

# Opequon Presbyterian Church

## INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

**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! 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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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 9, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Palm/Passion Sunday

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

*Hosanna in the Highest* ..... 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION ..... *Happy Days*

Dick Crane & Becky Proctor

### ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

CHORAL INTROIT *Palm Sunday Hosanna* ..... Sanctuary Choir

Emma Abell, soloist (8:30) LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship (11:00)

Hosanna, loud hosanna! The rocks cry out, the children sing. Hosanna, loud hosanna, hosanna to the King of kings. Blessed are they that come in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they that come, blessed are they that come in the name of the Lord. Raise your palms and banners high, Jesus Christ is passing by, hosanna. Glory, laud, and honor, sing, praise to our Redeemer, King, hosanna, hosanna! Sing hosanna, sing!

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 196 ..... *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

(Please be seated for prayer)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry**

**favours, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 5) ..... *Hosanna*

† 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 ..... *On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem*  
Sanctuary Choir

On that day, when he rode into Jerusalem everyone came to see the promised King. On that day, when he rode into Jerusalem, for miles and miles around you could hear them sing. They sang, “Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!” They sang, “Hosanna!” To the promised King. Glad hosannas made the heavens ring! On that day, when he rode into Jerusalem, everyone thought he would wear a crown. No one guessed, when he rode into Jerusalem, how the tide would turn and bring him down. They sang, “Hosanna!” to the King. Glad hosannas made the heavens ring! On that day, when he rode into Jerusalem, everyone thought he would rule the land. No one knew, when he rode into Jerusalem that soon there would be nail-prints in his hand.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a ..... Pew Bible p. 594

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11 ..... Pew Bible p. 802

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Cheers & Jeers”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 198 ..... *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

SERMON..... “Who Is This?”

Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Given for You* ..... Blake

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Adapted from the PCUSA Study Catechism

How do you understand the love and power of God?

**Through Jesus Christ, in his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, I see how vast is God’s love for the world—a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.**

RECOGNITION AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

..... Carolyn & Gary Rutherford

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. 197..... *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 748 ..... *Go with Us, Lord*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.**

†POSTLUDE

# Hosanna

Mark 11:1-11

Liturgical Year/Palm Sunday/Christ the King

CCLI # 1622560

Words and Music by  
Carl Tuttle

(C/D) G D

1. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -  
2. Glo - ry! Glo - ry!

Em C D G

san-na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -  
Glo-ry to the King of kings! Glo - ry!

D Em C D

san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the King of kings!

C D G C D

Lord, we lift up your name, With hearts full of praise;

G C D G D/F# Em

— Be ex - alt - ed, oh Lord, my God! Ho -

C D G C/D G Em C

1. san-na in the high - est!  
2. Glo-ry to the King of Kings! Be ex -

D G D/F# Em C D G C/G G

alt-ed, oh Lord, my God! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April 9-16, 2017

Holy Week

### **TODAY**

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Palm Sunday  
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages  
9:45 am: Marriage Enrichment  
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Palm Sunday, LOGOS K-5 Worship  
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary  
4:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection Progressive Dinner  
—Meet at OPC

### **THIS WEEK**

- Monday: Adult ESL Class—6:00 pm—Assembly Room  
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary  
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A (PVR)  
7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Home of the Tandys  
God-Loving Opequon Women—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall  
Choir Practice—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Maundy Thursday Communion Worship—7:00 pm—  
Fellowship Hall
- Friday: Good Friday Tenebrae Service—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room  
Easter Event for Families—9:00 am

### **NEXT SUNDAY—Easter, the Day of Resurrection**

- Easter Sunrise Service—6:00 am—Pitcock Memorial Shelter  
Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am  
John 20:1-18  
Sermon: "Rewriting the Script"  
Communion & One Great Hour of Sharing

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gary Kain & Family  
Mary Lou Thomas  
Roth Family  
Jerry Kelican Family  
Amy Gray & Family  
Martha Grim Family  
Mike Butler  
Charles Lawson  
Vicki Earnshaw  
Nancy Kerns  
Steve Brown  
Melissa Ambers  
Bill Simmons  
Barbara Patterson  
Dorothy Rogers  
Gary Snapp  
Kelly McCord

Doug York  
Jerry Metheny  
Patricia & Ray Ferguson  
Gene Walker  
Tom & Vicki Harman  
Arden & McKinney Ireland  
Bob Weidele  
Buddy Chicklo  
John Sidell  
Ellie Cammer  
Barb Sumner  
Refugees  
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

Acolyte: Emma Roark  
Beadle: Mac McNichols  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeters: George & Jeanne Schember  
Hospitality: Heide Mohler, Graham Taylor  
Liturgist: Terry Hartman  
Ushers: Pat Heavner, Emma Roark, Audrey & Camden Saunders, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Abbie Rogers  
Beadle: Bill Hopeck  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeter: Brenda Hawkins  
Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Betty Ganoe  
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin  
Nametags: Dulcie Reed  
Ushers: Cheyenne & Sydney Burton, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson, Abbie Rogers

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

"It's a HOLY WEEK!" Children will be walking through the events of the coming week as they follow Jesus' footsteps from Palm Sunday to Easter. They will experience the pleasure of foot washing, enjoy some foods that were eaten at the Last Supper, and take time to pray 'in the garden' as Jesus did. 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.

## **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SESSION TODAY**

A marriage enrichment session will be held this morning, 9:45 am, in **Classroom 1** (note the change in location). This is open to couples of any age or stage and each session stands alone, with no prerequisites necessary. Today's session is "Developing Spiritual Intimacy". Finding common bonds in your values and religious beliefs is enriching as the spiritual dimension of your relationship continues to be grounded and grows. Come on in!

## **PYC NEWS**

Youth are meeting today at **4:30 pm** to begin a delicious journey around town as they enjoy a Progressive Dinner! The various courses of the meal will be served at three different homes by most willing hosts. Great times from beginning to end! We will return by 7:00 pm.

## **THE CHOIR HAS A NEW LOOK!**

Thanks to accumulated music funds from David & Glenda Collins and Family and from Louise Duncan memorial donations, we were able to purchase beautiful new maroon choir robes. David Collins was a dear choir member who died in 2010. Louise Duncan was a beloved member of Opequon who died in 2014. Both had a love for the choir and the beautiful music they sing.

The "old" navy blue robes were purchased in 2000. They were first worn at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester for a Mountain Valley Mission Community Music Festival. We are happy to say that these robes will find a new home in Lexington, VA at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church.

We thank the Collins Family and the Family of Louise Duncan for their generous gift to our Opequon Choir!

## **MEN OF OPEQUON**

The monthly MOO gathering will be held tomorrow, beginning with dinner at the Chick-fil-A (PYR) at 6:00 pm; ladies are invited, as always! Then we'll be meeting at the church at 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. We'll welcome Sheriff Lenny Milholland of Frederick County, known personally by many as our current sheriff and also as the former sheriff of the City of Winchester. Sheriff Milholland will share from his rich experience and give us insight into the fight against drugs in our community. We are very fortunate to have him with us as he allots time within his busy schedule to be present. We look forward to having a great group in attendance.

## **ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>:**

8:30 am—85

Sunday School—55

11:00 am—98

Open Door—22

## **OPEQUON'S WOMEN'S GROUP**

GLOW: God-Loving Opequon Women, will be gathering this Tuesday, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. After being snowed out last month and now with the arrival of spring, we are so ready to be together! We have a terrific event planned for our GLOW time: "What's in Your Purse?" The evening's activities will have us laughing, sharing, and being inspired. There will be goodies and drinks provided. Come out for some heartwarming friendship!

## **HAPPY DAYS THIS WEEK—BRING A FRIEND DAY!**

The older adult fellowship group, known as Happy Days, will gather this Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. It is BRING A FRIEND DAY. Invite a friend from the congregation or outside the congregation; we will celebrate ALL friends through some fun friendship activities. A bonus of our time together will be hearing some "History of Happy Days"! The covered dish lunch begins at noon followed by the afternoon of friendship fun!

## **READ 'EM AND REAP**

The Read 'em & Reap small group will meet Wednesday (this week only) at 7:00 pm. We meet at the home of Rhoda & Tom Tandy, 128 Cahille Drive, Winchester. We will discuss "The Mathews Men". If you like reading and lively discussion, please join us.

**Easter Event for Families**  
**This 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.

### **THE LENTEN CHALLENGE!**

WE DID IT! As a congregation, we met the challenge and filled 40 bags during the weeks of Lent. We have cleaned out, let go and filled up on God's goodness. Well done faithful servants! Check out the "celebration" on the bulletin board!

### **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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Young people, be sure to return for worship next Sunday and bring along your fish-shaped coin box.

### **2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

First quarter financial statements were mailed last week. Please take a moment, look over your statement to see if it is correct and that your pledge is current. If you have questions, contact Cathy in the church office at [office@opequonchurch.org](mailto:office@opequonchurch.org) or 540-662-1843.

## **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 Day—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

## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER IN TWO WEEKS**

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 are available in the Gathering Area TODAY. Need more information? Contact: Graham Taylor 540-247-4663, Susanna Shade 540-550-7150, or JoEllen Delamatta 540-931-2667.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> grade along with an adult class opportunity. (Special track planned for 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade) 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!