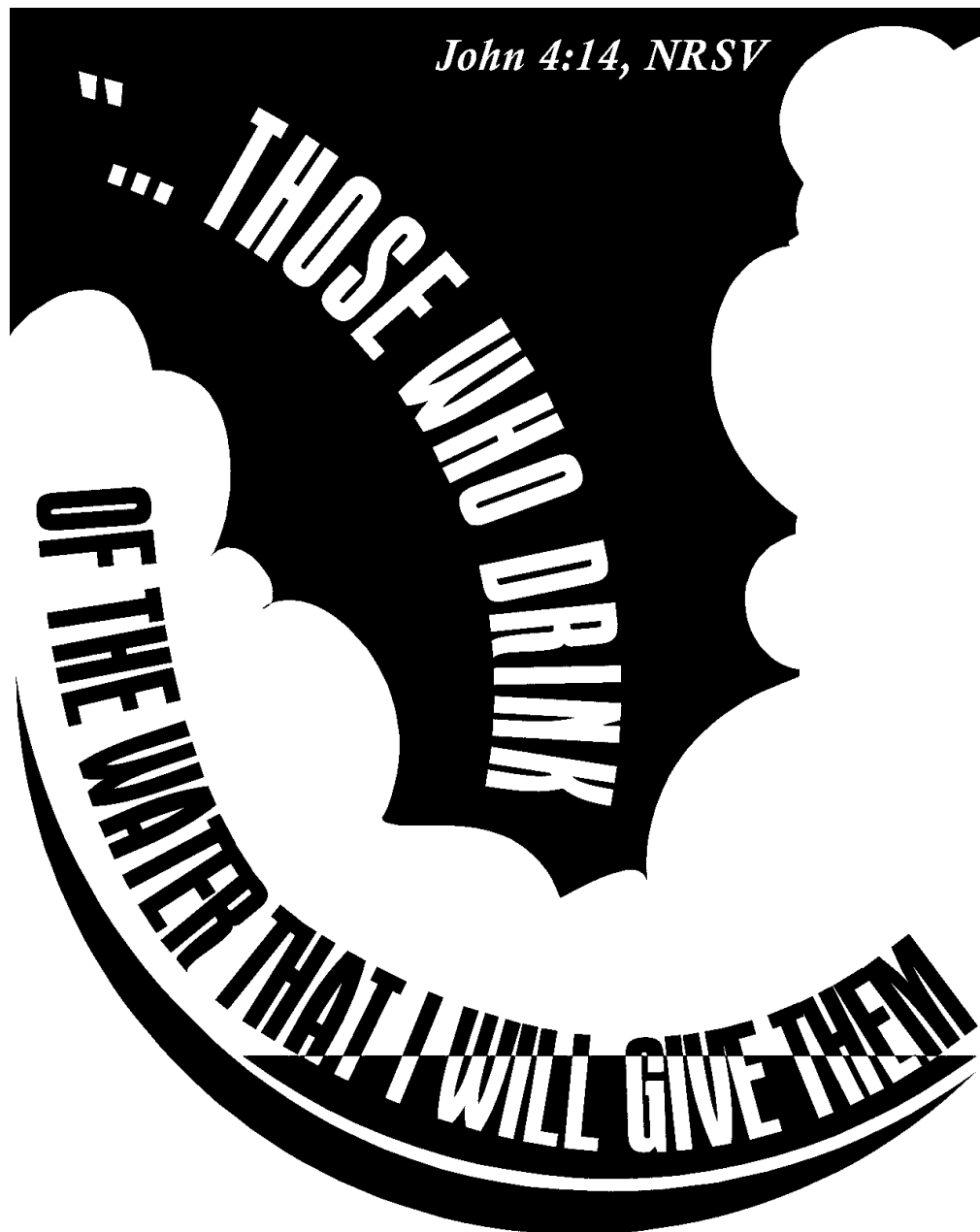


Opequon Presbyterian Church



WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.”

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.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 19, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The Third Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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 SONGS *Be Still and Know That I am God*

Susan Homan, Jennie Wright

NO. 626 *As the Deer*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

In the driest desert, God provided a rock that held a fountain for those who thirsted.

In a helpless world, at the right time, God provided Jesus to die for the ungodly.

In a place of quarreling, God provided an answer that holds life for those who hope.

In a place of wonder, God provided living water for those who met there.

In this place of gathering, God provides the grace that surrounds those who wait.

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The truth of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in God, we dare to approach God with confidence, confessing our sins together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the fount of every blessing, your streams of mercy never cease to flow. Then why do we, at the first sign of trouble, begin to doubt you? We harden our hearts, insisting that you solve the problems we put to you. We quarrel amongst ourselves and hoard what we fear we might lose. We abandon hope, though you shower us with your love and power. Do not be angry with us, Lord. Forgive our faithless hearts and make them more like yours—steadfast and full of love.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God says: I am listening to you. Now hear my words to you: I am the water of life. Come to me, all who are thirsty, and you will drink of the living waters and never be thirsty again.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 438 (vv. 1, 2) *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

† 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 *The First Song of Isaiah*

Jack Noble White

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing, from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name. Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that His Name is exalted, sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7 Pew Bible p. 56

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 4:5-42 Pew Bible p. 865

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "At the Well"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

SERMON..... "Not Again!"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *He Leadeth Me*

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35)..... *The Apostles' Creed*

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. 65..... *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601 *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Robin Eddy, grandmother, to Amber Fernandez in celebration of her 13th birthday and especially for becoming a 5-year leukemia survivor. You are a miracle child!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 19-26, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:30 am: Youth Prayer Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary
4:00 pm: Lenten Fellowship Group—Home of Becky Myers
6:00 pm: Lenten Fellowship Group—TVOR Engage Center

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Lenten Fellowship Group—6:00 pm—Home of the Witts
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
TVOR Lunch Bunch—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “The Big Hunt”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Lenten Fellowship Group—1:30 pm—Home of the McMurdos
Lenten Fellowship Group—7:00 pm—Home of Graham Taylor
Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Hike with Mike—8:30 am
Red Cross Blood Drive—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall
Community Garden Team Meeting—12:00 Noon
—Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY—Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am (LOGOS Sunday)
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
1 Samuel 16:1-13, Colossians 1:1-10
Sermon: “Living for God”
LOGOS K-5 & Youth Worship (11:00)
Reception Following Worship
Presbyterian Youth Connection—Motel Ministry—12:30 pm
MVMC Event “When God Has Left the Building”
—3:00 pm—Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dorothy Rogers
Marjory Journell
Doug York
Hess/Lewis Family
Joan Leonard
Alex York
Jerry Metheny
Jordan Hartman
Dave Daggett Sr
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Gene Walker
Tom & Vicki Harman
Arden & McKinney Ireland
Mike Butler
Bob Weidele
Buddy Chicklo

John Sidell
Ellie Cammer
Roger Everitt
Connie Robinson
Barb Sumner
Refugees
Calvin McCracken
Sherry Clark
Verity Morrow
Jim Ross
Cindy & Lance Weeks
Gary Snapp
Joe Strosnider
Melissa Ambers
Susan Martin
Mike Fries

Cody Monday
Donna Coffman
Rebekah Witt
Berlin Zirk
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Reagan Tibbs
Beadle: Sandy Vess
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeter: Mike Butler
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
Liturgist: Melissa Youngblood
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Finnegan McCarty, Heide Mohler,
Taylor Roark, Reagan Tibbs

11:00

Acolyte: Breanna Daggett
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Laurel & Jason Hathaway
Hospitality: Betty Ganoe, Debi Hodgson
Liturgist: Heather Burton
Ushers: Jason Brown, Breanna Daggett, Andy Homan,
Kat Kibler, Joel Witt

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

About a wonderful Biblical Character- another Woman of the Bible, named Esther. She was Queen Esther! Children will learn about her bravery which saved the lives of others. Included in the morning fun will be games of all kinds and a yummy snack. All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in Classroom #4 at 9:45 am.

PYC NEWS

Today's event is the annual Youth Prayer Breakfast, an enriching time together each year during Lent. The Prayer Breakfast is at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Following the delicious meal, guest speaker Mike McKeirnan will share about his faith during many life challenges and obstacles. We welcome Coach McKiernan from JHHS here this morning!

HIKE WITH MIKE!

Spring is around the corner and with it comes hiking season. If you would like to join Mike Butler and other "Opequonites" in the great outdoors meet us at OPC on Saturday at 8:30 am. We will car pool to the Shenandoah University Environmental Center. You will need to wear comfortable shoes with good ankle and arch support, bring water and a snack/lunch. Please register by this Thursday by contacting Mike, mbutler57@outlook.com, 540-533-1239. In case of rain, we will decide the day of the hike and let people know by email and phone call of the status of the hike. The hike in April will take place at Blandy Farm on Saturday, the 22nd.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Be a community hero during Red Cross month by donating blood. OPC is hosting a blood drive this Saturday 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.

NAME TAG MINISTRY

Looking for a way to serve, but haven't found your niche? We may have the job for you. The Evangelism Team is seeking two or three volunteers to file name tags once a month. You can choose the day and time that best fits your schedule. Please call Vicki Schmidt Crites for more details at 540-247-5735.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH:

8:30 am—79

Sunday School—67

11:00 am—121

LOGOS SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

All our LOGOS children and youth will be leading the 11:00 service next Sunday as it is our annual LOGOS Sunday. Many parts of the worship service are written by the LOGOS young people in their Bible classes. The theme for LOGOS Sunday worship is “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”. The worship service will include their special music, a youth drama, interactive children’s time and the traditional closing circle with all LOGOS participants and staff. Come worship with our LOGOS ministry participants next Sunday. A reception will follow in the Gathering Area.

LOGOS SPOON HANGING CHAMPION

Our newest champion of the well-known and well-loved Spoon Hanging Contest at LOGOS is **Nevaeh Hawkes**, a 3rd grader at Evendale Elementary School. She had the spoon hanging on her nose for over 10 minutes while doing whatever movement the Dinner Dean called out for the competitors. Way to go Nevaeh! Look for her name and picture on the Spoon Hanging trophy that will be on display next Sunday at the LOGOS reception.

CCAP IS COLLECTING EASTER BASKET ITEMS

CCAP & Denny's of Winchester are collecting small unused toys, Easter grass, plastic eggs, coloring books, and other items suitable for Easter baskets until March 31st. You may leave items on the CCAP table in the Gathering Area or in the box located in the Dell Room.

THE LENTEN CHALLENGE!

Have you noticed our progress with the LENT Challenge of CLEANING OUT, LETTING GO, and filling up on God's goodness? **We are about half way** there with cleaning out and filling up the 40 bags in 40 days! Have you been able to take a little time to clean out - a drawer, closet, room, garage, office, vehicle-whatever, and fill up a bag with unneeded things or trash? You can donate the bag of items to your place of choice or toss out the trash! AHHH, that feels so good to get rid of unneeded clutter and have more space. **WHEN YOU FILL UP A BAG** and get rid of it, place a sticker (they are provided at the bottom of the bulletin board) on one of the 40 bags on the wall and take the "Prayer Pretzels" off as your reward. Enjoy the snack and the prayer that comes with it. Certainly, as a congregation, we can meet the challenge of cleaning out 40 bags of STUFF in 40 days! **Check the bulletin board to see our progress!** Fill up on God's goodness!

Co-sponsored by Opequon Church and
Mountain-Valley Mission Community:

A Film:

"When God Has Left the Building"

Next Sunday, March 26, 3:00 p.m.

Film, Discussion, & Light Supper
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Help Needed/Wanted for the Light Supper—Please
see Pastor David

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

For children: A Lent List for Kids is available! The pages are full of daily things to do during the days and weeks of Lent. Spend just a few minutes a day to do ONE task from the Lent List. This list of things to do are perfect for helping children ponder what this season is all about. A Lent List for Kids is available in the Gathering Area.

For adults: Living the Gospel Life—Daily Devotions for Christians on a Mission, are available for adults. These pages offer self-seeking ways to journey down “God Street” as you are equipped, inspired, and challenged to a faith that is alive and active for the Lord during this holy season. Devotion booklets are available in the Gathering Area.

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 Graham Taylor
gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com, 540-247-4663

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School June 11-15, 4:30-7:30 pm

“Tinkering at the Factory”

Made by God & Built for a Purpose!

Open to 4 year olds-8th Grade

Adult Class Available Too!