

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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Carole Witt -----	Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt -----	Director of Youth & Young Adults



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 28, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Saint's Delight Arr. Harris

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. 413 *Come into God's Presence*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

†HYMN NO. 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse

ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

†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 *Be Thou My Vision*

Rebecca Coryell, Soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heav'ns joy, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall; still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Pew Bible P. 153

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 1:21-28 Pew Bible P. 812

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "The B-I-B-L-E"

†HYMN NO. 181 *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Peace Like a River*..... Arr. Livingston

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

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. 838..... *Standing on the Promises*

†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 28-February 4, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal Offering,
Fair Trade Coffee
- 9:45 am: G.I.F.T. Event—Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal Offering,
Fair Trade Coffee
- 12:15 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Motel Ministry

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room
- Wednesday: Staff Luncheon—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme “Winter Olympics Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
- Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY—“Souper Bowl Day of Caring”

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am

Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: “Waiting for the Lord”

Rev. Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter, Shenandoah Presbytery

Communion, CCAP, Canned Soup & Monetary Offering

Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall

STAFF SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

Pastor David and DCE Carole Witt are attending the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference January 31–February 4, in Louisville, KY. David will also be on study leave beginning tomorrow. If a pastoral concern arises, please call Rev. Tracie Martin, 304-856-2080 or Lead Deacon Debbie Bender, 540-336-7689.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

John & Jackie Boyd
Bill Deck & Family
Bill Pursel
Norman & Nancy Tisinger
Katie Heavner Baker
Michael Mohn
Tim Thompson
Kevin Ganoe
Jared Kravitz
Steve Messler
Bill Bayliss
Susanna Shade
Tracie Martin
Rachel Weller

Stephen Armstrong
Ann Held
Robert Walker
Paul Guevremont
Don Crane
Peace for Middle East,
Palestine & Jerusalem
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.

“GIFT EVENT” TODAY, 9:45 am IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

‘GIFT’ stands for ‘Generations in Faith Together’; it is an intentional time when all ages come together during the Sunday morning educational hour. “GIFT” is time well spent with a message and some fun for everyone 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 today 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! Come on down to the Fellowship Hall for this great experience.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**-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.
- **February 4**-Souper Bowl of Caring Collection and Hunger Meal. Assist in collecting canned soup and money after both services for Highland

Food Pantry. We will count the donations and see which part of the sanctuary won bragging rights for the most donated cans! At 12:30 pm, you can participate in a Hunger Meal in the Fellowship Hall as we think more deeply about how true hunger is a reality for so many people in our community and world.

HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS

Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire (SPYCE) is putting on a High School Lock-In at Massanetta Springs on February 23-24. You would need to be at the Church by 7:00 pm on Friday night and would return to the Church at 11:15 am on Saturday. There will be music, movies, midnight vespers, mission (you can earn community service hours), and a talent show. The \$20 per person cost will be covered by the church; please sign up with Rebekah Witt by February 15 if you are interested.

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 church. Consider donating needed items, helping make the sandwiches, and coming to build relationships with one another. TODAY is your next opportunity at 12:30 pm!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST:

8:30 am—81 Faith Formation: 51 11:00 am—137

ADULT TRIP TO WINCHESTER STAR

An adult trip to tour the Winchester Star is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 10:30 am. The tour includes seeing a printing press from the 1800's and other fascinating aspects of the newspaper press. Lunch will be enjoyed after the tour at Piccadilly Grill. Cost of the trip is \$12 plus lunch. A sign-up sheet is located in the Kiosk in the Gathering Area.

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.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Beadle: Leslie Tucker
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Jim Youngblood
Ushers: Mike Butler, Zane Hawkins, Sherry Schryver, John Winn
Worship
Assistant: Natalie Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Sydney Burton
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Sabra & Les Veach
Hospitality: Betty Ganoe, Marj Praml
Liturgist: Laurel Hathaway
Live Stream: Susan Ritter
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Cheyenne & Sydney Burton, Breanna Daggett, Bill Hopeck
Worship
Assistant: Brenna Hathaway

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY CANNED SOUP AND MONEY COLLECTION

The Super Bowl is right around the corner, next 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.

HANDS, HEART & FEET CLASS

Hands, Heart, & Feet is a faith focused, mission-oriented group that meets in Pastor David's office during Faith Formation Educational Hour. We study the NOOMA DVD/discussion series by Rob Bell and we also participate in mission activities during our meeting times. We are available to help individuals, families, groups, and organizations with short term emerging needs. We helped chop, load, and haul a fallen tree in Dan and Ellie Cammer's front yard the day after a storm. We have raked and bagged leaves from church members' properties because they were physically unable to do so. We have helped build the community garden fences and wicking beds, served at Highland Food Pantry, and baked and delivered homemade dog cookies to the SPCA. Some of our HHF members provide monthly music and worship at Spring Arbor and other nursing facilities. We have also held the annual WATTS cookout night for the past three years. If you would like to know more about us, please join us in Pastor David's office at 9:45 am on Sundays. If you have questions, please contact Robin Owens or Mike Butler.

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.

THE SESSION—ELDERS

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

Class of 2018

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

Class of 2019

Mitch Orndorff..... Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens..... Christian Education Ministry
Susanna Shade..... Mission Ministry
Leslie Tucker..... Worship Ministry

Class of 2020

Bill Hopeck..... Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Becky Proctor..... Fellowship Ministry
Susan Ritter ... Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Kirsta Weber..... Christian Education Ministry

DEACONS

Debbie Bender..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Dom Cafaro..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry
Betty Chicklo..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Brenda Hawkins..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry
June Malone..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Bill Martin..... Class of 2018, 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 witness to the power and authority of Jesus Christ?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

How is the Bible different from all other books?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

To whom or to what setting do you turn when you yearn to hear God's voice?

What is the name of the demon, the spirit, the idolatry you carry? What about your family and our nation?

What is the Holy One casting out today?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Deuteronomy 18 and Mark 1?

