

Opequon Presbyterian Church

... he saw James son of Zebedee
and his brother John, who were in
their boat mending
the nets.

Mark 1:19, NRSV



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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Rebekah Witt-----	Director of Youth & Young Adults



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 21, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Pescador de Hombres*

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. 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 62, adapted from *Psalms Now*)

As for me, my heart waits on God.

I know that my salvation comes from the Lord.

I may change my views about many things; but, as for my need for God and God's love, that is one conviction which shall never change.

As for me, my heart waits on God.

The Lord is my Hope and my Help.

†HYMN NO. 177 *I Will Come to You*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sing: **Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in
deeper reverence, praise.**

**Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call,
but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own
way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might
show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Sing: In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is the rock of our salvation. The Lord is God, the God of second chances. May our God renew our sense of call and inspire us to go out and do something, sharing the good news of forgiveness and hope.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 447 *We Are Forgiven*

†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 *God is So Good/Where He Leads Me*

John Coates, Jr.

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He’s so good to me. He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He’s so good to me. I’ll do his will, I’ll do his will, I’ll do his will, He’s so good to me. I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, “Take thy cross and follow Me.” Where He leads me I will follow, Where he leads me I will follow, Where he leads I will follow: I’ll go with Him all the way. He is so good. He’s so good to me. Amen.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Pew Bible P. 753

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible P. 812

ANTHEM (11:00) *Come One, Come All, Come Follow*

LOGOS Grs. K-5

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Beyond Excuses!”

†HYMN NO. 170..... *You Walk along Our Shoreline*

SERMON..... “Do Something!”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *He Leadeth Me*..... Arr. Mercer

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

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. 726..... *Will You Come and Follow Me*

†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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21-28, 2018

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Bowling

THIS WEEK

Monday: LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 pm—David’s Office
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Refugee Resettlement Supper Meeting—5:00 pm
—First Presbyterian Church, Winchester
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: H, H, F—5:30 pm—Highland Food Pantry
WATTS Operations—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Lunch Bunch—11:30 am—TVOR
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Ask the Pastor Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
Thursday: Visioning Team—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28
Sermon: “Causing Something to Happen”
Four Cents a Meal Offering, Fair Trade Coffee
G.I.F.T. Event—9:45 am
Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm—Motel Ministry

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH:

8:30 am—70 Faith Formation: 60 11:00 am—117

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Katie Heavner Baker
Tom Baker Family
Michael Mohn
Tim Thompson
Kevin Ganoe
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
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.

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-Bowling, 12:30-3:00 pm, Meet in the Fellowship Hall with a brown bag lunch and \$12 for bowling. We will head out for an afternoon of fun together at the alley!
- ❖ January 28-Motel Ministry at 12:30 pm, it's a new year so why not try some new things?! Motel Ministry is one of our outreach opportunities that you can join in doing any month on the fourth Sunday. We make sandwiches, pass out necessary items like paper products, and talk with people who live in the local motels. Come be a part of this community mission experience.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Ben Winn
Beadle: Leslie Tucker
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Kirsta Weber
Liturgist: Jim Youngblood
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler, Cole Owens,
Ben Winn, Jack Youngblood

Worship
Assistant: Natalie Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Lucas Brown
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Sabra & Les Veach
Hospitality: Annemarie Matthews, Susan Ritter
Liturgist: Laurel Hathaway
Live Stream: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Jason & Lucas Brown, Andy & Hudson Homan,
Paige Hughes, Joel Witt

Worship
Assistant: Brenna Hathaway

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS:

Motel Ministry is on the 4th Sunday of every month and the youth would love for you to join them in this community outreach after worship. Consider donating needed items, helping make the sandwiches, and coming to build relationships with one another. January 28 is your next opportunity at 12:30 pm!

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.

BRRR-IT'S COLD OUTSIDE-SO THINK SUMMER

Maybe thoughts of VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL week will help you warm up just a bit. There have been inquiries of the dates for VBS, so why not share it with everyone? The dates for VBS 2018 are June 10-14. It will be a thrilling and much warmer time. Save the dates so your family can be here.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE "GIFT EVENT" NEXT SUNDAY, 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 this time together: laughter, eating, praying, listening, pondering, playing, 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 warm 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 next Sunday, 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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY CANNED SOUP AND MONEY COLLECTION

The Super Bowl is right around the corner on Sunday, February 4!

Organizations all around the country will be collecting canned soup and money for the "SouperBowl of Caring Day". After each worship service, the Opequon Youth will be here to accept your donations as you leave the sanctuary. In the spirit of competition, the different sections of the sanctuary will be responsible for bringing various types of canned soup. The section with the most cans wins bragging rights! Here are your assignments...Choir Side-Tomato! Center-Chicken Noodle! Window Side-Vegetable Beef! Let's see who wins and bring on the donations that will be put to good use.

THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown..... Clerk
David Witt..... Moderator

Class of 2018

Bill Burslem..... Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
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Vicki Schmidt-Crites..... Evangelism Team
Graham Taylor..... Mission Ministry

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Kirsta Weber..... Christian Education Ministry

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Dom Cafaro..... Congregational Care Ministry
Betty Chicklo..... Congregational Care Ministry
Brenda Hawkins..... Congregational Care Ministry
June Malone..... Congregational Care Ministry
Bill Martin..... Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Mac McNichols, Chair..... Class of 2018
George Schember..... Class of 2019
Larry Donovan..... Class of 2020

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express God's call to us to "do something?"

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What kind of excuses do we give when someone asks us to do something?
When God asks us to do something?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

When have you experienced God's call to a task you would have preferred not to undertake? What happened? What did you learn about God?

When has God given you a second chance to do something?

When have you heard Jesus call to you to follow? How did you respond?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Jonah 3 and Mark 1?