

# Opequon Presbyterian Church



## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE**

**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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David R. Witt ----- Pastor  
 Tracie Martin ----- Parish Associate  
 William Heavner ----- Organist  
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 Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education  
 Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor  
 Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse  
 Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator  
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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 7, 2018  
8:30 & 11:00 am

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE ..... *Time for New Beginnings*

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. 409 ..... *God Is Here*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place is bread to ease our hunger,

**Water to mark our acceptance,**

Touch, to open us to healing,

**A chalice to announce our forgiveness,**

Prayer to link us with the Divine,

**Friends to ease our loneliness,**

Singing to awaken our joy!

**Leadership to help us move forward**

Our God to guide our way.

†HYMN NO. 331 ..... *God of the Ages*

(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

**Merciful Friend and Savior, we confess that, while your love and grace free us to live as new creations, we too often cling to and are weighed down by the old. We hold**

**on to grudges and hurts rather than forgive; we justify our envy and greed rather than embrace self-sacrifice and the common good; we turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the needs of the world rather than accept “the least of these” as our neighbor. For those times when we have been angry instead of kind, self-absorbed instead of thoughtful, fearful instead of bold, we ask your forgiveness. Renew in us a heart of pure devotion and outrageous delight in serving you and your purposes in this world. Restore us to a right relationship with you and with each other, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

### MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God is faithful and just and pardons us and cleanses us from every unrighteous thought, word, and deed. Receive this forgiveness that is freely offered and walk with God as those who are made whole again.

#### LITANY OF PARDON

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

#### †THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 620 (v. 4)

..... *Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven*

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR TRUSTEE (8:30)

Presentation of the Trustee

Promise of the Trustee

Promise of the Congregation

Commissioning Prayer

Welcome to Ministry

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### ANTHEM ..... *For Those Who Serve*

Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear; tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear. Lord, thank you for the lips, that speak the words of grace, all those who break the bread of life and wake the world to praise. Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love, Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above. Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light. Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ. Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace, leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see. Thank you for the arms of those who reach into the night, arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ. Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love, Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above. Thank you, God.

### THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 19:1-7 ..... Pew Bible P. 903

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 1:4-11 ..... Pew Bible P. 812

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES..... "Give Me a Hand"

Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

†HYMN NO. 761 ..... *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Images of the Three Kings* ..... Heavner

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

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

PRAYER FOR NEW OFFICERS (8:30)

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION (11:00)

Litany

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation of the Ruling Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions of the Ruling Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions of the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Hymn No. 526 ...*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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, and 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 NO. 754 ..... *Here I Am, Lord*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it,

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands

†POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 7-14, 2018

### **TODAY**

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP,  
Prayer for New Officers
- 9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP,  
Ordination/Installation of New Officers, Reception
- 4:00 pm: College Age Christmas Sweater Party  
—Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall

### **THIS WEEK**

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am  
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR  
7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am  
—Home of David Witt  
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm  
—Fellowship Hall  
Devotions—6:45 pm  
Meetings—7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall  
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Freeze Games Night”  
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
- Thursday: Read `em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am  
Young Adults—12:30 pm—Youth Spot  
Presbyterian Youth Connection—5:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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**

Beadle: Leslie Tucker  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeter: Cathy Plumb  
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Heide Mohler  
Liturgist: Jim Youngblood  
Ushers: Vicki Schmidt Crites, Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor

### **11:00 am**

Beadle: Robyn Ervin  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeters: Sabra & Les Veach  
Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Martha Fulton  
Liturgist: Laurel Hathaway  
Live Stream: Susan Ritter  
Nametags: Pat deButts  
Ushers: Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan



## **COMMUNION TODAY**

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Julie Pearce, Becky Proctor, Graham Taylor, Leslie Tucker, Mike & Vicki Crites, and Barbara Agregard. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Jeff & Patty Klinefelter, Bill Deck, JoEllen Delamatta, Nathan Windle, Carolyn Rutherford, and Jason Hathaway.

## **WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR ELECTED LEADERS**

We appreciate the faithful work and devoted service of the four ruling elders rotating off the session, **Lance Astorino, Mike Birchenough, Bill Hopeck and Lynn Metheny**; deacons **Terry Hartman, Pam Orndorff and Stella Strickler**, and trustee **Mitch Orndorff**. God's blessings be with you as we serve together in new endeavors!

We congratulate our newly commissioned trustee, **Larry Donovan**, our newly installed deacons **Debbie Bender, Betty Chicklo, June Malone and Bill Martin**, our newly ordained and installed ruling elders, **Susan Ritter and Kirsta Weber**, and our newly installed ruling elders **Bill Hopeck and Becky Proctor**. We pray for God's grace to abundantly abide with them. May the Lord encourage and strengthen you daily as we work together!

## **ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>:**

8:30 am—64

11:00 am—105

## **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.

## **FAITH FORMATION EDUCATIONAL HOUR**

Sunday morning classes resume today at 9:45 am. Children, preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade will begin 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 (6-7<sup>th</sup> grade) and high school youth (9-12<sup>th</sup>) 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 Class.

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12**

- **TODAY**-College-Age Panel, games, and prayer stations 5:00-7:00 pm with dinner included in the Fellowship Hall! Everyone will start together with a game, and then split into two groups before coming back together for dinner. Please bring a \$2 donation for the meal that is provided. **High Schoolers** can come hear from our very own college-age people from Opequon about their experiences after graduation! They have gone into the work field, entered college, and joined the military. Let them tell you what it's all about along with asking some of your own questions. Maybe you haven't thought about what's next or you could know exactly what you're doing, but either way you can learn something! **Middle Schoolers** will try out some interactive prayer stations that you may never have thought about before. They're easy and fun!
- **January 14**-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.

## **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM**

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room for planning of Happy Days programs and trips. The meeting is open to any older adults who would like to attend. Morning treats and coffee will be provided.

## **MEN OF OPEQUON PULL IT TOGETHER THIS MONTH!**

The Men of Opequon (MOO) invite all men to join them for their first gathering of the New Year. We'll first meet at Chick-fil-A on Pleasant

Valley Road tomorrow for dinner at 6:00 pm. Then, we'll get back together at the church down in the Youth Spot for devotions and our planning time for monthly gatherings. So, ALL MEN: come on out and share your ideas!

### **HAPPY DAYS THIS WEEK**

Happy Days will meet on Wednesday, January 10 at noon. This is our older adult fellowship group that is full of spirit as they have great times together. The gathering begins with a covered dish lunch. We will enjoy a 'movie day', staying warm in our Fellowship Hall theater to see the feature presentation "WAR ROOM". This is a compelling faith drama filled with humor and heart. It became a #1 movie in US theaters. Reminder to bring a roll of paper towels to support our Motel Ministry.

### **THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS**

The January-March issue of These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith is available in the Gathering Area. Some of the readings focus on the following topics-"Seeing Jesus Anew", "We Are Known", "Everyday Life in God's Presence", and "Faith in Times of Grief". Please help yourself to a copy while supplies last. If you are interested in having your own personal subscription, you can write to *These Days Subscriptions, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-1396* or call (800)624-2412.

### **ADULT TRIP TO APPLE BLOSSOM PRAYER BRUNCH**

The Apple Blossom Prayer Brunch will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018. Each year, it is a fantastic event during the Apple Blossom Festival. We are reserving three tables for an Opequon Church group. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area Kiosk. Tickets are \$25 and is due to Carole Witt by January 14. Sign up today!

### **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.

### **MANY THANKS TO...**

Adelyn, Aubrey & Vicky Astorino, Dana Kelly, Pam Bayliss, Terry Hartman, Joel Witt, and Robin Owens for giving time this past Tuesday morning to come pack the food bags for Orchard View Elementary School. The 61 food bags were packed in less than nine minutes and ready for delivery to the school. Sincere thanks to Bill Robinson for delivering the food bags to the school and thanks to our Mission Ministry of OPC for funding this valuable outreach project.

There are approximately ten items that go into the bags we pack for the first Friday of each month. Such items as 100% juice boxes, oatmeal packets, fruit cups, small cans of vegetables, individual cereal boxes, granola bars, puddings, Jell-O cups, soup packets, Spaghetti-Os, and single serve mac-n-cheese bowls are things that go into the food bags. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of providing food bags to OVES for the first Friday of each month.

## **WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

### **Notes on Today's Music**

Were you surprised to hear "We Three Kings" for Epiphany? Have you celebrated Epiphany before?

### **Notes on Today's Prayers**

### **Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon**

How did you like combining the children's time with the Sermon?

Did today's worship help you value the ways we pass tradition from one generation to another?

How will you use the hands God has given you today?

## Memorial Sanctuary Repurpose Options

Since the Memorial Sanctuary was temporarily repurposed as a Fellowship Hall during the remodeling project, Session is now working to determine the best long-term use for the space. As part of that process, Session is seeking input and ideas for possible future use. Please complete the form below with your comments and suggestions.

I would be in favor of exploring other uses for the memorial Sanctuary. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

I would suggest the Memorial Sanctuary be used for:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional

Place completed forms in the box located in the Gathering Area