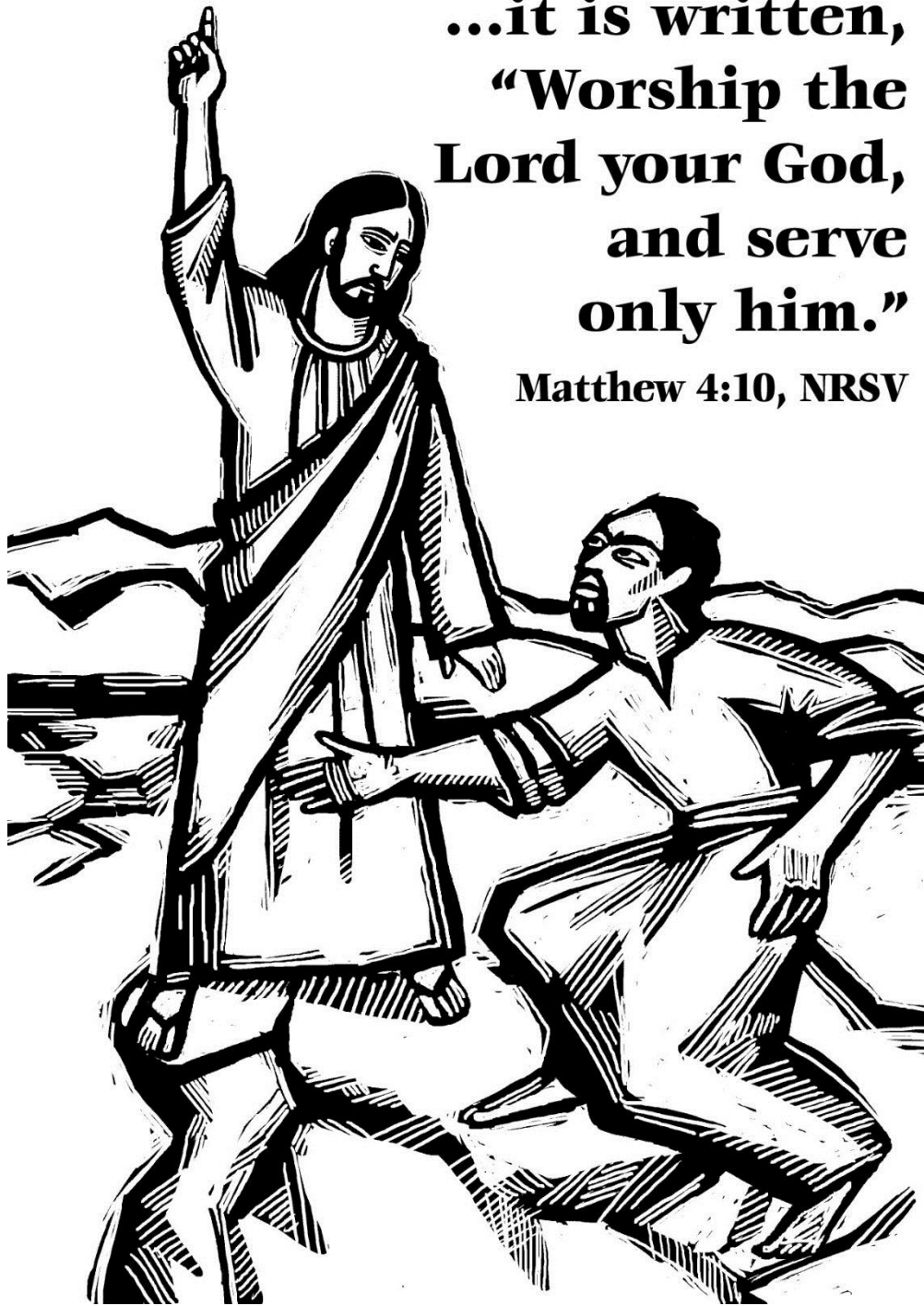


# Opequon Presbyterian Church

**...it is written,  
“Worship the  
Lord your God,  
and serve  
only him.”**

**Matthew 4:10, NRSV**



**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 5, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The First Sunday in Lent

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Meditation on A Mighty Fortress* ..... Arr. Heavner

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

CHIMES PRELUDE (11:00)..... *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

LOGOS Youth Worship

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†INTROIT NO. 414 (3X)..... *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**The word of God is our daily bread.**

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, who will you serve?

**We will worship the Lord our God alone.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 166 ..... *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 5:8)

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, I confess the sin of my humanity, the sin of failing to resist the tempting powers at work within me and around me. I say I want to be like Jesus, to walk with Jesus; but, I confess I have not used your gifts invested in me as faithfully as he did, and I have not followed his example. When I presume to know what is good**

and what is evil, I am tempted to become a law unto myself, to make my own rules rather than to follow yours. It is then, O God, that I choose to further my own selfish purposes, regardless of the effect upon others, and to pay very little attention to my brothers and sisters in need. Have mercy on me, I pray, a sinner: cover me with grace, feed me with the bread of life, re-create me in your image, and help me to walk with Jesus.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Romans 5:5, Psalm 32)

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. God knows our weakness and, in Jesus, provides a way to a new beginning. God clears the record. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 441 ..... *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

† 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 ..... *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Jay Althouse

I want Jesus to walk with me. Lead me onward and set me free. I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to talk with me. Be my captain and set me free. I want Jesus to talk with me. When I'm weak and feelin' all alone, I want Him by my side. When I'm tired and far away from home, Jesus, be my guide. I want Jesus to walk with me.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 ..... Pew Bible p. 2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11 ..... Pew Bible p. 785

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “A Beautiful Garden”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 783 ..... *When We Are Tested*

SERMON..... "If You..."  
Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Lonesome Valley*..... Arr. Butler

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

The Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Special Music..... *It Is Well with My Soul*

Communion Prayer

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 819..... *Be Still, My Soul*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601 ..... *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5-12, 2017

## TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP  
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages  
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP,  
LOGOS Youth Worship  
12:15 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Dell Room (Bowling)  
3:00 pm: Youth Council  
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: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Lenten Fellowship Group—6:00 pm—Home of the Witts
- Tuesday: LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 pm—David's Office  
Tech & Communications Team—5:15 pm—Bageant Room  
Ministry Team Night Dinner —6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall  
Meetings—6:45 pm
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall  
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: "Ugly Tie Night"  
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Lenten Fellowship Group—1:30 pm—Home of  
the McMurdos  
Read 'em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys  
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: Memorial Service for Art Fulton  
Visitation—11:00 am—Sanctuary  
Service—12:00 Noon—Sanctuary, Reception Follows

## **NEXT SUNDAY—Second Sunday in Lent**

*Set Clocks Ahead One Hour*

Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am

Marriage Enrichment—9:45 am

Psalm 121, John 3:1-17

Sermon: “The Love of God”

LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship (11:00)

Potato Bake—12:15 pm—Fellowship Hall

PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

Presbyterian Youth Connection—5:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Martha Fulton & Family  
Patricia & Ray Ferguson  
Gene Walker  
Tom & Vicki Harman  
Arden & McKinney Ireland  
Juanita  
Chuck Guffee  
Mike Butler  
Bob Weidele  
Buddy Chicklo  
John Sidell  
Ellie Cammer  
Justice in America  
Roger Everitt  
Connie Robinson  
Barb Sumner  
Owen Cox  
Refugees  
Dulcie Reed

Calvin McCracken  
Sherry Clark  
Jeanne Cosby  
Verity Morrow  
Jim Ross  
Cindy & Lance Weeks  
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  
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  
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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 26<sup>TH</sup>:**

8:30 am—91

Sunday School—76

11:00 am—134

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Addison Williams  
Beadle: Dave Richards  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeter: Cathy Plumb  
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker  
Liturgist: Tom Tandy  
Ushers: Emma Abell, Vicki Crites, Jaxson Hughes,  
Graham Taylor, Addison Williams

11:00

Acolyte: Brady Cooper  
Beadle: Robyn Ervin  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeters: Laurel & Jason Hathaway  
Hospitality: Betty Ganoë, Debi Hodgson  
Liturgist: Heather Burton  
Name Tags: Pat deButts  
Ushers: Drew Arnoldy, Jim Butler, Brady Cooper,  
Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan, Lilly Taylor

### COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Elders serving at 8:30 am are: Barbara Youngblood, Terry Hartman, Mike & Vicki Crites, Graham Taylor and Robin Owens. Elders and deacons serving at 11:00 am are: Keith McMurdo, Susanna Shade, Mitch & Pam Orndorff, Bill Hopeck and Carole Witt.

**REMEMBER: Spring Forward!**  
Set Clocks Ahead One Hour Next Saturday.



## **WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...**

Called "***Mumble, Babble, Gibberish!***" It is all about the Tower of Babel. Kids will get to build their own tall tower as they learn what this unique story from Genesis is all about. All preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in classroom 4 at 9:45 am.

## **PYC NEWS**

- Join us for a terrific **BOWLING** time today, leaving right after the 11:00 service. The cost for Bowling will be covered, just bring money for any food you may want from the snack bar. We will return by 3:00 pm. Let's enjoy a little competition at the Bowling Alley.
- **Youth Council** meeting is today at 3:00 pm.

### **ALL MEN: SAVE THE DATE**

Men of Opequon

Monday, March 13—6:00 pm—Dinner

7:00 pm—Special Guest Speaker: Lauren Cummings

## **The LENTEN CHALLENGE!**

The season of Lent began this past Wednesday (known as Ash Wednesday). Lent is a period of 40 days when we take time to sacrifice, reflect, renew, and relate as we examine our relationship with God. It is the perfect time to CLEAN OUT, LET GO, and fill up on God's goodness. So, here's the challenge: our goal as a congregation is to FILL 40 BAGS in 40 DAYS! 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! AHHA, that feels so good to have more space, to get rid of unneeded clutter. The large bulletin board in the hallway outside the sanctuary will help us track our progress in filling 40 bags in 40 days. 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! Watch the bulletin board to see our progress! Fill up on God's goodness!

## **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 Dell Room and 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 Dell Room and Gathering Area.

## **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SESSION NEXT SUNDAY**

The marriage enrichment session focusing on “Sharing Responsibility and Working Together” will be held next Sunday morning, 9:45 am in the church office suite. Sessions are open to all couples of any age and stage and each session stands alone. If it is convenient for you to come, you are very welcome to join in. The time together is lighthearted, yet offers insightful things to think and talk about in our marriage relationship. You are guaranteed that you won’t leave empty handed!

ALL YOUTH: Save the Date Youth Prayer Breakfast Sunday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> —9:30 am Guest Speaker: Mike McKiernan
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## **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, March 25 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 the Thursday before the hike by contacting Mike, [mbutler57@outlook.com](mailto: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. the status of the hike. The hike in April will take place at Blandy Farm on Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Be a community hero during Red Cross month by donating blood. OPC is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments can be made by visiting [rcblood.org](http://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.

## **HOLD THE DATE!**

Saturday, May 20, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm—“A spring event coming to YOU” Opequon on the Lawn will be held at the Pitcock Memorial Shelter and surrounding grounds, weather permitting. Proceeds will support local and global mission initiatives.

**Annual  
Potato Bake  
Luncheon**



**Sunday, March 12**  
(following the 11 a.m. service)

**Fellowship Hall**

Please bring a Side Dish or Salad  
to share

The Fellowship Ministry Team  
will provide:  
Potatoes and all the Toppings,  
Chili, Rolls, Drinks,  
and Dessert!

