

Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, August 20, 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 20, 2017

10:00 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

You Are Mine..... 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

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 407 (v. 1) *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice in the Lord,

The Giver, the Redeemer, the Sustainer of Life.

Through the spirit we are born into the family of God

And made members of one body.

For we have received a spirit of adoption

When we call, "Abba, Father" we bear witness

We are children of God and joint heirs with Christ.

We will never be turned away

We will cannot be turned away

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me."

With humility, let us confess our sins before one another and God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and forgiving God, we are in conflict! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. We confess that we succumb to the allures of this world – having more, doing more, running faster and harder – and all the while, we fail to see the needs of our neighbors and ignore the needs of our own souls. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus also said, “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 643 (v. 1)..... *Now Thank We All Our God*

† 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..... *You Raise Me Up*
Jenna Arnoldy

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32 Pew Bible p. 921

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15:10-28 Pew Bible p. 797

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN *Guess What’s Important*
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 377 *I Want to Walk Like a Child of the Light*

SERMON.....“I Think I Was Adopted”

Summer Worship Series: “Between People and God: What God Wants from Us”

Rev. Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Stand by Me*.....arr. Livingstone

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. 327 *From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

†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 20-27, 2017

TODAY

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room
10:00 am: Morning Worship
11:15 am: Confirmation Orientation—Bageant Room
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

Monday: Visioning Team—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: OPC @ Highland Food Pantry—6:00 pm
WATTS Operations Committee—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Lunch Bunch—11:30 am—TVOR
Choir Practice—6:30 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: LOGOS Leadership Meeting—10:00 am—David's Office
Saturday: Hike with Mike—8:30 am
Shenandoah Presbytery—9:30 am—Mt. Horeb Church,
Grottoes—Bill Burslem & Graham Taylor,
Elder Commissioners

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School Class—8:45 am—Bageant Room
Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon: "Place Your Life Before God"
4 Cents a Meal Offering
Motel Ministry—11:30 am

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Katie Heavner Baker
Rachel & Michael Weller
Katherine Newhouse & Family
The Call Family
Betty Bly
Casey Carr
Jay & Marjory Journell
Kevin Paquette
Reagan Long
Bob Peet
Anna Lois
Donna & Terry Coffman
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
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.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Kitty Hockman. Our dear MeMe is with us every day with memories of her great smile, happiness, love of her family and most of all her great faith in God. Our love for you travels through many hours we journey through each day. We miss and love you! Kitty Bird, Jackie, Shannon, Megan, Nicholas and Griffin.

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—162

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte:	Jonathan Lightcap
Beadle:	Betty Chicklo or June Malone
Bell Ringer:	Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeter:	Becky Proctor
Hospitality:	Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgists:	The Blake Family
Ushers:	Jason & Lucas Brown, Brady Cooper, Andy Homan, Jonathan Lightcap, Joel Witt

LOGOS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Our 20th year of LOGOS is coming 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 continues all month! 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.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION TODAY

An orientation for prospective confirmation students and their parents will be held TODAY 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 today!

TVOR LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY

Residents at The Village at Orchard Ridge will be gathering for a monthly lunch in their dining room on Wednesday at 11:30 am. Pastor Tracie and Carole Witt look forward to joining them to visit, share stories, and enjoy a meal together.

HIKE WITH MIKE

The Hike with Mike for August is scheduled for this Saturday, the 26th. The hike will be an adventure to The Big Schloss on the Virginia/West Virginia border, west of Edinburg in Shenandoah County. This hike offers spectacular views of the Valley. We will leave OPC at 8:30 am and return around 2:30 pm. It will be an amazing hike in a magnificent setting. Hope you can join us! Contact Mike at mbutler57@outlook.com or 540-533-1239. Check out this site: <https://www.hikingupward.com/GWNF/BigSchloss>.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- The tomatoes are really starting to turn color now - they are beautiful and abundant. We recently planted some peas, beans and kale.
- 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

MOTEL MINISTRY

Will take place next Sunday, August 27. We will organize our supplies immediately after worship and visit the two hotels from approximately 12:00 Noon-1:30 pm. We need of least four volunteers to assist that day. If you are willing and available to help please contact Mike Butler at mbutler57@outlook.com or 540.533.1239.

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. 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 next Sunday, August 27th. 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.

In Remembrance

BETTY L. BUSH WRIGHT

1928-2017

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

LOGOS FUN FEST EVENT!

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

Next 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.