

Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, August 13, 2017

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 am each Sunday September-May. There are classes for all ages and interests. One adult Sunday School class meets during the summer months.
- **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 before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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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

August 13, 2017

10:00 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING

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. 386 (v. 1) *Come, Worship God*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God's people:

To seek direction in the living of our lives.

We gather as God's people:

To be still and hear what God would have us do.

We gather as God's people:

To be renewed, restored and recreated.

We rejoice that we are God's people:

To serve, to love and to sing God's praise.

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 35 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God turns us around, opens our eyes, renews our faith, and even forgives our sins. We have only to come to God and ask to be restored.

We are truly blessed.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, source of wisdom and insight, we know you see us as we are, and we know how often we try to pretend we are something we are not. We put other people down so we can look better. We stretch the truth of our accomplishments and push off our failures on others. We pretend to listen, but constantly seek our own advantage. Loving and forgiving God, help us not to shrink from your gaze. Give us the courage to put our trust in you. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of loved and forgiven people. Set us free from pride and arrogance and bring us home, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...anyone who comes to me I will never drive away."

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 620 (v. 1)

.....*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

† 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

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *Tune Our Hearts/Come Thou Fount*
Jessica Eaton, Susan Homan & Jennie Wright
Johanna Abell-pianist, Debbie Bender-Mandolin

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-38Pew Bible p. 30
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 10:5-15 Pew Bible p. 921

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Andante* (from Bach’s *Brandenburg Concerto*) arr. Mansfield

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on Romans 10:5-15)

Who will ascend into heaven to bring Christ down?

Who will descend into the abyss to bring Christ up from the dead?

No one! The word is near us, on our lips and in our hearts.

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

When we believe with our hearts, we are justified; when we confess with our mouths, we are saved.

No one who believes in Jesus Christ will be put to shame.

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek.

The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Christ is the goal of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

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. 546..... *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 340 (v. 3) *This Is My Song*

This is my prayer. O God of all earth’s kingdoms;

Thy Kingdom come; on earth, thy will be done;

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him;

And hearts united learn to live as one.

So, hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;

Myself I give thee, let thy will be done

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 13-20, 2017

TODAY

- 8:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room
- 9:30 am: Annual Hymn Sing
- 10:00 am: Morning Worship
- 5:00 pm: Church Picnic—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
- 6:30 pm: Open Door Worship—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

THIS WEEK

- Monday: MOO—6:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
- Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- Adult Sunday School Class—8:45 am—Bageant Room
- Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY
- Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28
- Sermon: "The Loyal Minority"
- Confirmation Orientation—11:15 am—Bageant Room

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Jeanne & George Schember in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary tomorrow.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Katherine Newhouse & Family
The Call Family
Chris Williams & Family
Betty Bly
Casey Carr
Jay & Marjory Journell
Jeanette Baccary
Kevin Paquette
Reagan Long
Bob Peet
Anna Lois
Erika Reed
Pat deButts
Donna & Terry Coffman
Dick Crane
Donna Cornwell

Rachel
Corey Jones
Gordy Lindow
Gloria Reed
Matt Mika
Dan Zbur
Barbara Jones
Dennis Stout
Gretchen Cooley
Bob Weidele
Frances Pitcock
Jane Drumheller
Rick Praml
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Wayne Lake

Natalie Williams
Carlos Valdez
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Fred & Vicki Earnshaw
James Ingram
Charles Lawson
Nancy Kerns
Joe Strosnider
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Jane Lewis
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.

TODAY WE WELCOME TOM RHYNE

C. Thomas “Tom” Rhyne, Ph.D., was honorably retired in October 2015 from Front Royal Presbyterian Church after twenty-five years of ministry there and ten-and-a-half years of ministry at Blackstone Presbyterian Church in Blackstone, VA. His spouse Liz, and Tom live in Strasburg and have one daughter, Anna Brady, who lives with her spouse, Steve, in Manassas. In retirement, Tom has begun researching and writing a history of two colonial Frederick and Shenandoah County, VA families—the Butlers and the Tiptons.

THE EXTRA CANDLE

The green candle in the Sanctuary is a gift from David and Carole Witt. We light it each Sunday to remind us to pray for Pastor David as he rests, refreshes, and continues with sabbatical.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH—137

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte:	Taylor Roark
Beadle:	Betty Chicklo or June Malone
Bell Ringer:	Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters:	The Astorino Family
Hospitality:	Jack Drumheller, Heide Mohler
Liturgists:	The Blake Family
Ushers:	Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Taylor Roark, Bill Robinson, Alex & Sydney Sardelis

LOGOS REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY!

Our 20th year of LOGOS is coming ever closer with opening night on Wednesday, September 13! Children and youth, K-12, are invited to participate in this exciting year. The theme is “Great are You Lord—Celebrating 20 Years!” Registration is EASY and it begins TODAY! Stop by the LOGOS table in the Gathering Area to complete the one-page registration form, talk with LOGOS leaders about any questions you may have, and see the wonderful photos of LOGOS fun from past years. You can also go online to the church website (www.opequonchurch.org) to find the forms needed. Feel free to also contact Carole Witt at dce@opequonchurch.org or 662-1843 with your questions.

Church Picnic—TONIGHT
—5:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Bring a side dish or salad to share.
Open Door Worship Follows—6:30 pm

CALLING ALL MEN OF OPEQUON

The next meeting of MOO (Men of Opequon) is tomorrow night at the Pitcock Memorial Shelter, 6:00 pm. We will be dining on pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw. Come have a good time, make new friends, and suggest ideas for the fall season.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- ❖ The garden is growing by leaps and bounds and we continue to make weekly, fresh vegetable deliveries to the food pantry. We've also made a big batch of pickles for LOGOS.
- ❖ All volunteer slots are now full on sign up genius! Thanks to all who have volunteered to water the gardens throughout the remainder of the season.
- ❖ We could still use some help with pulling weeds and overall maintenance so if you have some spare time let us know.
- ❖ For more information, contact one of the gardeners on call:
Joelle Cafaro, drhealer@gmail.com
Dana Kelly, davedana@comcast.net
Robin Owens, robinowensopcsession@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

An orientation for prospective confirmation students and their parents will be held NEXT Sunday, August 20, 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the Bageant Room. Highlights of the confirmation experience and beneficial information will be outlined for the parents and students. The confirmation year will begin in September and runs through May 2018. We look forward to meeting with parents and students at the orientation!

YOUTH NEWS

Twenty-three OPC youth, adult leaders, and parents participated in a first ever "Summer Midnight Gladness" event the first Friday night of August. A big part of that event included school supply shopping for students at Orchard View Elementary School. This past week, six large bins, (one for each grade K-5) were delivered to OVES. The bins were full of all the items on the OVES school supply lists for each grade level and will be available to students and teachers at the school this year. This project was funded through a Car Wash held by the youth during VBS week. Personnel at the school were very touched by this random act of generous kindness. Well done, OPC Youth!

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

In the interest of safety and liability issues, access to the Fellowship Hall will be **restricted** to contractors and the Buildings & Grounds Team during renovation. While we realize that this will be a significant inconvenience, we are looking forward to having a newly refurbished Fellowship Hall soon. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time of upheaval.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

God is not packed away for the summer. The adult Sunday school "Spiritual Growth" class continues this month, using the "Feasting on the Word" curriculum materials. The class will gather in the Bageant Room through the end of August at 8:45 am. The class is open to all adults. Please join us whenever you like and discover what God wants you to learn.

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

The 2017 Flower Chart is on display in the Gathering Area on the CCAP table. The following dates are still available: October 15th, 22nd, 29th and November 5th. Sign up to select the special Sunday when you want to honor a loved one with flowers in the Sanctuary.

"OFF THE GRID"

David Witt continues sabbatical through Sunday, August 27th. A sabbatical is a period of "Rest, Renewal, and Study." In this computer age, digital and otherwise, immediate, rapid and sometimes frequent communication is simply a part of our normal day and week. Pastor David communicates freely and timely. However, when he is in sabbatical mode, he will be "Off the Grid" for the time. That means we are not to call, text or email him.

Tracie Martin, our wonderful Parish Associate, is available during David's needed time away. You may reach out to her at the OPC office, **540-662-1843**, her home phone **304-856-2080** or by email, tracie-martin@juno.com.

LOGOS FUN FEST EVENT!

...for all LOGOS families, LOGOS staff, anyone interested!

Sunday, August 27, 11:15 am in the
Pitcock Memorial Shelter (weather permitting)

In the event of inclement weather, this will be held in the Memorial Sanctuary

Lunch will be served.

We will be highlighting the upcoming year of
LOGOS doings.