

Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, August 6, 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 6, 2017

10:00 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRE-SERVICE CONCERT

- Oh, What a Beautiful Morning* from "Oklahoma"
- Somewhere Over the Rainbow* from "The Wizard of Oz"
- I'll Walk with God*..... from "The Student Prince"
- Day by Day*.....from "Godspell"
- Climb Every Mountain* from "The Sound of Music"
- Smile* from Charlie Chaplin's "Modern Times"
- Sunrise, Sunset*..... from "Fiddler on the Roof"
- You'll Never Walk Alone*..... from "Carousel"

PRELUDE

The Impossible Dreamfrom "Man of LaMancha"

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. 375 (v. 1) *Shall We Gather at the River*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Feel the living presence of Christ:

Dwell in the presence of Christ’s body, the church

Rise in the song,

Live in the Word,

Be in the prayer.

Feed at the table,

For this is worship.

And we celebrate our common faith as we celebrate our God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 401 (vs. 1, 3, 4) *Here in This Place*
(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 confess our guilt that we might be forgiven and made whole.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have given us the framework to live faithful and godly lives, and yet we fail to keep your commandments. We do not always put you first. We get so busy, we forget that you command us to rest and renew ourselves. We do not always tell the truth, and we often covet what someone else has. Forgive us for not keeping your commandments, whether in thought or deed. Place your commandments on our hearts that we might follow you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, in Jesus, God has fulfilled the promises of the prophets and written his commandments on our hearts.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 647 *Give Thanks*

†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

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 9:1-5 Pew Bible p. 920

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21 Pew Bible p. 796

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Blessing of the Backpacks
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 188 *Jesus Loves Me*

SERMON..... "The Opportunity of a Lifetime"
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 *The Askokan Farewell*from Ken Burn's "Civil War"

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music

Beethoven's "Joy" from the Beatles' "Help!"

If We Only Have Love from "Jacques Brel is Alive"

Communion Prayer

We thank you gracious God for this meal which you have given us. As we gather around our own tables in the days ahead, might we be reminded of this, your table, where all are welcome, love is the answer to hate, and welcome is the answer to indifference; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 838 (vs. 1,2,3)..... *Standing on the Promises*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 838 (v. 4) ... *Standing on the Promises*

Standing on the promises, I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior;
standing, standing, standing on the promises of God.

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte: Breanna Daggett
Beadle: Betty Chicklo or June Malone
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Debbie & Bill Bender
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
Liturgists: The Blake Family
Ushers: Cheyenne & Sydney Burton, Jim Butler,
Breanna Daggett, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Sue Lee in memory of her husband, Barry.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 6-13, 2017

TODAY

- 8:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room
9:45 am: Pre-Service Concert—Sanctuary
10:00 am: Morning Worship, CCAP Offering, Communion,
Blessing of the Backpacks

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—7:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Visioning Team—7:00 pm
Tuesday: GLOW—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Personnel Team—7:00 pm—Tracie's Office
Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- Adult Sunday School Class—8:45 am—Bageant Room
Hymn Sing 9:30 am
Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY
Romans 10:5-15
Dr. Thomas Rhyne, Guest Preacher
Church Picnic—5:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Elders serving are: Robin Owens, Lance Astorino, Sabra Veach, George Schember, Carole Witt and Graham Taylor.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Chris Williams & Family
Rebekah Witt
Betty Bly
Casey Carr
Jenni Spielman
Lori Nesselrodt
Travis Morgan
Jay & Marjory Journell
Jeanette Baccary
Kevin Paquette
Nancy Lloyd
Reagan Long
Bob Peet
Anna Lois
Erika Reed
Pat deButts
Donna & Terry Coffman
Dick Crane
Donna Cornwell

Finn McCarty
Rachel
Corey Jones
Gordy Lindow
Gloria Reed
Steve Scalise
Matt Mika
Gary Sousa
Dan Zbur
Barbara Jones
Dennis Stout
Gretchen Cooley
Bob Weidele
Frances Pitcock
Jane Drumheller
Rick Praml
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Cindy Sousa

Wayne Lake
Gail Crane
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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Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

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 harvested just under **125 pounds** of vegetables so far.
- ❖ All our 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

LOGOS REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY

Our 20th year of LOGOS is coming ever closer! 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. Beginning today, you can stop by the table in the Gathering Area to complete the one-page registration form or go online to the church website www.opequonchurch.org to find the form. If you have any questions about LOGOS, LOGOS leaders will be at the registration table. They will be more than happy to answer your questions. You may also contact Carole Witt at dce@opequonchurch.org or 662-1843 with your questions.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow morning, 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. The team will be finalizing all the plans for fall and look ahead to 2018! Cool morning refreshments and coffee will be served along with the great fellowship of being together.

GLOW: God-Loving Opequon Women

Opequon women are having a BUNCO NIGHT, this Tuesday, August 8th, 7:00 pm at the church. BUNCO is so easy, yet so entertaining and will have Opequon women truly enjoying laughter and great times together. Women are asked to bring a new ‘tea towel’ or ‘pot holder’ as your ticket to play. After the grand prize is awarded, any remaining tea towels and pot holders will supply our church kitchen with some much-needed replacements. Come for an evening of fantastic fun and friendships as we play BUNCO around the tables.

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING

The older adult monthly fellowship group known as “Happy Days” meets this Wednesday, August 9th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish item for the tasty luncheon. Following the meal, a program will be shared by a guest speaker from Faith in Action; a local organization of Winchester/Frederick County that aims to help residents in our area. Happy Days is always a delightful time to share a meal with others and learn something new as well.

HYMN SING

Our annual hymn sing will be held on Sunday, August 13, at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Cast a vote for your favorite! Forms are available on the chest in the back of the Sanctuary.

Open Door Worship
Sunday, August 13th – 6:30 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Following the Church Picnic

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 which will commence on Monday, August 14th. 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.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JULY 30TH—120

“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.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, August 13
at 5:30 p.m.
Pitcock Shelter**

**Open Door Worship with
PS 150 Follows**

We're providing the hot dogs, condiments, beverages, and all the paper products, as well as eating and serving utensils. Plus ice cream sandwiches!

Please bring a salad or side to share.

