

Opequon Presbyterian Church



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 are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket 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. 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 before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 14, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....Arr. Englert
Please use this time to prepare for the worship of God.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete the Friendship folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew racks—please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond

†GATHERING SONG NO. 399 (3x) *God Welcomes All*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

†HYMN NO. 634 *To God Be the Glory*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 432 (vv. 1, 3)

..... *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Here I am, Lord.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Samuel 3:1-20 Pew Bible P. 215

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 1:43-51 Pew Bible P. 863

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "I Have Great News!"

†HYMN NO. 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

SERMON..... "God Is Speaking—Are We Listening?"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I Hear Thy Welcome Voice* Arr. Purifoy

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

†LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

God, you reach out to us in so many ways. Keep us alert. Help us to pay attention.

When you spread your beautiful world out for us to see; when we feel your power in the power of the ocean waves; when we see tiny bugs and huge elephants and know you made them both; when we see your rainbow, may we say...

“Speak, Lord, your servant listens.”

When we are tempted to do what is wrong, but remember what you have told us through our leaders; when everyone else is doing it, but we hear your voice deep inside us saying, “Don’t”; when we want something enough to steal it, but know your rule against stealing, may we say...

“Speak, Lord, your servant listens.”

When we see problems and feel you urging us to help solve them; when we see your world littered with garbage and dirtied by pollution, and know there is even one thing we could do to help; when we see people ignored and teased by others and know they need our friendship, may we say...

“Speak, Lord, your servant listens.”

When we are sad and lonely, and feel your loving care surrounding us; when friends call to ask how we’re doing; when people smile that they understand and say, “How can I help?” may we say...

“Speak, Lord, your servant listens.”

When we open our Bibles to read stories, and psalms, and letters to the churches, may we say...

“Speak, Lord, your servant listens.”

God, you reach out to us in so many ways. Keep us alert. Help us to pay attention. And may we say...

“Speak, Lord, your servant listens.”

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 NO. 722.....*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 (Refrain).....*Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

†POSTLUDE

2018 FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for next year is now available on the CCAP table just outside the Sanctuary doors. Sign up to provide flowers to enhance worship on a special Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14-21, 2018

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship
12:15 pm: Refugee Resettlement Meeting—Memorial Sanctuary
12:30 pm: Young Adults—Youth Spot
5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Winter Wonderland Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am
Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Mark 1:14-20
Sermon: “Do Something!”
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm—Bowling

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH:

8:30 am—64 Faith Formation: 54 11:00 am—129

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Michael Mohn
Tim Thompson
Kevin Ganoe
Carrie Butler Price & Family
Andrew Eaton & Family
Jared Kravitz
Steve Messler
Litzenburg Family
Martha Ryder
Bill Bayliss
Susanna Shade
Tracie Martin
Rachel Weller
Gloria Freeland
Susan Peck
Jennifer Rosedale
Stephen Armstrong

Ann Held
Cody Barr
Chris Grant
Robert Walker
Paul Guevremont
Don Crane
Debbie Cabrera
Peace for Middle East,
Palestine & Jerusalem
Madelyn Estep
Jay Journell
David Kerr
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Will & Katie Baker
Al Owens
Charles Nicholson

Bruce Medcalf
Gretchen Cooley
Susan Lee
Heidi McMurdo
Jennifer O'Ferrell
Mark Wilhelm
Casey Carr
Donna & Terry Coffman
Frances Pitcock
Gary Strickler
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Samuel Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Audrey Saunders
Beadle: Leslie Tucker
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Bill & Debbie Bender
Liturgist: Jim Youngblood
Ushers: Alyce Callahan, Dulcie Reed, Jim Youngblood

11:00 am

Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Sabra & Les Veach
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Bill & Lisa Frye
Liturgist: Laurel Hathaway
Live Stream: Joel Witt
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Wyatt Deck, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson

FAITH FORMATION EDUCATIONAL HOUR

Sunday morning classes continue today at 9:45 am. Children, preschool-5th grade will enjoy a class together with Rebekah Witt as the weekly leader and other adults and older youth as assistants. They will be using “Walk with Me” curriculum and meet in classroom 3. Middle school youth (6-7th grade) and high school youth (9-12th) are welcome to join in the conversation and doings of the Faith in Families (Assembly Room) or Hands-Heart-Feet Class (Pastor’s office). Separate youth classes are currently not meeting with the exception of Confirmation.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**-New Year, New You? 5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall; come explore some crazy New Year’s resolutions people have made over the years, why you might want to consider making one, and what you can leave behind from 2017! Bring a \$2 donation for dinner.
- **January 21**-Bowling, 12:30-3:00 pm, meet at the church with a brown bag lunch and \$12 for bowling. We will head out for an afternoon of fun together at the alley!

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS:

TODAY-“Salam Neighbor” showing, meet in the Youth Spot after the second worship service from 12:30-2:30 pm. Popcorn and drinks will be provided while we watch as two young adult Americans decide to see what it's like to live as Syrian refugees in the country of Jordan. Bring your own lunch if you would like food other than popcorn. Learn more about the refugee crisis through the eyes of people your own age as they immerse themselves in an unfamiliar culture

FLU SAFETY

Since it is flu season, Winchester Medical Center has restricted visiting hours. Those hours are: 11:00 am-1:00 pm and 6:00 -8:00 pm daily.

ADULT TRIP TO APPLE BLOSSOM PRAYER BRUNCH

The Prayer Brunch is a fantastic event within the Apple Blossom Festival each year. We are reserving three tables for an Opequon group. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area kiosk. Sign up today. (Just a FEW spots remain!) Tickets are \$25 which is due to Carole Witt ASAP.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE “GIFT EVENT”—January 28, 9:45 am
‘GIFT’ stands for ‘Generations in Faith Together’; it is an intentional time when all ages come together during the Sunday morning educational hour. What happens during that time? How can it possibly be worthwhile if all ages are together? The truth is this: MANY things happen during our time together—laughter, eating, praying, listening, pondering, playing, and more and more! It is a VERY worthwhile time because all ages are the beauty of it and each of YOU are the MOST important part of it. Actually, we can’t do it without you! The theme for January 28 is “Being Bucket Fillers”! Come be nourished by some breakfast casserole, be a part of a rousing Family Feud game, and learn what it means to be a “BUCKET FILLER”! You are likely one already and may not know it. You will find yourself at a table that is filled with a whole lot of love and fun! Join in the GIFT event on January 28, 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let’s think about the “The Prayers of the People/Prayers of Intercession”

- This is a time that we share joys and concerns, our fears and hopes, both for ourselves and for others before a loving God. It is only natural that we want to pray for one another while we are joined together in worship.
- Our prayers may include words that thank God, ask God to help us and ask God to help others.
- During this prayer, the congregation takes an active role by praying along with the leader as opposed to simply listening with half an ear or even dozing off.
- This prayer is a vital piece to the whole puzzle that connects us with God in an active relationship because it is in prayer that we are talking with God.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express the dynamic relationship between humanity and our living God?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What great news do I pass on to others?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

When does God speak to me? How?

How well do I listen?

Where, in what place, and through what person or persons do I hear the call of the Lord?

Who has awakened in me a new prayer, a hope, an inside?

How will I respond to what I have learned from 1 Samuel 3 and John 1?