

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.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

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David R. Witt----- Pastor
Tracie Martin----- Parish Associate
William Heavner----- Organist
Susan Homan----- Director of Music
Carole Witt----- Director of Christian Education
Laurie Carver----- Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter----- Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard----- Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor----- Sexton



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 26, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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 (Worship Order p. 7) *My Life Is in You Lord*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by the K-1 Class

I'm going to live so God can use me.

I'm going to live so I can praise God by singing.

I'm going to live so God can use me.

I'm going to live so I can help others.

I'm going to live so God can use me.

I'm going to live so I can love my family and friends.

I'm going to live so God can use me.

I'm going to live so I can share with others.

I'm going to live so God can use me.

I'm going to live so I can make others smile.

I'm going to live so God can use me.

I'm going to live so I can share God's word

As we worship you today, O God, may we be called to live for you in all we do, say, and are!

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 409 *God Is Here!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

“God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.” As those who are called to do what is good and right and true, let us acknowledge how we have fallen short of God’s glory, confessing our sins together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Written by the 2nd-3rd Grade Class

Loving God, you have taught us that we can confess the "things we have done that were bad" and that you will forgive us. We confess that we don't always do what is right. Sometimes we make choices that don't please you. We are sorry for disobeying you. We are sorry for not paying attention to you and not listening to you. We are sorry for not using your name correctly. We are sorry for not living so you can use us, anywhere, anytime. We are sorry for all of our mistakes. Forgive us our sins through Jesus Christ.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Written by the 2nd-3rd Grade Class

The Bible tells us that when we confess our sins, God forgives us! We feel good when we are forgiven by God and He forgets our sins. Thank you, God! May we live, work, pray, and sing more wholly for you!

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

***You came from heaven 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 *)

† 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 (8:30).....*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
The Sanctuary Choir
ANTHEM (11:00)*I've Got a Voice to Sing Out Loud*
LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13.....Pew Bible p. 226

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 1:1-10Pew Bible p. 956

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN....."Good Work"
Carole Witt, Kristi Cooper (11:00)

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 700*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

THE WORD THROUGH DRAMA (11:00)..... "Oceans"
LOGOS Youth Worship

SERMON..... "Living for God"
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*..... Arr. Thygerson

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Written by the 4th & 5th Grade Class

We believe God made heaven and earth.

We believe Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus died for our sins, and on the third day, He rose from the dead. Jesus forgives us when we sin. The cross symbolizes that we believe in Jesus as our Savior. As people of the cross, we are called to live for God and to share the love of Jesus with others as we work, pray, sing, and serve.

We believe God through Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit and He is always with us.

We believe we will go to heaven and have eternal life. As believers, we are saved and summoned to share that good news with the world as we live.

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. 761.....*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601 (8:30).....*Amen*

CLOSING RESPONSE (11:00)*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

LOGOS Ministry

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Carole and David Witt in honor of the LOGOS youth, children, staff, and leadership team for a wonderful year as we celebrate in worship today.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Lisa & Bill Frye
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Tom Tandy
Ushers: Mike Butler, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00

Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Annemarie Matthews
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Mike Birchenough, Bill Hopeck

My Life Is in You, Lord

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in
you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in
you, it's in you. My life is in you, Lord; my
strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in
Second time to Coda
you, Lord; in you, it's in you. I will
praise you with all of my life, _____ I will
praise you with all of my strength; _____ with
all of my life, with all of my strength.
D.S. al Coda
All of my hope is in you. _____ My
CODA
you, it's in you, in you. _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 26-April 2, 2017

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship—LOGOS Sunday, Four Cents a Meal,
Fair Trade Coffee, Reception
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Motel Ministry
2:00 pm: Lenten Fellowship Group—Bageant Room
3:00 pm: MVMC Event “When God Has Left the Building”
—Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary
6:00 pm: Lenten Fellowship Group—TVOR Engage Center

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Adult ESL—6:00 pm—Assembly Room
Lenten Fellowship Group—6:00 pm—Home of the Witts
Tuesday: Newsletter Party—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room
Highland Food Pantry—6:00 pm—Highland Church
Wednesday: Staff Lunch—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “All Wrapped Up”
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: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room
Women’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Classroom #2

NEXT SUNDAY—Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45
Sermon: “Not the End!”
Communion, CCAP Offering
PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Symons/Larrick Family
Bill Simmons
Barbara Patterson
Larry Wagner Family
Kail Barbe
Mike Butler
Dorothy Rogers
Gary Snapp
Kelly McCord
Marjory Journell
Doug York
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
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
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH:

8:30 am—64

Sunday School—83

11:00 am—108

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

“FILLING THE BOX”- a Lenten lesson just for kids. This workshop will have the children filling a box with “Hallelujahs” (waiting to come out on Easter morning), painting crosses and learning more about this season of the church year. All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am.

TODAY IS LOGOS SUNDAY

As our 19th year of the LOGOS Ministry here at Opequon comes to an end this Wednesday, LOGOS young people are privileged to share in the leadership of worship at 11:00 am this morning. Various parts of the worship service were written by the LOGOS young people in their Bible classes. Our theme for this past LOGOS year has been “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”. We are ever so thankful for all the ways the Opequon congregation has contributed to and supported LOGOS through the years! The LOGOS banner was designed and constructed by the 1999 LOGOS recreation groups. The paraments n the pulpit and communion table were designed and created by the 2014-2015 LOGOS worship group. LOGOS is a vibrant and strong ministry of Opequon. Thank you

for being here to worship with us. We praise God for our LOGOS participants and staff. Enjoy the reception following worship. Take notice of our new spoon hanging champion, **Nevaeh Hawkes**, whose name is engraved on the LOGOS trophy!

LOGOS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Emma Abell (Usher)
Virginia Barr
Joshua Batcha
Lucas Brown
Joshua Brown
Elise Buonocore
Paige Clark (Scripture Reader)
Brady Cooper
Carter Cooper (Usher)
Caleb Cooper (Leading Call to Worship)
Breanna Daggett (Leading Charge & Blessing & Prayers)
Samuel Edwards
Andrew Frey
Colten Frey
Brenna Hathaway
Jack Hathaway (Leading Passing of the Peace)
Aliyah Hawkes
Nevaeh Hawkes
Zarah Hawkes
Jaxson Hughes

Jordan Hughes (Acolyte)
Paige Hughes (Beadle)
Payton Hughes
Jonathan Lightcap (Leading Offertory Words & Prayer of Dedication)
Jonny Lunsford (Leading Affirmation of Faith)
Evelyn McCarty
Finnegan McCarty
Ben Newhouse (Scripture Reader)
Reagan Newhouse
Chase Pierce (Leading Words of Assurance & Litany of Pardon)
Jonathan Reid
Brayden Rockwell (Usher)
Camden Saunders
Audrey Saunders (Leading Prayer of Confession)
Payton Shanholtz
Sam Sherman (Usher)
Lilly Taylor
Lucy Weber
Luke Weber

LOGOS STAFF (Bold denotes Leadership Team)

Laurie Carver	Lynn Metheny	Peggy Gruenther
Mary Lou Thomas	Bill & Lisa Frye	Mary Himelright
Pam & Bill Bayliss	Betty & Buddy Chicklo	Annette Daggett
Susan Homan	Brenda Hawkins	Laverne Cooper
Debbie Bender	June Malone	Emily & Jason Brown
Allison Blake	Ray & Karen Jones	Marj Praml
Mo Mohler	Nathan & Holly Lightcap	Joel Witt
Pat DeButts	Barbara & Hank Agregaard	Susan Cooper
Carol Tubbs	Dom Cafaro	Travis Saunders
Ashleigh Hodgson	Keith McMurdo	Matt & Kristi Cooper
Cheryl DeCeault	Jason & Laurel Hathaway	Jessica Eaton
Val Sousa	Graham Taylor	Johanna Abell
Ellie Cammer	Mike Butler	Cady McCarty
Katherine Newhouse	Dick & Sandy Widell	Alice Foley
Rebekah DesMarais	Dick Crane	Susie Cherry

PYC NEWS

- What a tremendous Prayer Breakfast we had last Sunday morning! The food was awesome, the guest speaker was fantastic, and having so many youth present was terrific! Thank you!
- Today is Motel Ministry Day. Please lend your helping hands after 11:00 service to prepare sandwiches and pack up supplies to take out to the local motels. Return time is about 2:00 pm.

“When God Has Left the Building”

(A Film)

TODAY at 3:00 p.m.

Film, Discussion, & Light Supper
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Co-sponsored by Opequon Church & Mountain-Valley Mission Community

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The April-June issue of These Days daily devotionals is available in the Gathering Area. Topics included in this issue are “A New Day”, “Everyday Life in God”, “We’re with the Risen Jesus”, and “Breathe on me, Breath of God”. Please help yourself while the supply lasts.

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION IMPORTANT REQUEST

The Technology & Communication Team is asking for your assistance and prompt feedback. During the recent snow storm, an email communication was sent to all members/visitors of the congregation that we have an email account listed. However, we understand that some may not have received this communication. Please make sure that we have your most recent email address. If you have not supplied us with your email address, we strongly encourage you to do so. Please complete the bright pink card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Opequon Church will be using email as an important means of communication throughout the year.

Change of Date

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP with PS 150

Next Sunday—April 2nd—6:30 pm

Memorial Sanctuary

Praise, Prayer, Teaching, Communion

Come as You Are to Encounter Christ!

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 75% of the way to filling up the 40 bags in 40 days! It feels good to clean out and toss those items you no longer need. Donate your items to your place of choice. 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 back-hallway bulletin board. Then take the "Prayer Pretzels" off as your reward. Enjoy the snack and the prayer that comes with it. As a congregation, we are so close to meeting 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!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On Saturday, April 22, Rise Against Hunger (formally Stop Hunger Now) will be held in Opequon's Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. Room set up will begin at 8:00 am. All age groups are welcome to come and be a part of packing 10,000 meals for the hungry. Each packet can feed six individuals a meal of fortified rice & soy. Imagine, during this three-hour period we can provide nutritious food for 60,000 hungry individuals! Indeed, this is time well spent. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Gathering Area the first week in April. Need more information? Contact: Graham Taylor 540-247-4663, Susanna Shade 540-550-7150, or JoEllen Delamatta 540-931-2667.

SNEAK A PEEK ABOUT VBS WEEK!

Vacation Bible School plans are underway! Plan for your children to kick off the summer with "Tinkering at the Factory", VBS week June 11-15, 4:30-7:30 pm. We will be discovering how God made each of us ON PURPOSE for A PURPOSE! VBS is open to 4-year-olds through 8th grade along with an adult class. Watch for the "Factory" display to arrive in the Gathering Area in April. Curious about VBS right now? Check out the bulletin board above the water fountains just outside the Sanctuary.