

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 25, 2015

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God..... arr. Chesterton

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 PROCESSIONAL (11:00) LOGOS Youth Worship

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 413 (vv. 1, 2)..... *Come into God's Presence*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In these moments, in this family of faith, the God of gentleness gathers us together:

Hoping that our self-righteous anger might become passionate justice for others.

In this place, in that Body shaped by his grace, Christ, the Bread of life, calls us to service:

Hoping our comfort level of complacency might be transformed into compassion for the needy all around us.

In our hearts, our mouths, our actions, the Spirit of holiness gifts us with truth:

Hoping our faltering, fumbling words might be transfigured into good news.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 435..... *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are all called to a life of forgiving others, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Let us now confess our sins before our God who is faithful and will forgive us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no hope.

Moments of Silent Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 137 (vv. 1, 3) *He Came Down*

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS....Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter

Ms. Heather Burton

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Revelation Song*

Matt Cooper, drums

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he. Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come. With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings. You are my ev'rything and I will adore you.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is Power, Breath and Living Water, such a marv'lous mystery.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 130Pew Bible p. 500

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-5:2Pew Bible p. 951

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 316..... *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

SERMON..... “Imitators of God”

Rev. Kevin W. Hay

Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You*..... arr. Boertje

†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. 703.....*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468 (v. 1, 3).....*In My Life*

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

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

Today is **Reformation Sunday** when Protestant Churches recall the 95 Theses posted as protests by Martin Luther on the Wittenberg Cathedral doors, October 31, 1517, which initiated the Protestant Reformation. Today we remember Luther and our own Reformed ancestors, John Calvin and John Knox and give thanks for their faithful witness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 25-November 1, 2015

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for All Ages
Newcomers' Class—David's Office
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
12:30 p.m.: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Lunch & Motel Ministry

THIS WEEK

- Monday: "Jesus in the Gospels"—2:30 p.m.—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 a.m.—Assembly Room
JWHS Class of 50s—1:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
HH&F—6:00 p.m.—Highland Food Pantry
Wednesday: Newsletter Party—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: "Bring a Friend to Trick or
Treat Night"
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
20s & 30s All Pass Football—8:00 p.m.—Body Renew
Thursday: Cub Scout Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Boy Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY—All Saints' Day

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"
Ephesians 5:15-20; 6:10-20
Sermon: "Be Strong in the Lord!"
CCAP, Communion,
Remembering & Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before Us
Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30-3:30 p.m.
Opequon Hosts MVMC Officer Training—2:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
Youth Council—3:30-4:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bob Weidele	Betty Lee Foulk	Gretchen Cooley
Bob Dobler	Nancy Lloyd	Paula Tobin
Martha Gay Joyner	Ricky Praml	Natalie Miller
Betty Bly	Shirley Brumble	Robin Owens
Jim Baccary	Dom Cafaro	Frank Vardeman
Peggy Dix	Colleen Zbur	Ronny DeHaven
Sarah Shade	Daniel Coolidge	George Tubbs
Becky Proctor	Mary Lou Thomas	Dottie Edwards
Baby Autumn	Syrian Refugee Crisis	Larry Matthews
Jermaine Frye	Joe Maynard	Lou Ann Thompson
Melissa Ambers	John deButts	Doug Koch
Bill & Pam Bayliss	Doug Pittsnogle	Michael Keister
Bill Burslem	Betty Gano	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Robert Sydnor	Dorothy Rogers	Church Mekane Yesus
Bill Ralston	Colleen McMurdo	People Looking for Work &
SC Flooding Victims	Jackie & John Boyd	Challenged by the Economy
Sophia Hamm	Jane Lewis	

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Acolyte:	Emma Abell
Beadle:	Pat Heavner
Bell Ringer:	Mo Mohler
Greeter:	Nancy Newman, Karen Winters
Hospitality:	Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist:	Jennie Wright
Ushers:	Emma Abell, Keith McMurdo, Emma Roark, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00 a.m.

Acolyte:	Griffin Hott
Beadle:	Shirley Tomblin
Bell Ringers:	Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie & James Kelly
Greeter:	Susie Cherry, Susanna Shade
Hospitality:	Alice Foley
Liturgist:	David Witt
Nametags:	Kail Barbe
Ushers:	Jenna Arnoldy, Mike Birchenough, Maggie Heishman, Bill Hopeck, Griffin Hott, Bob Weidele

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH:

8:30 a.m.—64

Sunday School—64

11:00 a.m.—118

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Bobby & Harriet Smith in memory of their parents, Asa & Frances Smith and Richard & Evelyn Goode, on the anniversary of their marriages.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation next Sunday, November 1, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee and then proceed to elect five ruling elders, three deacons, and one trustee. Please be present to actively participate in the life and governance of your church.

ART, STORYTELLING & A MOVIE!

What do these things have in common? They are the super fun workshops continuing today for children 4 years- 5th grade during the morning educational hour. The workshops are focusing on STEWARDSHIP, sharing a terrific message for children of all ages. Children will be painting Stewardship Banks, hearing the story of “The Giving Tree,” and enjoying the classic movie THE LORAX (popcorn included!), as they experience how important GIVING is in our lives and showing our gratitude to God. You will find all this activity going on downstairs beginning at 9:45 each Sunday. It is a lively place to be. Let the children come!

LOGOS BRING A FRIEND NIGHT

All LOGOS children and youth are reminded that “BRING A FRIEND” night is THIS Wednesday, October 28. Please invite a friend to come along and enjoy a fantastic time at LOGOS with you! The theme is “Trick or Treat Night” with a ‘tricky & treaty’ twist. Please RSVP to Carole Witt by Monday, October 26 to let us know your friend is coming! (662-1843 or dce@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!

GIVE THE GIFT OF WORDS

YOU have the potential to give a gift to SO MANY people without even opening your wallet or pulling out your debit card! How can that be? It can be done by sharing your own words in writing and submitting them for our annual Advent Devotional! Our Advent theme is "Do Not Be Afraid." How does this theme speak to you as you reflect on Advent and Christmas? Your thoughts and stories are valuable to us as we compile our daily devotional for Advent. Put your thoughts in writing and let them be that gift that our Opequon congregation will treasure as we move through Advent this year. Send your writing to Carole Witt (dce@opequonchurch.com) or simply drop it off at her office. All writings for the devotional are due by next Sunday, November 1. Please be sure your name is included on your submission.

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.

BANANA BOXES EVERYWHERE—45 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 Sunday, November 15th. Bless you and thank you for helping those in need!

HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY THIS TUESDAY

The Hands, Heart, and Feet Missional Sunday School class invites anyone interested to join us in serving at the Food Pantry this **Tuesday, October 27th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

UPDATING PERSONAL DATA

As the Technology and Communication Ministry Team begins the process of updating our church database, we are asking that everyone complete the yellow card placed in your name tags. If the information is correct, please write correct on the back of the card. However, if corrections need to be made, please make note of this on the back of the card. With the hopes of moving towards an email or text message communication system in the future, we are asking for your permission by checking the box on your card if you wish to be enrolled in this form of communication. If you wish to not be included in this form of communication, please do not check the box. Once you have completed your card, please place it in the offering plate. Only one card needs to be completed per family. Lastly, if you are a guest or new member to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow card found in the Gathering Area on the name tag table or the yellow card found in the back of the pews.

MEN ON A MISSION FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, November 7, starting at 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 30+ chefs (men in the community) will cook up 100 samples of their “signature dishes.” Tastings include appetizers, soups, chili, main courses and desserts. The chefs compete for the “People’s Choice Award” where the chef with the most money in their tip jar is deemed the winner. Come join in the fellowship with guests and learn about the Highland Food Pantry goals and mission. Tickets are \$30 each and bring along pocket change suggested for auction and tip jars. 100% of the proceeds benefit Highland Food Pantry.

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.

PYC News

PYC Motel Ministry

TODAY after 11:00 a.m. worship.

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We will share lunch together, prepare for Motel Ministry, and then go reach out to those in need. Please bring any household items to donate: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, bath soap, toiletries, cat food.

Corn Maize

Sunday, November 1st after 11:00 a.m. worship.

12:30–3:30 p.m.

Please bring a lunch for the road and \$5 for the maize.

Youth Council Meeting

Sunday, November 1st after Corn Maize

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

OPC WATTS WEEK

Hold the dates:

December 28, 2015 to January 4, 2016

Volunteer sign-up sheets (Blue Insert) will be available through January 3.

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

20s & 30s

Young Adults Sport & Social - Pass Only Football

Wednesday Nights (most games 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m.)

October 28th - December 12th

Online Registration Deadline: TODAY

All Pass Football (no blocking, minimal contact, 1-hand touch)

Check Young Adult Emails for link to sign up online or talk to Kevin!

Team Opequon/Gold had an awesome time playing Wiffle Ball and many plan to continue in the next season.

Family Game Night

Saturday November 14th - 6:30 p.m.

As a church of All Ages, we invite our young adults to join in this church-wide fellowship event.

Young Adult Christmas Party

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

Childcare Provided

All Young Adults in their 20's and 30's in all ages and stages of life are invited to come together for a Christmas Party. More details coming soon!