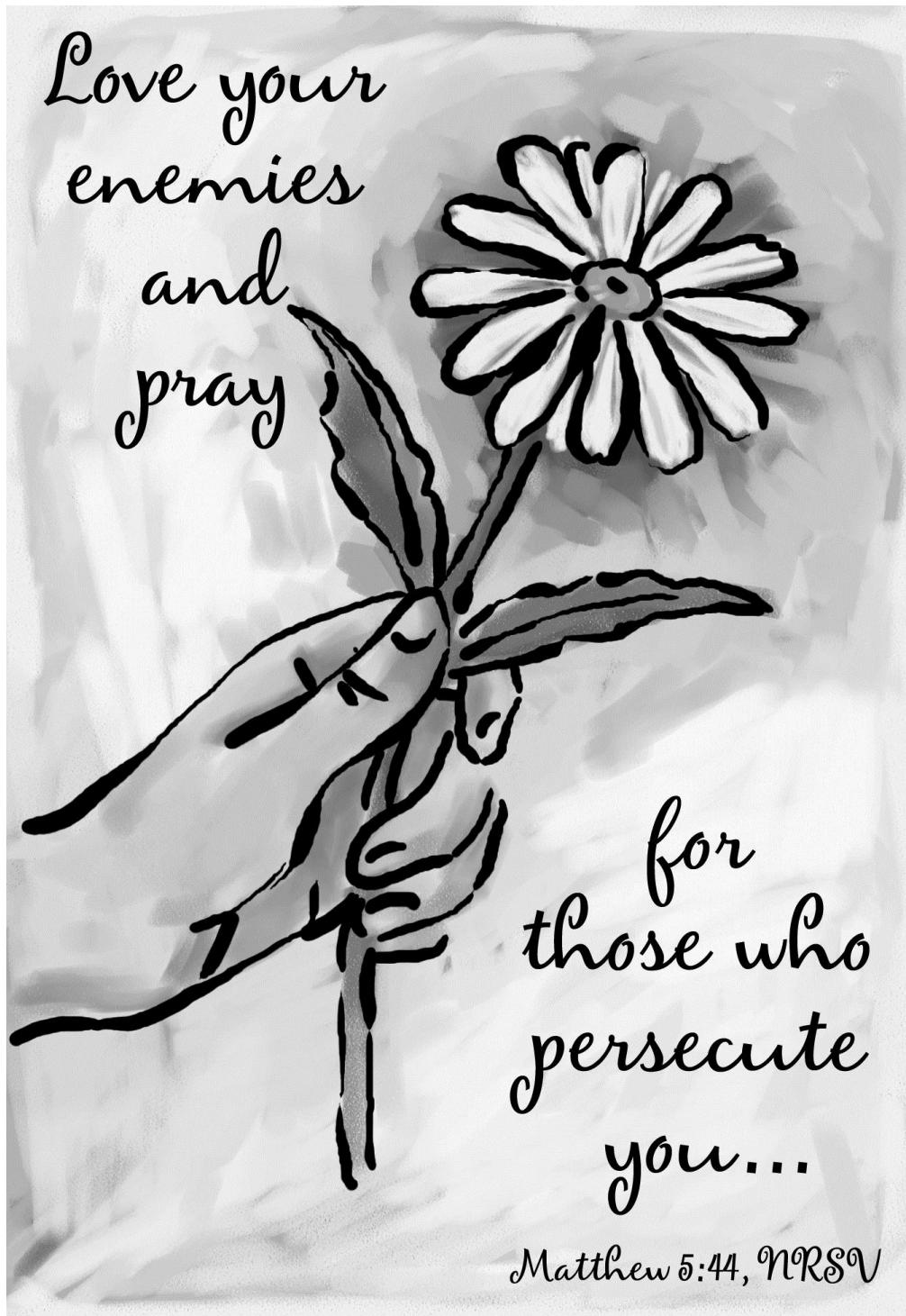


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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.

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 19, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art*

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 301 (vv. 1, 3, 5)..... *Let Us Build a House*

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Leviticus 19:2, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 23)

You are God's Temple; God's Spirit dwells in you.

Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.

You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God declares to God's beloved, "You shall be holy, for I your God am holy." Trusting in divine mercy, we confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness, but we forsake your commandments. We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled. We have not been truthful in our daily business; we have been unjust in our judgment of others. We have sought vengeance against our enemies; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins and rouse us to sincere repentance. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God who is just and merciful reproves our sinful ways, offers the grace of repentance, and frees us to live as God’s beloved children.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 447..... *We Are Forgiven*

† 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 *Sanctuary*

Arr: Lloyd Larson

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. Lord, prepare me I am a temple, God’s holy temple, for his spirit lives in me; created as a sacred dwelling of the most High God! Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Pew Bible p. 93

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 5:38-48 Pew Bible p. 786

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Help Your Neighbors”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

† HYMN (Worship order p. 6)..... *Take Time to be Holy*

SERMON..... “A Higher Calling”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I’ll Walk With God*

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ. We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity. We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ. We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another, to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world.

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. 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

† 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

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Carole, David, Joel, Susan, Ryan, Elizabeth and Rebekah Witt in honor of their "Mom" and "Nana," Burneice Witt, and in celebration of her 90th birthday tomorrow.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING A 90TH BIRTHDAY!

The family of Burneice Witt invites you to join her in the Gathering Area for a birthday gathering following 11:00 am worship today. Burneice will celebrate her 90th birthday day tomorrow.

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

WORDS: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882 (1 Pet. 1:16)
MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1890

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 19-26, 2017

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship
12:15 pm: 90th Birthday Celebration—Gathering Area
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary
No Presbyterian Youth Connection Today

THIS WEEK

Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Tongue Twister Night”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Saturday: Officers’ Retreat—8:00 am—Home of the McNichols
Covered-Dish Dinner and Talent Show—5:00 pm
—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon: “Empowering Encounters”
LOGOS Gr. K-5 Worship (8:30)
Annual Meeting of the Congregation – 12:00 Noon
Presbyterian Youth Connection Motel Ministry—12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Shenandoah Conservatory Recital—4:00 pm—Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

John Sidell
Ellie Cammer
Justice in America
Roger Everitt
Bob Weidele
Connie Robinson
Barb Sumner
Owen Cox
Art Fulton
Megan Orndorff Huffman
Refugees
Dulcie Reed
Calvin McCracken
Sherry Clark
Jeanne Cosby
Verity Morrow
Jim Ross
Heather Cammer

Cindy & Lance Weeks
Art Stanley & Family
Lauren Armstrong
Gary Snapp
Gretchen Cooley
Joe Strosnider
Pam Pierce
Melissa Ambers
Susan Martin
Nancy Lewis
Carolyn Clemens
Paulette Willemsen
Mike Fries
Dick Widell
Cody Monday
Gene Fish
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Janet Thompson

Sarah Bauwer
Donna Coffman
Rebekah Witt
Berlin Zirk
Dorothy Rogers
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
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, FEBRUARY 12TH:

8:30 am—71

Sunday School—64

11:00 am—104

Open Door Worship—31

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

“THIS IS MY CHURCH!” All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come celebrate being a part of OPEQUON CHURCH! You will share in looking at pictures of the people who are part of the church along with YOU. You will get to ask your own questions about OPC, take a FULL tour of the church building, and take home your own framed picture of the church. This workshop meets in classroom 4 at 9:45 am.

JUST FOR KIDS

Hey kids, be sure to stop by the table near the elevator that is featuring children's books and movies from our Church Library! There are many choices available. You are welcome to check out any item, take it home to enjoy and then return it when you are done. Checking out an item is so easy. Simply put your name on the card that is towards the back of the item and leave the card in the slot on the table. Happy reading!

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Leah Rogers
Beadle: Dick Crane
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Mike Butler, Cathy Plumb
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Edwina Johansen
Ushers: John & Sarah Carter, Terry Hartman,
Heide Mohler, Leah Rogers, Carroll Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Sam Sherman
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeter: Susie Cherry
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin
Name Tags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Jason Brown, Ashton Clark, Andy Homan,
Brooke Moses, Sam Sherman, Joel Witt

PYC NEWS

- ❖ Your handmade Valentines created last week were beautiful and certainly spread cheer and thoughtfulness to shut-ins of OPC! THANK YOU!
- ❖ There is no youth gathering today. Enjoy doing what you want or need to do.
- ❖ Next Sunday we will share in Motel Ministry. Come lend your helping hands for others.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Be a community hero during Red Cross month by donating blood. OPC is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, March 25th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments can be made by visiting rcblood.org or by registering for a time slot on the form located on the table in the Gathering Area. See Patty Klinefelter with any questions.

4TH ANNUAL OPC TALENT SHOW

The 4th Annual OPC Talent Show is Saturday, February 25. You will be surely entertained by the wonderful line-up of OPC Talent that evening and won't want to miss it. Everyone is warmly invited to participate as a member of the audience. Please bring a covered dish to share - a main dish, side, or salad. Our Fellowship Team will be providing the desserts and beverages.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for the annual meeting of the congregation for next Sunday, February 26 at 12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to review the written report to the congregation (available beginning Sunday, February 19), which will include statistical and financial reports, ministry team reports, staff reports, and the 2017 church calendar. The congregation will be asked to elect four representatives to the church's Nominating Committee. Please come prepared to nominate four individuals. In addition, the annual meeting of the corporation – Opequon Presbyterian Church, Inc. – will occur, with a review of the trustees' work in 2016 and a restatement of the purpose and leadership of the corporation. The meeting will be called to order immediately following the closing hymn at the 11:00 a.m. service; the benediction will actually be pronounced at the conclusion of the meeting. We invite those who normally attend the 8:30 a.m. service to return for the meeting, entering the Sanctuary during the singing of the final hymn. The church nursery will be staffed until the conclusion of the meeting so that parents may attend. All active members of Opequon are encouraged to participate in this meeting, exercising both the privilege and responsibility of church membership.

SHENANDOAH CONSERVATORY RECITAL

Next Sunday, February 26th, students from Shenandoah Conservatory will be presenting a free one hour long recital composed of tango music. This event starts at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and support your local musicians!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Will take place on Tuesday, February 28th, 5:00-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The whole congregation is invited to dine on pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits, and fruit, juice, tea and coffee. Come and eat anytime during that time. Suggested donation is \$3 per person. Help is still needed to prepare this meal. Please contact Pastor David, pastor@opequonchurch.org or call/text 540-931-2390.

ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 1ST

Soup & Bread Supper—5:30 pm—Fellowship Hall

Prayer & Praise Service with Ashes—6:30 pm—Sanctuary

All LOGOS Worship Groups Participating

Child Care Provided

“Be Still and Know: Relate, Restore, Renew”

Save the Date

“Opequon on the Lawn”

A Spring Mission Festival

Saturday, May 20 11:00 am-4:00 pm

✓ Volunteer

✓ Craft

✓ Bake

✓ Participate

Start Getting Ready Now!

For more information, contact Mike Butler at mbutler57@outlook.com, 540-533-1239 or Graham Taylor gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com, 540-247-4663

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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Bill Burslem Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Marc DesMarais Administration Ministry, Stewardship & Finance Team
Vicki Schmidt-Crites Evangelism Team
Graham Taylor Mission Ministry

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Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens Christian Education Ministry
Susanna Shade Mission Ministry
Leslie Tucker Worship Ministry

DEACONS

Dom Cafaro Congregational Care Ministry
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Brenda Hawkins Congregational Care Ministry
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Stella Strickler Congregational Care Ministry

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