

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.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 30, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The Third Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Victory"*Arr. Elliott

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. 401 *Here In this Place*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Something deep inside us calls us, beckons us

We are looking for truth that anchors us amidst competing voices.

We are searching for life that sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.

We are finding our way to Christ, to community, to love.

And we are bold to sing

A resurrection song.

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 236 *The Strife is O'er*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Knowing that on our own we fall short of the righteousness to which Jesus calls us, come with me before God to lay bare our guilt that we might be forgiven and made whole.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, all we have and all we are is a gift from You, yet we often fail to acknowledge Your presence and Your grace in our lives. We prefer to take credit for what we do right, to blame others for what goes wrong, and to dismiss as insignificant our weaknesses, self-righteousness and pride. We want to be regarded as being strong, rather than relying on Your strength. We want to avoid hardship and trials rather than endure the suffering that

molds godly character. We want to be in control rather than yield to You. We ask for your forgiveness. We confess that our stubbornness reveals our mistrust of both Your goodness and Your love and desires for us. Grant us Your mercy, we pray, and restore us to a right relationship with You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God is faithful and just, and pardons us and cleanses us from every unrighteous thought, word and deed. Receive this forgiveness that is freely offered and walk with God as those who are made whole again.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 452..... *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

† 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 *Because He Lives*

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died, to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone; because I know, I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives. How sweet to hold, a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still, the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days, because He lives.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Pew Bible p. 885

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35 Pew Bible p. 860

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Let’s Take a Hike”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

† HYMN (Worship Order p. 6) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERMON..... “OMG!”

Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Variations on "Old Hundred"* Arr. Smith

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he
ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

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. 254..... *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 238 (Refrain)..... *Thine Is the Glory*

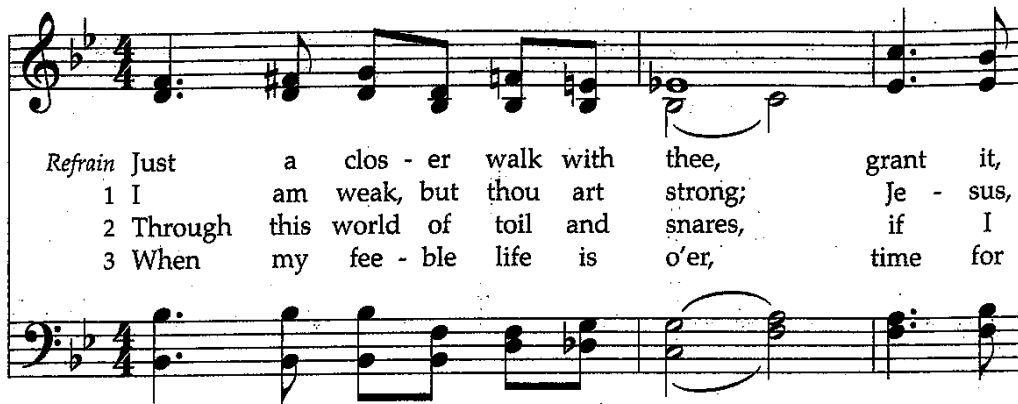
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

†POSTLUDE

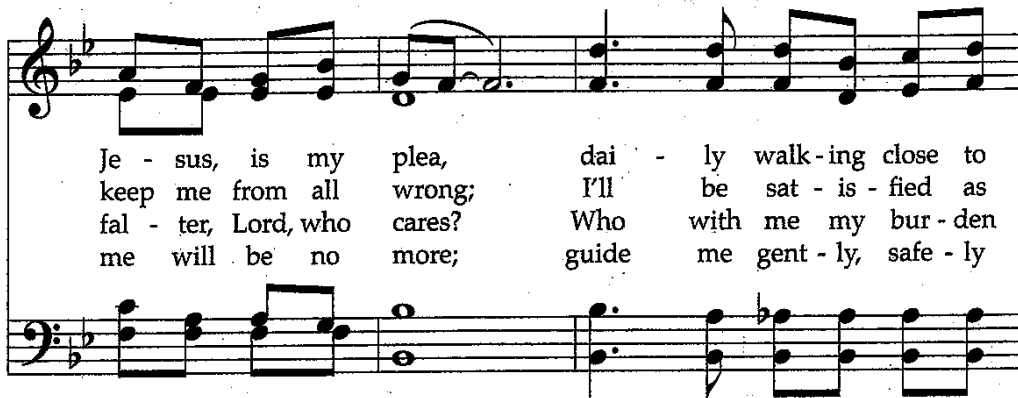
THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Lynn & Jerry Metheny in loving memory of our dearest Kyle Metheny, April 26, 1978-August 10, 2003.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

CCLI # 1622560

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. North American hymn

CLOSER WALK
Irregular

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 30-May 7, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity “Paint Can Offering”
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity “Paint Can Offering”
12:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Hike & Lunch
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Rachel Bayliss Scholarship Applications Due
Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Visioning Team—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Technology & Communications—5:15 pm—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Meetings—6:45 pm
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Older Adult Choir Practice—4:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Friday: Church Office Closed
Apple Blossom Prayer Brunch—9:00 am
—Fellowship Bible Church
- Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room
Women’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Classroom #2

NEXT SUNDAY—Older Adult Sunday/Apple Blossom

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
Psalm 23, John 10:1-10
Kes (Rev.) Tariku Tolessa
Communion, CCAP
PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD:

8:30 am—83

Sunday School—56

11:00 am—109

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Edgar Tufts
Carlene Lemasters
The Homan Family
Dick & Gail Crane
Mary Lou Thomas
Kim Chicklo
June & Nathan Windle & Family
Marjory Journell
Natalie Williams
Carlos Valdez
Bob Weidele
Helen Lucas
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Fred & Vicki Earnshaw
James Ingram
Gary Kain & Family

Charles Lawson
Nancy Kerns
Steve Brown
Melissa Ambers
Bill Simmons
Barbara Patterson
Gary Snapp
Kelly McCord
Doug York
Jerry Metheny
Tom & Vicki Harman
Arden & McKinney Ireland
John Sidell
Barb Sumner
Refugees
Sherry Clark

Verity Morrow
Cindy & Lance Weeks
Joe Strosnider
Susan Martin
Donna Coffman
Rebekah Witt
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

"The Story of OLD TURTLE!" In this powerful tale, the world echoes with argument and confusion—until OLD TURTLE speaks! A special guest will join the children at the beginning of the workshop: SCOOTER- Debbie Bender's own turtle! See Scooter swim in his pool. All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in Classroom #3 at 9:45 am.

PYC NEWS

Let's take a hike! Seriously, we are going on a hike this afternoon to Bear's Den. Youth will gather after 11:00 worship to set out for an afternoon hike on this great spring day. Bring a brown bag lunch and plenty of water. We plan to return about 3:00 pm.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Mac McNichols
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeter: Brenda Hawkins
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Dom Cafaro, Bob Gaines, Dave Yost

11:00

Acolyte: Paige Clark
Beadle: Bill Hopeck
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeter: Mary Himelright
Hospitality: Terry Hartman
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Paige Clark, Andrew & Colton Frey,
Vern Gamble, Nick Sardelis

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. This meeting is open to any older adults who would like to join in the discussion and planning for aspects of our Older Adult Ministry. Morning refreshments will be served.

MANY THANKS TO THE CHURCH STAFF

Thank you to the church staff for their efforts and work in packing the 55 food bags for Orchard View Elementary School this coming week. The food bags will be delivered to the school on Thursday morning.

APPLE BLOSSOM PRAYER BRUNCH

This is the week for the annual Prayer Brunch. It is being held at Fellowship Bible Church, Friday, 9:30 am. Those who signed up to attend this event are asked to meet at Fellowship Bible Church on Middle Road around 9:00 am. Please remember to bring your ticket! We will gather at our three OPC

tables once inside the event room. The guest speaker at the event is Trudy Cathy White of Chick-fil-a. It will be a super morning.

OLDER ADULT CHOIR

Next Sunday, May 7th, we will celebrate the older adults at Opequon Church. We invite all older adults of Opequon to sing at 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services. *'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus* will be the anthem. Rehearsal will be this Wednesday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Susan Homan at 540-665-9844 or srh1305@verizon.net.

NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR "OPEQUON'S 2017 OLDER ADULT"

So many of our older adults have been recognized as our "Older Adults of the Year". We celebrate that those crowned in the past are **Roy Bayliss, John Boyd, Frances Smith, Louise Duncan, Bill Robinson, Shirley and Dave Brumble, Rob MacGregor, Ty Headley, Edgar Tufts, Howard Kent, Donna Coffman, Betty Gano, Carol Tubbs, and Graham Taylor**. It is time to share nominations for this year's older adult of the year. Who would you like to nominate? There are forms available on the Gathering Area table. Share who you nominate and WHY. Nominations are **due next Sunday, May 7**, and they may come from anyone in the congregation. Forms can be returned to Carole Witt or dropped in the box provided on the table. The session will review the nominations and make their selection at their May meeting. The Older Adult of 2017 will be announced at the annual Older Adult Luncheon on May 24.

DOWNSIZING OR SPRING CLEANING?

Maybe you've found some treasures while cleaning out and letting go during the Lenten Challenge. If you haven't yet donated those nicer/gently used items to your favorite charity, we need auction items for Opequon on the Lawn's Live Auction on May 20th. Proceeds will benefit three local missions. All auction items must be dropped off at the church garage on Saturday, May 13 (Noon-2:00 pm), Monday, May 15 (5:00-7:00 pm), or Wednesday, May 17 (5:00-7:00 pm). The committee reserves the right to donate unsuitable items. Contact JoEllen Delamatta 540-931-2667, or Susanna Shade 540-868-1248, if you have any questions.

THE VBS 'FACTORY FUN SHOP' IS HERE!

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 (special track planned for 5-8th graders) along with an adult class opportunity (see below). Stop by the "Factory Fun Shop" display in the Gathering Area for registration forms and volunteer forms. We hope your children and younger youth will be with us for VBS week. We hope YOU will volunteer to help. Friends are very welcome. Invite them now!

ADULT VBS CLASS AT OPC

Happiness: "We all look for it. Few find it. So, let's talk about it!"
We all dream of being happy. If we could just lose the extra weight, get the job, buy the house, we could truly be happy. But over time, it begins to seem as though lasting happiness is unattainable. Despite our best efforts, true happiness will never be a reality for us. So how do we find lasting happiness and contentment in our lives? Maybe the answer isn't in our own lives at all. UMC Pastor Matt Miofsky connects the existential question, "Am I happy?", with basic theology and unexpected biblical texts. Starting with the book of Ecclesiastes, considering if any "thing" can make us happy, he explores the value of relationships, a forgiving lifestyle, living in the present, feeling gratitude, and learning to release control.

June 11-15 (Sunday-Thursday) 6:30-7:30 pm
Please register at the "Factory Fun Shop" display
Great nightly class sessions facilitated by Pastor David Witt.
Join this time of study and fellowship together.

THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown Clerk
 David Witt.....Moderator

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

Class of 2018

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

Class of 2019

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
 Terry Hartman Congregational Care Ministry
 Brenda Hawkins..... Congregational Care Ministry
 Pam Orndorff..... Congregational Care Ministry
 Stella Strickler Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Mitch Orndorff, Chair..... Class of 2017
 Mac McNichols Class of 2018
 George Schember..... Class of 2019

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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

