

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Sailing into the Future"
Through God's Grace and Our Gratitude

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 notebooks to the basket as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.
- Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week. Sunday School resumes at 9:45 a.m. starting next 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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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 8, 2015

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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

CHIMES PRELUDE (11:00)..... *Morning Chimes*
LOGOS Youth Worship

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG (Worship Order p. 7) *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice! Children of God, rejoice!

We are honored to be here together, to worship as a family and to be united in a common ministry.

We gather in worship to celebrate this community and to sail into the future.

We celebrate the love we have for one another, the support we give to one another and the journey we share as we are united by God's grace.

We come together to worship, rejoicing in the offering of our gifts with grateful hearts.

We rejoice in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.

We join our hearts and our spirits today in the privilege of giving.

We are here! We celebrate! We are united in sailing into the future.

Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving.

Let us worship God!

—written by Sarah E. Weaver

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 694..... *Great God of Every Blessing*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all.
Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive. Let us
confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not live lives of rejoicing and
sharing. We are afraid to give of what you have given us. We do
not find our joy in your service. We do not find our hope in the
sacrifice of love for which you ask. We think of ourselves and feel
impoverished. We think of others and feel nothing. We repent,
Loving God, and ask for your mercy. Turn us from selfish ways to
serving, loving ways so that we may begin again.**

Moments of Silent Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, the news is good and it is for you: in Jesus Christ,
all our failings are washed away; our thirst for goodness is quenched.
Remember your baptism and be glad!

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 8)

..... *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

†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 *What Shall I Offer My God?*

With what shall I come before the Lord? What shall I offer my God? If I could bring a perfect offering,
would the Lord be pleased with me? If I give the best of all I possess, will I live eternally? With what shall
I come before the Lord? What shall I offer my God? God asks that I live justly, revealing truth for all to
see. God asks that I show mercy, for those struggling to be free; and to walk, humbly with the One, Who

gave life and breath to me. God exalts those who humbly walk with the Lord. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee. With what shall I come before the Lord? My life I shall give to my God.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11Pew Bible p. 158

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15.....Pew Bible p. 941

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Giving Our Best"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 712.....*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

SERMON..... "I Offer You My Heart"

Pastor David R. Witt

Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *America the Beautiful*

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

VETERANS' DAY RECOGNITION

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

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

SILENT SELF-DEDICATION PRAYER

Almighty God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you. Use me as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

†ACT OF DEDICATION

During the singing of the hymn, you and your family are invited to come forward to the Communion Table and place your giving card on the table.

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 697 (vv. 1-5) *Take My Life*

†PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Gracious God, Giver of All: we give thanks that you have abundantly blessed us with gifts and responsibilities as stewards

of your bounty. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for calling us to sail into the future through this faith community of Opequon. Thank you for our relationships within this community of faith. Thank you for your vision, calling us to engage in your mission in our neighborhoods and in the world. Bless our gifts and our acts of consecration that generosity may overflow. Bless our promises made this day that we may be about your work in the world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 697 (v. 6)..... *Take My Life*

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.**

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Sandi and Jack Pulizzi in celebration of their wedding anniversary and nine family birthdays.

THE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY

The rosebud announces the birth of Kira Evelyn, daughter of Matt & Leah Metheny O'Connell. Kira is the granddaughter of Jerry & Lynn Metheny and great-granddaughter of Carole Metheny. May God bless and nurture Kira and her family.

PLEASE ADD A CROSS

If you missed our All Saints' Day festival worship last Sunday, 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 would like to remember on the cross and place the cross on one of the hooks.

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

CCLI # 1622560

Words and Music by
BRIAN DOERKSEN

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Come Now is the time to wor - ship. Come now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to wor - ship. Come, just as you are be - fore your God. Come. One day ev - ery tongue will con - fess you are God. One day ev - ery knee will bow. Still the great - est trea - sure re - mains. for those who glad - ly choose You now.'

D
Come Now is the time to wor - ship.

5 A Em E/F# G
Come now is the time to give your heart.

9 D
Come, just as you are to wor - ship.

13 A Em Em/F# G
Come, just as you are be - fore your God.

17 D Fine G D
Come. One day ev - ery tongue will con - fess you are God.

21 G D G
One day ev - ery knee will bow. Still the great - est trea - sure re - mains.

24 Bm Em A
for those who glad - ly choose You now.

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



** You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, _



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _



_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _



_ Lord, I lift your name on high. (**Repeat)

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH
Irregular

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 8-15, 2015

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Stewardship Dedication,
Blood Pressure Screenings
- 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Stewardship Dedication,
LOGOS Youth Worship, Blood Pressure Screenings
- 5:00 p.m.: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m.: Open Door Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: “Jesus in the Gospels”—2:30 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—7:00 p.m.
Men of Opequon—6:00 p.m.—Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting—9:30 a.m.—
Woodstock Church, Graham Taylor and Jean Steidel,
Elder Commissioners
Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 a.m.—Home of Tom Tandy
God-Loving Opequon Women “GLOW”—7:00 p.m.
—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS Leadership Team—2:30 p.m.—David’s Office
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: “USA Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
20s & 30s All Pass Football—8:00 p.m.—Body Renew
- Thursday: Boy Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
Cub Scout Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Mountain-Valley Mission Community—7:00 p.m.
Read ‘em & Reap—7:00 p.m.—Home of the Tandys
- Saturday: Family Game Night—6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY—WATTS Sunday

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 a.m.

Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship (11:00)

Special Offering for WATTS, Thanksgiving Boxes are Due!

No Presbyterian Youth Connection

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lance & Cindy Weeks

Patty Klinefelter

Campbell Howard

Leah & Kira O'Connell

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

Robert Sydnor

Betty Lee Foulk

Nancy Lloyd

Shirley Brumble

John deButts

Doug Pittsnogle

Betty Gano

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, and their families.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST:

8:30 a.m.—84

Sunday School—67

11:00 a.m.—126

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Peggy Gruenther will conduct blood pressure screenings TODAY after 8:30 and before and after 11:00 worship.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSIONS

Stories, reflections, prayers, thoughts, anything you are sharing for our Advent Devotional is DUE TODAY to Carole Witt. Please be sure your name is included in your submission and you may email it to

dce@opequonchurch.com or drop it by her office. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and will serve as a gift to many throughout the upcoming Advent season!

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Ben Winn
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Cathy Plumb, Hazel Spriggs
Hospitality: Edwina Johansen, Heide Mohler
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Pat Heavner, Dick Widell, Bryce & McKenna Williams, Ben Winn, Jim Youngblood

11:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Ashton Clark
Beadle: Bill Bayliss
Bell Ringers: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie & James Kelly
Greeters: Matt & Kristi Cooper & Sons
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Sue Lee
Liturgist: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Ashton Clark, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Brooke Moses, Cole Owens, Bill Robinson

Open Door Worship – 6:30 p.m. TONIGHT

Memorial Sanctuary
Praise Music, Teaching,
Shared Prayer, Communion
Please bring a friend

Special Guest Speaker: Kes Amene

MEN OF OPEQUON OPEN TO ALL THIS MONTH (that means ladies too!)

We have something special happening at our monthly men's gathering tomorrow night: we are inviting the women of Opequon to join us! Come to eat dinner at Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road at 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring your Sunday bulletin for a free sandwich or nuggets. Then, join us back at Opequon Church in the Bageant Room at 7:00 p.m. where we will hear from our special guest, Kes Salomen from the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. Salomen will share about the unique mission work that he coordinates for the Illubabor Bethel Synod, mission work that reaches out to the whole person in Christ's name. This is a Men's Group meeting for everyone that you won't want to miss!

WOMEN'S GROUP: GLOW!

The women's group had a name change during the first gathering, so it is now known as GLOW, standing for God-loving Opequon Women! The next gathering for GLOW is **this** Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Come enjoy the tremendous time with other women, an evening devotion, interactive activities, laughter, and dessert goodies. Invite a friend to come too as each woman enriches our time together. What a gift our first gathering was and we are so eager to meet again. We hope to have many Opequon women with us.

HAPPY DAYS THIS WEEK

Older Adults can look forward to the monthly Happy Days fellowship gathering on Wednesday at noon. Bring a favorite pot luck item for the covered dish luncheon that is sure to be satisfying and nourishing. Following lunch, our guest speaker will be Mr. Steve Baker, who will be sharing a presentation about "Corridor H", a marvelous highway built to connect places in West Virginia and possibly Virginia in the future. Maybe you have driven on it?! It is sure to be an interesting presentation.

STAFF SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Cathy Richard will be out of the office November 9-13. David Witt will be on vacation November 12-16. Carole Witt will also be on vacation November 12-15 (both attending Ryan & Elizabeth's wedding). If a pastoral concern arises, please contact Associate Pastor Kevin Hay at 910-212-2366.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

This Saturday, November 14th, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Adults and kids welcome. Bring your favorite game/s and a dessert or snack to share. The Fellowship Team will provide beverages.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS JARS

Opequon families are invited to participate in the “Family Christmas Jar” project that kicked off last Sunday. It is simple, yet in the end it will have profound results! Get started on this project today by picking up a jar for your family from the display table in the Gathering Area. Over the days and weeks ahead up 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! The jars are easily recognized by the ‘paisley’ cloth on the lid. 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.

PARENTING IN THE PEW NOTEBOOKS

Parenting in the Pew is a nifty resource for parents of children preschool age through elementary school. This resource offers insight into what worship is all about and how to worship WITH your child, helping them to be engaged with all aspects of worship. These brightly colored, lightweight binders are located in a basket in the back of the sanctuary. Inside the binders, you will find tidbits about ‘coming to worship’, ‘being in the sanctuary’, ‘Communion and Baptism’, ‘music’, ‘praying’, ‘the sermon, the church seasons, AND MORE. **Parents are invited to take a binder home and keep it as your own to use throughout the year.** If you simply open it, take a look at some of the pages, and talk about it at home, you may find that it changes your child’s attitude about worship! It is wonderful to have families worshipping with one another.

COOKING & A MYSTERY TRIP!

These are the 2 brand new 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!

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 per night on the following nights: December 13 and 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 what dates work for you: associate@opequonchurch.com.

NEW WEBSITE!

We're so excited to share that Opequon Church has a new website! Check it out at www.opequonchurch.org (same address as before with new ending, .org instead of .com). You can find tons of helpful information such as the church calendar, news and events, church newsletter, worship bulletins, and more! Thanks so much for all the hard work by our Website Design Team: Dom Cafaro, Joelle Cafaro, Jamie Symons, and Kevin Hay. And very special thanks to our AWESOME Web Designer, Ashleigh Hodgson!

BANANA BOXES EVERYWHERE—STILL A FEW AWAIT ADOPTION!

During the fall, the Mission Ministry sponsors one of OPC's favorite mission projects—filling Thanksgiving food boxes for families in need within our community. A list of suggested food items is included in the box; Mission Ministry will provide a turkey. Please keep in mind that no perishables (fruit, dairy, vegetables, or bread) can be accepted and that the roasting pan should be left outside the box. If you are able, consider preparing two boxes as the needs have increased this year. Return filled boxes to the Gathering Area by **NEXT Sunday, November 15th**. Bless you and thank you for helping those in need!

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 next Sunday (3rd

Sunday) 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 expecting 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.

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

TODAY, 5-6:30 p.m.

PYC Community Dinner w/ friends from Ethiopia

Join us for a time of fellowship and food with your PYC Friends!

Please bring a few \$dollars\$ for dinner.

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 11th 9:00 p.m., November 18th 8:00 p.m., November 25th 7:00 p.m.

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

Family Game Night

Saturday November 14th 6:30 p.m.

As an intergenerational church we invite all our young adults (single, married, young families) to join the Opequon Family for Family Game Night!

Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

Young Adult Christmas Party

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 12th, 6-9:00 p.m.

Childcare Provided

We are organizing a Christmas Party for Young Adults with childcare provided.

More details coming, but **please Save the Date!**