

Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, August 27, 2017

“Prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ’s
hands, heart and feet in the world.”

--OPC Mission Statement

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 27, 2017

10:00 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Old 100th"* Arr. Pethel

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. No. 410 (v. 2) ... *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

With steadfast love and growing faith,

We come as the people of Christ.

With prayers of hope and songs of joy,

We come to worship God, the eternal and ever-loving.

With thankful hearts and humble prayers,

We come to give God glory and praise.

Here we are, together as people of faith and hope to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.

Here we are, as the people of God to be in the presence of the Body of Christ

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 385.....*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is eternal, yet one who promises a new thing among us. And we are in need of that newness. Our sins and shortcomings are old news. We repeat destructive patterns, promise to do better, and revert to our old ways. The cycle of brokenness repeats itself again and again. But God breaks into the cycle with the gift of grace. Let us bring our prayers of confession to the God who is gracious to hear us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we do try to live in the joy and wonder of your love. However, we find it so easy to be in disagreement. We take each other so much for granted. So often we are tempted to cut the ropes of love that bind us together over trivial matters. Other times we take life and each other so seriously that we get in our own way. Help us, Lord, now, here today, to renew our faith in you and restore our love of each other with the powerful cords of compassion. Remind us of the joys and beauties of being alive in Christ. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

No matter the situation, no matter the problem, no matter the trouble, God is always with us. God is always ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us, rebirth us, and remind us that we are His.

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 *Come Build a Church*

We gather in this place to pray. We do invite you come now among us; Come and build your church today. Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone. We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone. Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a church of flesh and blood. Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God. Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar. Let us know the awe and wonder, that we’ve only glimpsed before. Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep. Let us know this great awakening. For so long we’ve been asleep. Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds. Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of hatred down. Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends. Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends. Guide our feet in peaceful pathways. Teach us peace of heart and mind; peace with God

and all God's children; till we leave our wars behind. Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night; like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:1-12..... Pew Bible p. 922

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20..... Pew Bible p. 798

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "An Experiment"

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

SERMON..... "God 'n Me, Me 'n God"

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*.....Arr. Logan

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35)The Apostle's Creed

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. 300..... *We Are One in the Spirit*

†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 27-September 3, 2017

TODAY

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room
10:00 am: Morning Worship, 4 Cents a Meal Offering
11:30 am: Motel Ministry

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Staff Lunch—11:30 am
Choir Practice—6:30 pm—Sanctuary
Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-21
Sermon: "Readied for New Life in the World"
Communion, CCAP
PS150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Katie Heavner Baker	Gordy Lindow	Carlos Valdez
Rachel & Michael Weller	Gloria Reed	Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Katherine Newhouse & Family	Matt Mika	Fred & Vicki Earnshaw
The Call Family	Dan Zbur	James Ingram
Betty Bly	Barbara Jones	Nancy Kerns
Casey Carr	Dennis Stout	Joe Strosnider
Jay & Marjory Journell	Gretchen Cooley	Stephanie Fitch
Kevin Paquette	Bob Weidele	Phyllis Dilley
Reagan Long	Frances Pitcock	Sandi Pulizzi
Bob Peet	Jane Drumheller	Jane Lewis
Anna Lois	Rick Praml	Larry Matthews
Donna & Terry Coffman	Dottie Edwards	Doug Koch
Donna Cornwell	Gary Strickler	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Rachel	Wayne Lake	Church Mekane Yesus
Corey Jones	Natalie Williams	

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 given by Lynn & Jerry Metheny. They are presented to the Glory of God and in honor Carole Witt, the Director of Christian Education, for her contributions to and coordination of many and varied programs and activities here at OPC.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte: Noah Cutrona
Beadle: Betty Chicklo or June Malone
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeter: The Astorino Family
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Betty Ganoë
Liturgists: The Blake Family
Ushers: Noah Cutrona, Bill Hopeck, Vern Gamble
Grace Morgan, Reese Tibbs

LOGOS FUN FEST is TODAY!

...for all families, LOGOS Staff, anyone interested!
11:15 am in the Pitcock Memorial Shelter)
In the event of inclement weather,
Fun Fest will be held in the Memorial Sanctuary
Lunch will be served,
including Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, and Funnel Cakes.

2018 BAJA MISSION TRIP

You will find an insert in this bulletin regarding interest in the July 8-15, 2018 Baja Mission Trip. You can place it in the offering plate, or put it in Graham Taylor's mail box. If you have questions please contact Graham his information is on the form.

Many thanks for those who attended the BAJA Trip Presentation after worship last Sunday. The testimonials of each presenter were truly inspiring.

FOOD BAGS FOR ORCARD VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are beginning our third year of outreach to Orchard View Elementary School by providing food bags that are sent home with children for the weekend. Our commitment is to provide 55 bags of food for the first Friday each month. Various groups of OPC have been involved in packing the monthly food bags which is done in an assembly line manner. The church staff will be packing the food bags this week for our first commitment in this new school year. Once all the bags are packed, Bill Robinson often serves as our delivery man!

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 540-533-1239 or mbutler57@outlook.com.

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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- The garden needs some Costco boxes - preferably the long shallow ones that they use for their strawberries and tomatoes. If you are at Costco and can pick up a few, that would be great.
- 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

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.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH—178

Friends,

This is my last Sunday as your Supply Pastor. I hope you realize what a gift you have given me this summer. I feel like we have gotten to know each other much better and it has been good sharing our stories from time to time. You have made me understand that I was wrong when I decided that God had retired me and I had no further place in ministry. I will now eagerly return to the position of Parish Associate with renewed energy. I hope to be driving soon and will increase my visiting as soon as the doctor (and Bill) permit.

The last two months have been great; the next few months will be even better.

Thanks so very much,

A. Rouse



Rally Day Morning

September 10, 9:45 am Memorial Sanctuary

Theme: "Getting in Gear for a new Year!"

A delightful intergenerational morning with a purpose! Enjoy a morning devotion, some teamwork with others and morning treats. It will be a time of great joy around the tables. Come join this wonderful congregation wide celebration. Following the Rally Day Celebration, we will all have some brief time in separate classes.