER EVENTS

GOBBLE, GOBBLE! Moms & dads are you looking for ways to keep your families active, entertained and in turn doing good deeds during the Thanksgiving weekend? Here are two fun and festive ideas! Join the WINC Chain of Checks Family on Friday, November 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m. for the Grand Illumination & Winter Wonderland at Clear Brook Park (entrance fee at gate). One half of the proceeds during that time will go to the fundraiser. Then on Saturday morning November 28, 10:30 a.m. head to the Alamo Drafthouse and Cinema to see the 1983 classic, "A Christmas Story." Children in pjs are welcome! Tickets are \$10, include movie, popcorn, small drink, and tip can be purchased at the box office (540-313-4060) or at winc.fm. Your good deeds will help benefit two wonderful organizations in our community "Helping Kids Heal," The ChildSafe Center-CAC and Blue Ridge Hospice!

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**, 540-247-4663 or gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com

Heather Burton, 540-771-0121 or mcpitch5@hotmail.com

HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY

The Hands, Heart, & Feet Mission-Oriented Sunday School Class invites anyone interested in joining us in our commitment to serving at Highland Food Pantry once a month on the 4th Tuesday. We will meet this month on Tuesday, November 24th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Kevin: associate@opequonchurch.com with questions.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 6 at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee as they nominate Stella Strickler to serve as a deacon in the Class of 2017. Please be present to exercise your right and responsibility as an active member of Opequon.

PYC News

TODAY is the Pilgrim's Feast

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

Motel Ministry

Sunday, November 29th, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Lunch Provided

Midnight Gladness!!!

Friday, December 4th, 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Join us as we have a night of fun and service while sharing the Christmas spirit with families in need.

Youth Council Meeting

Sunday, December 6th, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch Provided

20s & 30s

Young Adults Sport & Social - Pass Only Football

Wednesday Nights

Come out and cheer us on!

November 23rd 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.