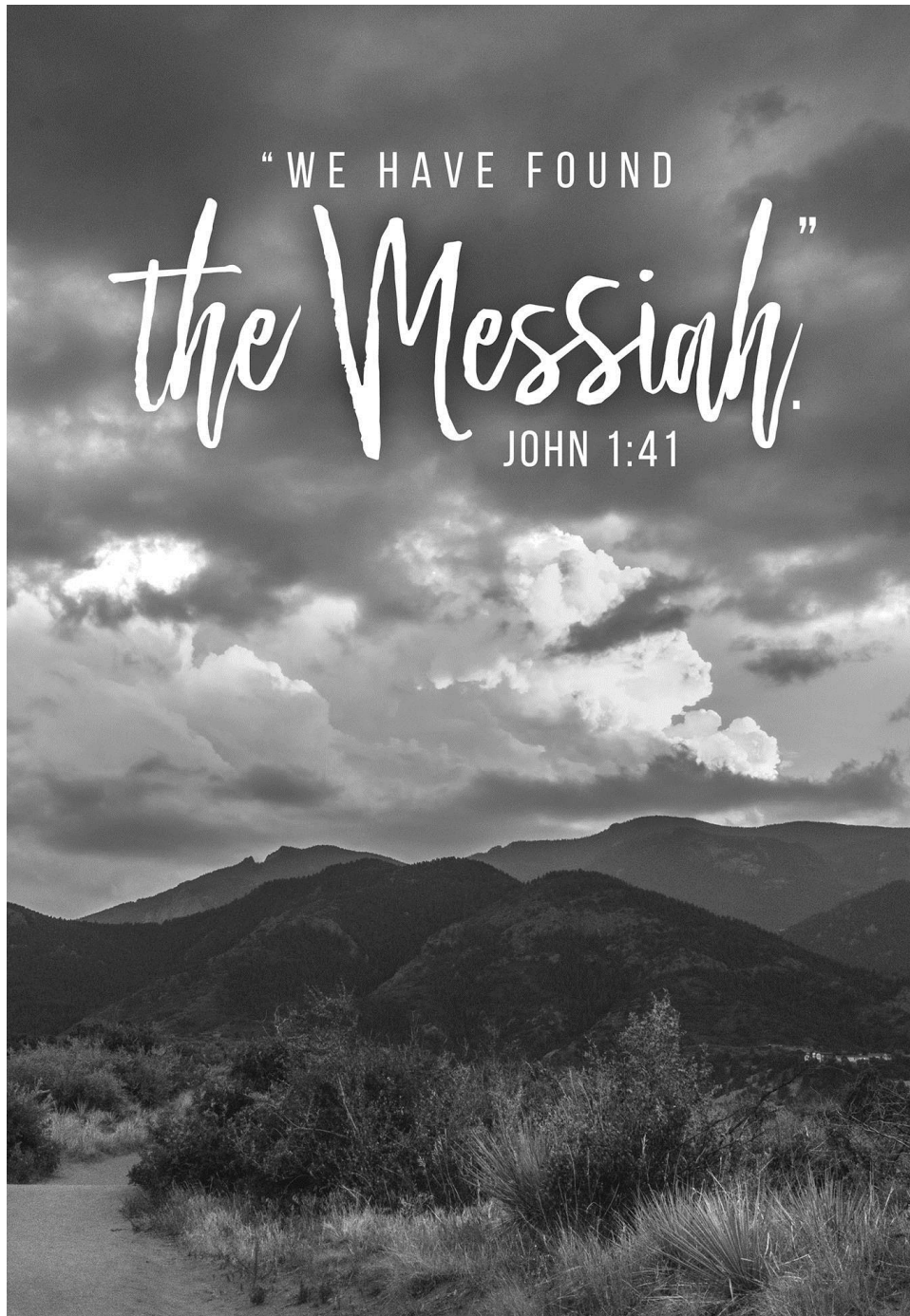


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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, located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the bin when you are leaving.
- **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, Bibles 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, 540-662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 15, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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

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

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS
GREETING AND WELCOME

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 518 (vv. 1 & 3)..... *Your Only Son*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Look, here is the Lamb of God, the light of the world, the Word become flesh, full of grace and truth.

Jesus calls us even now! Come and see.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God’s will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 519 (Sing 2x)

..... *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM *Carry the Light!*

Make us the light of the world, come and kindle each spirit with truth; let us carry the light, into the night, with God's purpose in all that we do. We will not labor in vain, though the darts of temptation are hurled; let us fight for the right as we carry the light to the world. In the midst of the darkness, surrounded by forces of sin, we will hold forth the word of life, as we draw from God's Spirit within. We shall join as God's family, to stand in strength without shame, for we know in Christ we are conquerors, by the might of His glorious name.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7 Pew Bible p. 592

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 1:29-42 Pew Bible p. 862

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Chosen”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

SERMON..... “Carrying the Light”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Light of the World Is Jesus* Arr. Cox

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

PRAYER LITANY FOR THE NATIONAL LIFE

Almighty God, ruler of all peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our leaders and steadfastness to our people.

You have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, sound learning, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; form pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Make us who come from many nations with many different languages a united people.

Define our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our heart be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.

O Lord, our governor, your glory shines throughout the world; as members of a global community, we commend now our nation and its leaders to your merciful care and ask for guidance through your providence. We pray for our new President and Vice President, Donald Trump and Mike Pence, that their administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people. May they encourage due respect for virtue and values. May they execute the laws with justice and mercy. May they have before them at all times the charge to protect and defend the rights of all citizens, especially the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Assist them with your spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let the light of your divine wisdom also direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government. May they seek to preserve peace, promote national happiness, and continue to bring us the blessings of liberty and equality.

Under your law we live, great God, and by your will we govern ourselves. Help us as good citizens to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours, so that without partisan anger, we may work out issues that divide us and promote the common welfare. And, bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 (Refrain) *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

† POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 15-22, 2017

TODAY

8:30 am: Worship, Prayers for the Nation and Our Leaders
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Worship, Prayers for the Nation and Our Leaders
No Presbyterian Youth Connection Tonight
(Monday, January 16—STOP Hunger Now @ SU—Meet @ OPC—1:00 pm)

THIS WEEK

Monday: STOP Hunger Now @ SU—Meet @ OPC—1:00 pm
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Poetry Night”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: Community Service of Prayer for Unity—12:00 Noon
—Christ Episcopal Church
Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room
Women’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Classroom #2

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon: “Decisions, Decisions”
LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship (11:00)
Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
PYC Motel Ministry—12:30 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Inauguration & New
Administration
Lauren Armstrong
Gary Snapp
Gretchen Cooley
Joe Strosnider
Pam Pierce
Melissa Ambers
Susan Martin
Nancy Lewis
Art Fulton
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Paulette Willemsen
Bob Weidele
Gracyn Sharples
Terry Hartman
Hazel Spriggs
Mike Fries

Dick Widell
Cody Monday
Sally Nelson
Lori Jones
Beth Drummonds
Debbie Buckley
Nancy Simmons
Paula McNichols
Gary Dove
Mollie Guthrie
Gene Fish
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Janet Thompson
Sarah Bauwer
Myrt Nissen
Connie Robinson
Donna Coffman
Rebekah Witt
Berlin Zirk

Ethiopia Unrest
Dorothy Rogers
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Lanette Orduna
Mettu, Ethiopia
Donna Klinefelter
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Frank Vardeman
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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Church Mekane Yesus
People Looking for Work &
Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, Michael White, and their families.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH:

8:30 am –55

Sunday School—65

11:00 am—126

WORM—TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

Biblical Characters! And there were quite the characters in the Bible! We often think all of them are GREAT, however, children will learn today about King Herod and how his life was a tangled mess. All children are invited to classroom 4 for this exciting workshop at 9:45 am. Come hear the story of King Herod, see a great illustration with string and play some games!

PYC NEWS

Enjoy this afternoon and evening being where you like to be and doing what you like or need to do. **COME ON OUT TOMORROW AFTERNOON AS WE JOIN EFFORTS AT THE STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT** sponsored by Shenandoah University. This is an amazing event to be part of as 15,000 meals are packed for hungry people around the world. Please meet at church at 1:00 pm tomorrow and we will travel to SU together. This is very fulfilling and fun! We will return by 4:00 pm.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Audrey Saunders
Beadle: Bill Burslem
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: The Sousa Family
Hospitality: Brenda Hawkins
Liturgist: Jim Youngblood
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler,
Audrey & Camden Saunders, Carroll Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Carter Cooper
Beadle: Dan Cammer
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: The Batcha Family
Hospitality: Nancy & Richard Lloyd
Liturgist: Sarah Shade
Name Tags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Jason & Lucas Brown, Brady & Carter Cooper,
Andy Homan, Joel Witt

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR UNITY ON THE EVE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

The Downtown Clergy Fellowship [DCF] of Winchester will host a community service of prayer for unity on Thursday, January 19, at 12 Noon, at Christ Episcopal Church, 114 West Boscawen Street, Winchester. The service is ecumenical and interfaith. The service will include prayers for our nation, president-elect Donald Trump and vice-president-elect Mike Pence, and national hymns. The DCF includes religious leaders of faith communities in the downtown Winchester area. For more information, please contact the Rev. Webster Gibson, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, 662-5843, or the Rev. Dan McCoig, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, 662-3824.

2017 FLOWER CHART

This year's Flower Chart is on display in the Gathering Area on the CCAP table along with arrangement ordering instructions. Select the special Sundays when you want to honor a loved one with flowers in the Sanctuary.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP INFO

- Offering envelopes are now available in the Gathering Area. If you want to use envelopes and don't see a box with your name on it, please contact Cathy, office@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843.
- **2017 Pledges** are still being accepted. You'll find a pledge card in the pew rack. Please return these via the offering plate.

WATTS

"Lessons Learned"

Debriefing

Come and Share about your participation in our OPC WATTS Week!

Tuesday, January 31st

7:00 pm—Bageant Room

PREPARING FOR THE BIG GAME

What BIG GAME? Just around the corner we will be upon SUPER BOWL Sunday, February 5. We can turn the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring, just by bringing in CANS OF SOUP! You can prepare by purchasing any type of soup you like, keep them at home and bring them on Sunday, February 5 to place them for the TEAM you hope will win or predict will win. We will see which team OPC is rooting for the most. After the game weekend, all our soup and \$ donations will be contributed to Highland Food Pantry.

RULING ELDERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Lance Astorino Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Mike Birchenough Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Bill Hopeck Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Lynn Metheny Christian Education Ministry

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Vicki Schmidt-Crites Evangelism Team
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