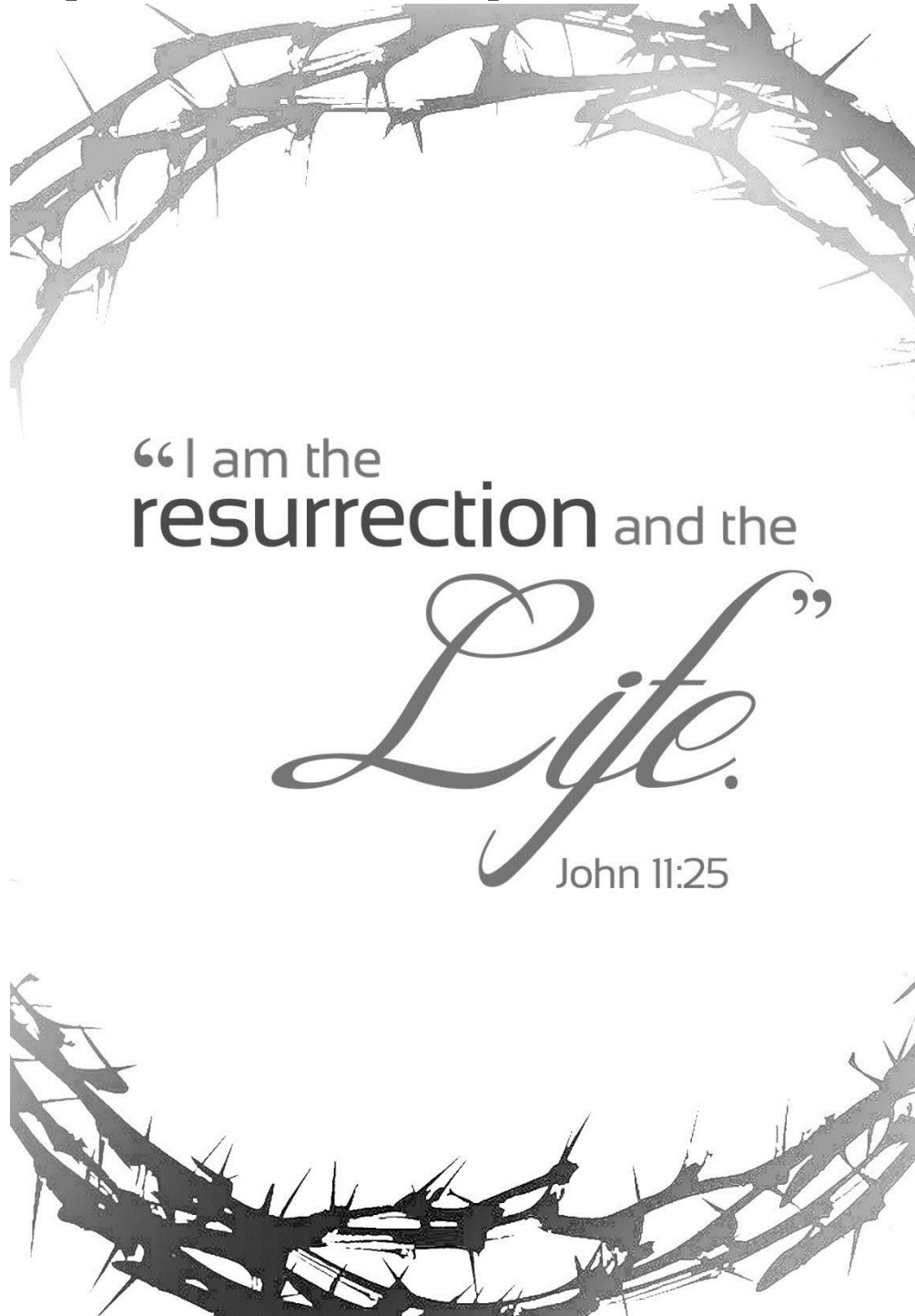


Opequon Presbyterian Church



“I am the
resurrection and the
Life.”
John 11:25

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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Robert Sydnor ----- Sexton



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 2, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

The Valley of Dry Bones Paxton

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. 6) *Be Still and Know*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of God,

The God of resurrection, the God of everlasting life, the God of peace.

In this season of Lent, in our journey to the cross, be still and know our God.

Let us remember that we are forever in the presence of the God of life.

Come, let us worship God.

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Psalm 130)

If God should mark our iniquities, who could stand? Know with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with the Lord there is great power to redeem. With that hope and conviction, let us confess our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, when we have sinned against you, when we have wronged our neighbor, when we feel we have died within ourselves: unbind us and set us free. When we have bound the

world to conflict, when we have bound the world to pain, when we have bound the world to loss: unbind us and set us free. When we have tied up freedom, when we have tied up choice, when we have tied up truth: unbind us and set us free.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus calls us from death into life, from the shadows into the day, from sin into forgiveness, from bondage into freedom. In the name of Jesus Christ, be unbound from sin and be set free.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 630 (vv. 1, 4) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

† 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 *In the Bread Broken*

Mary Kay Beall

In the bread broken, in the wine poured, in the word spoken, we meet our living Lord. Hungry souls are satisfied, wounded hearts are healed, restored. In the word we meet our living Lord. In our need, in our care, fellowship is sweet; for in the bread and the wine, we are made complete. In the bread broken, we seek his face, we taste his grace, in the word spoken, we meet our risen Lord.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible p. 704

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 11:1-45 Pew Bible p. 873

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “In the Bulb...”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

SERMON..... “Not the End!”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Empty Tomb*..... Smith

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Hymn of Invitation No. 525 (vv. 1, 2) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Litany

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

Communion Music

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn No. 525 (v. 3) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Let us praise God together on our knees; (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 157..... *I Danced in the Morning*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601 *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

Be Still and Know

Ex. 15:26; Ps. 46:10
The Word/Call to Worship/Prayer

Words: St. 1, 2 Anon.; st. 3, 4, 5 by Sylvia Washer
Music: Arr. by Lee Herrington and Tom Fettke



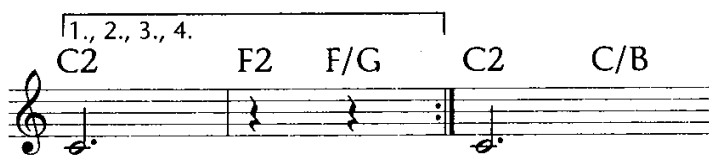
1. Be still and know that I am
2. I am the Lord that heal - eth
3. I nev - er shall for - sake my
4. I'll keep you in my per - fect



God. Be still and know that I am
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2-9, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP Offering
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP Offering
4:00 pm: Lenten Fellowship Group—Home of Becky Myers
5:00 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary
5:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Meet at OPC
First Presbyterian (6:00-7:00 pm)
6:00 pm: Lenten Fellowship Group—TVOR Engage Center
6:30 pm: Open Door Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Lenten Fellowship Group—6:00 pm—Home of the Witts
Tuesday: Technology & Communication—5:15 pm—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Devotions & Meetings —6:45 pm
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—David's Office
Opequon on the Lawn Team—4:00 pm—Bageant Room
Choir Practice—6:00 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: Community Garden Work Day—9:00 am—Hedgebrook Farm
Private Event—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY—Palm/Passion Sunday

Holy Week Begins

Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am

Marriage Enrichment—9:45 am

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "Who Is This?"

Procession of the Palms, LOGOS K-5 Worship (11:00)

PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

Lenten Fellowship Groups—4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Presbyterian Youth Connection Progressive Dinner—Meet at OPC at 4:30 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mike Butler
Charles Lawson
Vicki Earnshaw
Nancy Kerns
Warren Atkins Family
Steve Brown
Melissa Ambers
Symons/Larrick Family
Bill Simmons
Barbara Patterson
Dorothy Rogers
Gary Snapp
Kelly McCord
Doug York
Jerry Metheny
Jordan Hartman
Dave Daggett Sr

Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Gene Walker
Tom & Vicki Harman
Arden & McKinney Ireland
Bob Weidele
Buddy Chicklo
John Sidell
Ellie Cammer
Roger Everitt
Barb Sumner
Refugees
Joyner/McCracken Family
Sherry Clark
Verity Morrow
Jim Ross
Cindy & Lance Weeks
Joe Strosnider

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, Michael White, and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Mac McNichols
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Cathy Plumb, Becky Proctor
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Brenda Hawkins
Liturgist: Mark Leonard
Ushers: Pat Heavner, Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor

11:00

Acolyte: Alex Sardelis
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Dana & AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Nadine DeHaven
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Jim Butler, Noah Cutrona, Annemarie Matthews,
Grace & Travis Morgan, Alex Sardelis

COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Betty Dobler, Mac & Paula McNichols, Tom Tandy, Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor and Robin Owens. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Bill Hopeck, Frances Pitcock, Bill & Pam Bayliss, Dan Cammer, Carolyn Rutherford, and Lance Astorino.

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

"Seasons in the Church" - which are different than spring, summer, fall and winter! The church year seasons tell a FABULOUS story over and over each year! Through games, a walk through the church, and a special story, children will learn the flow of the church seasons. Children may discover they have a favorite church season just as they have a favorite calendar season. All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in Classroom 4 at 9:45 am.

PYC NEWS

- ❖ Youth are meeting at OPC at 5:30 pm to travel to First Presbyterian downtown for a joint game of indoor Capture the Flag! Dinner is provided; please bring \$2. We will return around 7:45 pm. Let's show our Opequon spirit and be "Opequon Strong" with a great group.
- ❖ NEXT SUNDAY- PROGRESSIVE DINNER; beginning at 4:30 pm. YUM! YUM!

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP with PS 150
TONIGHT—6:30 pm
Memorial Sanctuary
Praise, Prayer, Teaching, Communion
Come as You Are to Encounter Christ!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH:

8:30 am—63

Sunday School—58

11:00 am—154

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

The Older Adult Planning Team will be meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. The meeting will begin with the team packing the food bags for Orchard View Elementary School followed by their planning work. Morning goodies and coffee will be served. This meeting is open to any older adults who would like to attend.

A NEW SEASON SPRINGS FORTH FOR OPEQUON'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Do you love

- ✓ watching plants grow?
- ✓ hearing cows moo?
- ✓ admiring peacocks?
- ✓ putting your hands in the soil?
- ✓ enjoying a pig roast with friends?

Then, join us this year at the community garden where you can celebrate all these things! Circle these dates and plan to be there:

Garden Work Days—Saturday, April 8 & Monday, April 17—9:00 am-Noon

“Blessing of the Garden” & Planting—Saturday, May 13—9:00 am-Noon

Picnic in the Garden—Sunday, June 25—6:30 pm

Pig Roast Coming in August

Also, a garden manager is needed (mostly computer and administrative work). Please contact Dana Kelly or Robin Owens if you are interested.

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 ALMOST THERE!** **Just a few more bags to go and we will have filled the 40 bags in 40 days!** It feels good to clean out and toss out 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 and take the “Prayer Pretzels” off as your reward. Enjoy the snack and the prayer that comes with it. Let's see if we can complete the project by next Sunday!

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.

Easter Event for Families
Saturday, April 15, 9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, One-Man Skit, Resurrection
Rolls, Puppets & A Great Egg Hunt
with treat bags for children! Bring your
own basket to collect eggs.

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 and younger youth 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 opportunity. (Special track planned for 5-8th grade) Watch for the "Factory Fun Shop" display to arrive in the Gathering Area this month. Curious about VBS right now? Check out the bulletin board above the water fountains just outside the sanctuary. **Registration forms and volunteer forms are there for your convenience.**



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, April 13th 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

“At the Table,” an Intergenerational Experience

Special Music

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday, April 14th 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, John 18-19:42

Meditation: “Lamb of God”

“A Service of Gathering Darkness”

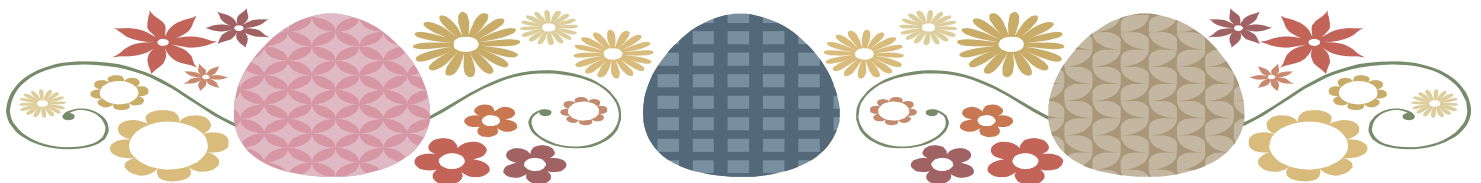
Choral Music

Recessional with the Cross

EASTER EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, April 15th

Breakfast Included—9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.



EASTER SUNDAY—April 16th

EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP—6:00 a.m.

Pitcock Memorial Shelter

Drama: “Don’t You See?”

Matthew 28:1-10

Breakfast Follows in Fellowship Hall

RESURRECTION DAY WORSHIP—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

John 20:1-18

Sermon: “Rewriting the Script”

Communion & One Great Hour of Sharing